

Middle Eastern Film Series



**MILLER HALL
AUDITORIUM**

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EVERY WEDNESDAY 7-8:30PM

Wednesday, September 14

- *Beyond Belief* (2007) Afghanistan

After two "soccer moms" lose their husbands in the events of 9/11, grief compels them to focus on Afghanistan, the country where the terrorists who took their husbands' lives were trained.

Wednesday, September 21

- *Ten* (2004) Iran

A deceptively simple work that brings the intricate nature of Iran's sexual and social politics into sharp focus.

Wednesday, September 28

- *Reel Bad Arabs: how Hollywood Vilifies a People* (2006)
General Middle East

The film explores a long line of degrading images of Arabs along the way offering devastating insights into the origin of these stereotypic images, their development at key points in US history, and why they matter so much today.

- *Murshidat* (1999) Yemen

This documentary video highlights the female primary health care workers who were at the center of a remarkable transformation in health care and social relations in Yemen during the 1990s.

Wednesday, October 5

- *About Baghdad* (2005) Iraq

In July 2003, Sinan Antoon, an exiled Iraqi writer and poet, returned to his native Baghdad to see what became of his city after decades of wars, sanctions, oppression and occupation.

Wednesday, October 12

- *Budrus* (2009) Palestinian Territories

When the residents of Budrus learn that the Israeli army plans to build the Separation Barrier through their town, Palestinian men of all political factions come together to wage an unarmed struggle to preserve their lands.

Wednesday, October 19

- *Yossi & Jagger* (2004) Israel

This unusual love tale, set on a snowy Israeli-Lebanese border facing possible Hezbollah incursions, has an unexpected sweetness and buoyancy.

Wednesday, October 26

- *True Life: Resist the Power!* (2010) Saudi Arabia

Through love, fashion, and music, our friends will try to change the culture of their country.

Wednesday, November 2

- *Losing Ahmad* (2006) Kuwait

Losing Ahmad follows the true story of Ahmad Sharif, a seven-year-old from Baghdad who lost his sight and right arm to an American bomb in New York for medical care.

Wednesday, November 9

- *City of Life* (2009) United Arab Emirates

A privileged young male Arab at odds with his cultural identity, his less fortunate street smart friend; a disillusioned Indian taxi driver; and a former Romanian ballet dancer's lives are about to collide for better or for worse.

Wednesday, November 16

- *The Kite* (2003) Lebanon

A young 15 year old girl lives in a southern Lebanese village on the border with Israel. She is given in marriage to her cousin on the other side of the border.

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