



A WINDOW ON CONTEMPORARY ARAB CULTURE مثباك - نافذة على الثقافة العربية المعاصرة

MAYOR OF LONDON





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Foreword



Arab culture has exerted a significant influence in the world over the centuries. More recently, in 2011 political and social

developments in the region have understandably come to dominate international news coverage. This festival, therefore, could not be more timely in giving us a window through which to see contemporary Arab culture and some of the finest artists working in the region today. Shubbak offers a diverse feast of visual arts, film, theatre, dance, poetry, music and architecture.

Thanks to the support of HSBC, which is sponsoring Shubbak, we have been able to programme over 70 events across many of London's prestigious cultural organisations during the three weeks of the festival.

Shubbak is an opportunity to see the world through new eyes and to strengthen the relations between artists in London and across the Arab world. It also celebrates the influence of London's significant Arab population in our city today, and demonstrates the importance of London as a capital of international cultural exchange.

No doubt this festival will challenge many people's preconceived ideas about Arab culture and help illuminate the influence of the past as well as aspirations amongst Arabs for the future. It will also bring new audiences to a range of organisations. I am certain that the artists being shown will surprise, delight and stimulate these new audiences and encourage them to think again about what it means to be an Arab today.

Boris Johnson Mayor of London

مقدمة

للثقافة العربية تأثير كبير في العالم طوال قرون من الزمن. وقد هيمنت التطورات السياسية والاجتماعية في المنطقة مؤخرا في 2011 على عناوين الأخبار الدولية، كما هو متوقع. وبالتالي ليس هناك وقت أفضل لانطلاق هذا المهرجان ليكون بمثابة نافذة لنا نطلع من خلالها على الثقافة العربية المعاصرة ونشاهد بعضا من أجمل الأعمال الفنية لفناني المنطقة اليوم. يقدم مهرجان شباك مجموعة متنوعة من الفنون البصرية والأفلام والعروض المسرحية والعروض الراقصة والشعر والموسيقى وفن العمارة.

و يفضل دعم بنك إتش إس بي سي، الذي يرعي مهر جان شباك، استطعنا أن نشمل في بر نامجنا ما يفوق سبعين عرضا تجرى في العديد من المؤسسات الثقافية الراقية في لندن تمتد على مدى ثلاثة أسابيع.

مهر جان شباك يعتبر فرصة لمشاهدة العالم بعيون جديدة، ولتعزيز العلاقات ما بين الفنانين في لندن وفي أنحاء العالم العربي. كما أنه يحتفي بتأثير الجالية العربية الكبيرة المقيمة في لندن على مدينتنا اليوم، ويبين مكانة لندن كعاصمة للتبادل الثقافي الدولي.

سوف يغير هذا المهرجان دون شك انطباعات الكثير من الناس حول الثقافة العربية، ويساعد في تسليط الضوء على تأثير الماضي وتطلعات العرب نحو المستقبل. كما أنه يجتذب جماهير جدد لعدد من المؤسسات الثقافية. وإنني على ثقة بأن ما يقدمه الفنانون المشاركون سوف يذهل ويمتع ويحفز حضور جماهير جدد، ويشجع على إعادة النظر بما يعنيه أن يكون المرء عربيا اليوم.

> بوريس جونسون عمدة لندن

Introduction

London is often called one of the great Middle Eastern capitals. The resident Arab community has long been a major part of what makes the city exciting, and now it has its own festival...

There is a vibrant Arab scene in London, catering to the 300,000 Arab residents and 1.5 million Middle Eastern visitors who come for business, shopping and education each year.

London's Arab community is still epitomised by the Edgware Road and Bayswater areas, where you can eat kebabs, smoke shishas, drink mint tea and buy Arab music and newspapers, but there are also sophisticated venues all over London frequented by Arabs – Mamounia in Mayfair, Noura, Levant and hip Moroccan hangout Momo in the West End, Pasha on Gloucester Road and Kenza in Devonshire Square – plus perfectly authentic Iragi cuisine at Masgouf House and Lebanese at Al Dar, Maroush and Comptoir Libanais.

London has for many years been fully engaged with the deeper exchange of cultural. artistic and sometimes even political understanding between the Arab world and Britain. The city has always opened the doors of its iconic venues to bring the musical, theatrical, cinematic. literary, architectural and other creative achievements of the Arab world to a wider audience at cultural centres including the Barbican, British Museum. Southbank Centre, ICA, Tate Modern and V&A.

This cultural exchange is further enhanced by a number of key institutions working tirelessly with the sole focus of harnessing mutual respect and Arab-British dialogue: notably, the Arab British Centre, CAABU, Saqi Books, the

Delfina Foundation, SOAS and the Brunei Gallery.

So this summer, the Arab community is receiving an extraspecial gift from London. Initiated by the Mayor, Boris Johnson, the Shubbak festival is the first of its kind in Europe. Shubbak –which means 'window' – is devoted to contemporary Arab writers, photographers, painters, directors, composers and other creative artists. There will be screenings, talks, exhibitions and workshops from UK-based artists and those coming from afar.

It is an opportunity not just for the Middle Eastern curious, but for resident Arabs keen to learn more about their own region and share in its accomplishments.

Nahla Al-Ageli, journalist and Arab resident in London

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A Musical Revolution Into the Arab World

July 4
The Scoop
See listing, right
Presented by Arab
New Trends Limited
This launch concert at
The Scoop, next to City
Hall, opens Shubbak
in style, with three of
the most exciting
performers from the
Middle East coming
together in Europe for
the first time.

The concert, combining DJ sets and live acts, features a unique and exciting blend of Lebanon's thriving electro scene, remixed traditional classics and contemporary Arab music. Zeid Hamdan is a founding father of the Lebanese underground, known for leading the seminal bands Soapkills and Zeid and the Wings. Here he is joined by Palestinian oud and buzuk player Tamer Abu Ghazaleh and Maryam Saleh. a young singer (and actress) from Cairo who has been working with Hamdan since autumn 2010.

MONDAY JULY 4

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free

Presented by Delfina Foundation Seebox p9 Westfield Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GF (020 7233 5344) → Shebherd's Bush

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm; free

Presented by Abraaj Capital
A chance to see Hala
Elkoussy's 'Myths and
Legends Rooms: The Mural',
winner of the 2010 Abraaj
Capital Art Prize (ACAP),
a 3x6m photomontage
reflecting on the layers of
history and speed of change
in today's Cairo.
City Hall, The Queen's Walk,
SE1 2AA (020 7983 4000)

➡ ≥ London Bridge

From Facebook to Nassbook ***** 10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free)

Presented by Mica Gallery Named after the People's Revolution-'nass' means 'people'—this exhibition examines the role of social networking, with artworks reflecting Egyptian society and thought, and the theme of 'revolt'. Plus there'll be Egyptian food, art, music, film, jewellery, architecture and literature, as well as children's activities, courses. an introduction to Arab instruments, a networking eventanda women-only day. By appointment only, it runs until September 18. Mica Gallery, 259a Pavilion Rd, SW1X9AY (020 7730 1117) → Sloane Square

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm; free

Presented by Delfina Foundation

This ongoing series explores visual culture in the Middle East and North Africa, one city at a time. Stop 3 focuses onnewart in Egypt's second city. It includes an exhibition by Alexandria-born Wael Shawky.the Delfina Foundation's resident artist. in collaboration with the Serpentine Gallery. His video pieces 'Larvae Channel' (2008) and Larvae Channel 2' (2009), shown together for the first time, are concerned with the environment. religious conflict and history. Delfina Foundation, 29 Catherine Place, SW1E 6DY (020 7233 5344) **→** \int Victoria

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm; free

Presented by Selma Feriani Gallery
Moroccan calligrapher
Daifallah's new series based
on Arabic letter forms.
Selma Feriani Gallery,
23 Maddox St, W1S 2QN
(020 7493 6090)

Oxford Circus or Bond St

Rania Matar: A Girl and her Room * 11am-6pm; free

Presented by A.M. Qattan Foundation See box p6 Mosaic Rooms, 226 Cromwell Rd, SW5 OSW (020 7370 9990) → Earl's Court

Breathing the Air * 12noon-6pm: free

Presented by Arab British Centre and Arts Canteen

Majed Shala's paintings depict human figures stripped of identity and weighed down by words in Arabic – the Palestinian artist's response to conflict and confinement.

Arab British Centre, 1 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE (020 7832 1310)

⊕ Chancery Lane

Contemporary Arab Culture *

6.30pm; £5, concs £3

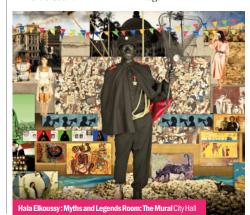
Presented by British Museum
The first in a series of three conversations between leading thinkers and writers, discussing recent events in the Arab world, presented with the London Review of Books. The next two in the series are on July 14 and 18; see listings on p10 and p11. British Museum, Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG (020 7323 8181)

Tottenham Court Rd

A Musical Revolution Into the Arab World *

4pm-6pm; free

Fresented by Arab New Trends Ltd
See box, left
The Scoop, More London,
SE1 2AA ⊕ ₹ London
Bridge





TUESDAY JULY 5

Shopopolis ** Times vary; free

See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm: free

8.30am-6pm; fr See Mon 4

Degree Show * 9am-8pm; free

Presented by Prince's School of Traditional Arts
Graduating work by students on the Visual Islamic and Traditional Arts programme.
Prince's School of Traditional Arts,
19-22 Charlotte Rd,
EC2A 3SG (020 7613
8500) ⊕ ➤ Old St

From Facebook to Nassbook ****

10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3 Alexandria (Egypt) ***

10am-6pm; free See Mon 4

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm; free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm: free

See Mon 4 and box p6

Breathing the Air * 12noon-6pm; free See Mon 4

Take 1/Take 2: Yesterday and Today in the Middle East **

6.30pm; free (booking advised)

Presented by Iniva
Two nights of debate with speakers from the Middle
East, looking at recent events and works made before and after the current uprisings.
Institute of International
Visual Arts, Rivington Place,
EC2A 3BA (020 7749
1240) → Old St

Hisham Matar *

7pm; £8

WEDNESDAY JULY 6

Shopopolis ** Times vary; free

SeeMon4andboxp9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm; free See Mon 4

Degree Show *
9am-8pm; free
See Tue 5

From Facebook to Nassbook ***** 10am-6pm; prices vary

(some events free) See Mon 4

SeeMon4

The Knowledge: Stop 3 Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm; free

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30om: free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm; free

See Mon 4

Breathing the Air * 12noon-6pm; free

See Mon 4

Inauguration **

Conference 2pm: £15, concs £10; Concert 7.30pm: £15, £12, concs £10; Both: £22, concs £15

Contemporary

Arab Poetry ** 6.30pm; free (booking essential)

Distribution of the City Entitled 'The Maghreb: History and Pan-Arabism', this event explores shared cultural conversations, with acclaimed Moroccan poet Abderrahim Elkhassar. City Hall, Queen's Walk, SEI 2AA (07908 367 488) ⊕ London Bridge

The Dash Café ** 7pm; free

Presented by Dash Arts Screenings of 'Phatwa', a music video directed by Hala al Salam, and 'Slingshot Hiphop', which portrays Palestinian musicians in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Plus live North African music.

Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA (020 7377 6606)

≠ Shoreditch High St

London's Historic Connections to the Arab World *

7pm; free (booking advised)

Presented by Museum of London
A lecture by Professor Jack
Lohman, director of the
Museum of London, on the
city's longstanding Arab
connections, from the
Regent's Park Mosque to
Edgware Roadrestaurants.
Museum of London,
London Wall, EC2Y 5HN
(020 7001 9844)

⊖Barbican

THURSDAY JULY 7

Shopopolis **

Times vary; free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy *

8.30am-6pm; free





The Mosaic Rooms

Rensington-based arts venue The Mosaic Rooms is an A.M. Qattan Foundation project space that specialises in showcasing contemporary Middle Eastern art and culture. Included in their Shubbak programme is a photography exhibition by Arab-American artist Rania Matar entitled 'A Girl and Her Room' (July 1-22), presenting candid portraits of teenage girls from the USA, Palestine and Matar's home country, Lebanon, as they enter womanhood. Matar will discuss her project on Saturday July 2.

Opening their programme is the global launch of the book 'Footnote to a Project' (July 7), based on the winning artworks of the 2011 Abraaj Capital Art Prize. The evening also includes a discussion about opportunities for artists in the Arab world.

To coincide with Rania Matar's exhibition, the Mosaic Rooms is launching a year-long project, 'Being Young in the Arab World' (July 14), recording the thoughts of young Arabs aged 14 to 21, through photography. It will conclude with an exhibition ahead of the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. London schools will be working on a parallel project.

There will also be a screening of a special selection of **New Arab Films** (July 19-23), supported by the Dubai International Film Festival. The films include 'The Kingdom of Women', a documentary by Dahna Abourahme that uses live footage and animation to tell the story of the resilience and humour of a group of Palestinian women who met in Ein-el-Hilweh refugee camp in Lebanon in the 1980s. Another highlight is 'This Is My Picture When I Was Dead' by Mahmoud Al Masad, in which Bashir Mraish returns to the 1983 scene where, aged four, he narrowly escaped being killed when his PLO officer father was assassinated.

The Mosaic Rooms, 226 Cromwell Rd, SW5 0SW (020 7370 9990) ← Earl's Court. For details see listings on the relevant dates.

Degree Show * 9am-8pm: free

See Tue 5

See Mon 4

From Facebook to Nassbook ***** 10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6om: free

Noureddine Daifallah *
11am-6.30pm: free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar **
11am-6pm; free
See Mon 4 and box p6

Breathing the Air *
12noon-6pm; free
See Mon 4

Footnote to a Project * 70m: free

Presented by Mosaic Rooms, A.M. Qattan Foundation and Abraaj Capital Art Prize See box, left Mosaic Rooms, Cromwell Rd, SW5 OSW (020 7370 9990) ← Earl's Court

FRIDAY JULY 8

Shopopolis **
Times vary; free
See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy *
8.30am-5.30pm; free
See Mon 4

Degree Show *
9am-8pm; free
See Tue 5

From Facebook to Nassbook ***** 10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free

10am-6pm; fro See Mon 4

Noureddine Daifallah *
11am-6.30pm: free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar *
11am-6pm; free
See Mon 4

Breathing the Air *
12noon-6pm; free
See Mon 4

Zenith Films @ The Idler * 6.30pm: £15

Presented by Zenith Films
The entry fee includes
drinks, nibbles and short
films from the Arab world.
The Idler Academy, 81
Westbourne Park Rd, W2
5QT (0845 250 1281)

◆ Westbourne Park

Interference *** 8pm: free

Presented by ICA See box p14 ICA, The Mall, SW1Y 5AH (020 7930 3647) ⇒ Charing Cross

SATURDAY JULY 9

Shopopolis **
Times vary; free
See Mon 4 and box p9





Mohamed Kanoo: Henna Stop Sign Sotheby's

Al Bab: A Gateway to Contemporary Art * 10am-4pm; free

Presented by Sotheby's
Art from a sale to be held in
October, with work by Laila
Shawa of Palestine, Zena
Assi of Lebanon, Egyptian
Hany Rashed and others.
Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond
St, WIA 2AA (020 7293
5000) ← Green Park

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free

SeeMon4

Rania Matar * 11am-4pm; free

See Mon 4 and box p6

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm; free See Mon 4

Interference ***
1.30pm-lam; free
See box p14

Mohammed Achaari and Raja Alem * 4pm; £8

Moroccan-born Achaari and Saudi Arabian Alem, winners of the International Prize for Arabic Fiction, read together. Achaari's 'The Arch and the Butterfly' concerns Islamic extremism and its effect on Arab society; Alem's 'The Dove's Necklace' reveals the dark side of Mecca.

Southbank Centre.

SUNDAY JULY 10

Shopopolis **
Times vary; free
See Mon 4 and box p9

Al Bab **
10am-4pm; free
See Sat 9

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm; free See Mon 4

Interference ***

1pm; free
See box p14

MONDAY JULY 11

Shopopolis **
Times vary; free
See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy *
8.30am-6pm; free
See Mon 4

Degree Show *
9am-8pm; free
See Tue 5

Al Bab *
10am-4pm; free
See Sat 9

From Facebook to Nassbook ***** 10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon July 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm; free See Mon 4 Noureddine Daifallah *
11am-6.30pm: free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar **

11am-6pm; free See Mon 4 and box p6

El Problema: Testimony of the Saharawi People * 6.30pm; £5, concs £3

Presented by Free Word
A documentary about the hundreds of thousands of Saharawis who became refugees more than 35 years ago, and how expressions of Saharawi identity are forbidden. Even the term 'Western Sahara' is a problem – 'El Problema'. Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, EC1R 3GA (020 7324 2570)

→ ★ Farringdon

Launch Event: Bidoun Library and CAMP * 7pm; free

Presented by Serpentine Gallery A celebration of the Bidoun Library's residency at the Serpentine (see Tue 12) and the launch of Bombay artist group CAMP's project for the Edgware Road, created at The Centre for Possible Studies—a Serpentine Gallery outpost based at the gallery's Sackler Centre during Shubbak. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 3XA (020 7298 1515) → Lancaster Gate

In the Penal Colony * 7.45om: £10

Presented by Young Vic Theatre
A prisoner faces execution
for a crime he is not aware
he committed. Kafka's
classic is tellingly adapted
by director Amir Nizar
Zuabi and Palestinian
company ShiberHur.
The play is in Arabic with
English surtitles.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The
Cut, SE1 8LZ (020 7922
2922) ⊕ ₩ Waterloo



Inauguration

July 6 LSO St Luke's See listings p5 Presented by Brunel University

A concert to celebrate the opening of Brunel University's new Institute for Contemporary Middle Eastern Music, the first of its kind in the world.

Bringing together composers from Egypt, Lebanon. Palestine, Syria and Turkey, the concert features Merit Ariane Stephanos (voice). Abdul Salam Kheir (voice and oud). Gamal 'El Kurdi' Awad (accordion) and Haitham al Soubai (percussion). They are ioined by British ensemble Notes Inégales, whose name refers to the rhythmic variation and improvisation of baroque music and iazz, a group that performs both written and improvised music.

The concert is preceded by a conference (2pm) on the integration of Middle Eastern and western music, with UK and international guest speakers.



TUESDAY JULY12

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box, right

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm; free See Mon 4

Degree Show * 9am-8pm: free See Tue 5

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free See Sat 9

The Bidoun Library in Residence *

10am-6pm; free Presented by Serpentine Gallery The Bidoun Library is a travelling collection of 50 years of books, magazines, videos, musicand 029) ← Regent's Park ephemera from and about the Middle East, right up to accounts of the January 2011 revolutions. It is intended to be a support to artists as well as of interest to researchers and art lovers.

→ Lancaster Gate From Facebook to

Until September 11.

Serpentine Gallery,

Kensington Gardens, W2

3XA (020 7298 1515)

Nassbook **** 10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm: free See Mon 4

Ranja Matar * 11am-6pm: free SeeMon4andboxp6

SeeMon4

Contemporary Arab Poetry ** 6.30pm; free (booking essential) Presented by Poet in the City

Entitled Egypt: Poetry and Public Space', this event highlights the place of poetry in Egypt's recent revolution and more generally as a mirror of social change and debate. The celebrated Egyptian poet Ahmad Yamani will be taking part. The Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, SE1 2AA (07908 367 488)

Public Domain: Public and Civic Spaces in the Arab World ** 6.30pm; £8.50 (exhibition free)

→ London Bridge

Presented by Nous Seebox p13. Launch event with a talk until 8.30pm. followed by a reception. RIBA, 66 Portland Place, W1B1AD(07758961

Yasmine El Rashidi on Revolution in Egypt * 6.30pm; £5, concs £3

Presented by Free Word Cairo-born writer El Rashidi offers a personal insight on revolution in the Arab world. She is a contributor to a new collection, 'Al-Sha'ab Yurid' ('The People Demand')—a slogan from the Tunisian revolution that was taken up throughout the region. Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, EC1R 3GA (020 7324 2570) **⊖** ≠ Farringdon

Lyrical Easternisms * 7pm; £6-£4

10am-6pm: free

From Facebook

10am-6pm; prices vary

(some events free)

See Mon 4

10am-6pm: free

10am-5pm: free

11am-6.30pm: free

Rania Matar *

11am-6pm: free

Cathay to the

Arab World *

1.15pm: free

See Mon 4

Public Domain *

See Tue 12 and box p13

Noureddine Daifallah *

See Mon 4 and box p6

Presented by British Museum

curator of the Islamic

collections at the British

Museum, on East Asian

British Museum, Great

Russell St. WC1B3DG

→ Tottenham Court Rd

(020 7323 8181)

influences on Arab culture.

A talk by Ladan Akbarnia.

See Mon 4

to Nassbook ****

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) ***

See Tue 12

Presented by Six Pillars Celebrating the power of the word, with global beats and Middle Eastern hip hop. Swedish-Iranian Behrang Miriplays live, rapping in Arabic, English and Farsi, plus Syrian-Lebanese performer Eslam Jawad. Ginglik, 1 Shepherd's Bush Green, W128PH (020 8749 2310) → Shepherd's Bush tube.

In the Penal Colony * 7.45pm; £10

SeeMon11

WEDNESDAY JULY 13

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free

See Mon 4 and box, right

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm: free See Mon 4

Degree Show * 9am-8nm: free See Tue 5

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free

in Residence *



Theatre, 'Iarideh' (meaning 'newspaper') is Tania El Khoury's acclaimed one-onone theatre piece, where the actress and single audience member become partners in crime in a story of watching and being watched. ICA. The Mall, SW1Y 5AH (020 7930 3647) **→** *Charing Cross*

The Arabs: A History * 6.30pm: free

Presented by Arab British Centre An exploration of Arab identity.fromOttomanism to Arabism and Islamism. by Eugene Rogan (author of 'The Arabs: A History'). Foyles, 113-119 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H0EB (020 7832 1310) → Tottenham Court Rd

Contemporary Arab Poetry **

6.30pm; free (booking essential) Presented by Poet in the City Titled Palestine/Lebanon/ Svria: Poetry and Political Protest', this event features renowned Palestinian poet Naiwan Darwish. The Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, SE1 2AA (07908 367 488)

Sex and Power: Seeds of Change in the Arab World * 6.30pm; free (booking essential)

⊖≠ London Bridge

Presented by Sagi Books Brian Whitaker, former Guardian Middle East editor and author of 'Unspeakable Love: Gay and Lesbian Life in the Middle East', talks to writer Nesrine Malik. In the calls for freedom in the Arab world, is there a discussion of homosexuality? Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, EC1R 3GA (020 7324 2570) **⊖**≠ Farringdon

In the Penal Colony * 7.45pm: £10 SeeMon11

THURSDAY

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm: free See Mon 4

Degree Show * 9am-8pm: free See Tue 5

Take 1/Take 2: Yesterday and Today in the Middle East **

6.30pm; free, booking advised See Tue 5

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free See Sat 9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free See Tue 12

From Facebook to Nassbook **** 10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free See Tue 12 and box p13

See Mon 4

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm; free See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm: free See Mon 4 and box p6

Modern Syrian Art at the British Museum * 1.15-2pm: free

Presented by British Museum Talk by Venetia Porter, curator of Islamic and



Shopopolis

or the last two months, artists from the UK (Polly Brannan, Torange Khonsari and Andreas Lang) and the UAE (Khalid Mezaina and Karima al-Shomely) have been hanging out at the mall – working on a specially commissioned piece for Shubbak on the theme of shopping.

Rather than trading with cash, 'Shopopolis' focuses on trading a different commodity: stories. The artists visited luxury malls in the UK and Emirates to compare how trading spaces are used to meet, eat, shop and celebrate, and chatted to locals to document their personal stories about the retail outlets where they work or shop.

For Shubbak, the artists will be resident in Westfield Shopping Centre, where they will transform the shoppers' stories they record there into illustrations, animations and products. The artists' aim in this project is to produce visual portraits of a common experience, going beyond shopping to reveal the hidden narratives and behind-the-scenes stories of the workers and shoppers' lives in the UK and Emirates.

Londoners are encouraged to participate in 'Shopopolis' – for details of times and dates when you can contribute your personal memories of Westfield and view the project's culminating exhibition in The Village window display, visit www.delfinafoundation.com.

Shopopolis has been produced by the Delfina Foundation, a London-based organisation which is renowned for its artist-in-residence programmes in the UK, the Middle East and North Africa, in partnership with the Emirates Foundation, Westfield London, the British Council and Tashkeel.

July 4-24; various times; free. Westfield Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W127GF (02072335344) → Shepherd's Bush Market.



A Glimpse at Arab **Contemporary** Choreography

July 22 & 23 Sadler's Wells See listings p14 Presented by Arab **New Trends Limited**

Two acclaimed performers return to the UK for Shubbak.

Radhouane El Meddeb of Tunisia performs 'I dance and i feed you with it' on July 22, which includes making couscous for the audience: 'Between tomato. courgettes, carrots and cinnamon: a leap, aglance, a suspension or a rupture.'

On July 23, Algerian Nacera Belaza performs 'Le Cri' ('The Scream'), which wowed French critics on its debut in 2008. There is a pre-performance talk and discussion on 'Preconceptions and Identity in the Arab World', featuring the two artists and British choreographers and moderated by a sociologist from SOAS, which examines the West's perceptions of this part of the world.

contemporary Middle Easternart at the British Museum. British Museum, Great Russell St, WC1B3DG (020 7323 8181) → Tottenham Court Rd

Jarideh * 1.30-4pm; £5 See Wed 13

Being Young in the Arab World * 6.30-8.30pm: free

Presented by A.M. Oattan **Foundation**

Seeboxp6 Mosaic Rooms, 226 Cromwell Rd, SW5 0SW (020 7370 9990) ← Earl's Court

Contemporary 6.30pm; £5, concs £3

See Mon 4

Hassan Daoud: In Conversation * 6.30pm: £5. concs £3

Presented by Free Word Respected novelist and iournalist Hassan Daoud. born and based in Beirut, gives his perspective on culture and politics in the Middle East.

Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, EC1R 3GA (020 7324 2570) **⊖** ≠ Farringdon

On the Importance of Being an Arab *

7.30 & 9pm; £12, concs £10

Presented by LIFT A multimedia theatre piece by Cairo-based Ahmed El Attar, who reveals his life in diaries, love letters. documents, phone recordings and video captures, including recent material from Tahrir Square. The piece explores how social influences affect the artistic process. ICA. The Mall, SW1Y 5AH (020 7930 3647) **⊖** ≥ Charing Cross

FRIDAY

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-5.30pm: free See Mon 4

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free

See Sat 9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free See Tue 12

From Facebook to Nassbook ****

10am-6pm: prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) ***

10am-6pm; free SeeMon4

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free See Tue 12 and box p13

Noureddine Daifallah *

11am-6.30pm: free See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm; free

See Mon 4 and box p6



Culture Now *

1pm:free

Presented by LIFT A discussion on the link between art and politics in the Arab world, and the impact of the uprisings. ICA. The Mall. SW1Y 5AH (020 7930 3647) **⊖** *⇒* Charing Cross

Jarideh *

2-9pm;£5 See Wed 13

Gulf Stage * 4-5.45pm: free

Presented by LIFT, British Council, Digital Theatre, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage (Qatar) and The Cultural Development Centre at the Qatar Foundation

Ascreening of 'You...Me... The Human...', joint winner at the 2010 Gulf Co-operation Council Youth Theatre Festival in Doha. There is also a behind-thescenes documentary and a panel discussion with the creative team of the digital art project 'Gulf Stage'. ICA, The Mall, SW1Y 5AH (020 7930 3647) **⊖** *⇒* Charing Cross

Egyptian Cinema: Youssef Chahine **

6.30pm: £5. concs £3

Presented by the Free Word Centre A tribute to the pioneering Egyptian director Youssef Chahine, who died in 2008. His niece, the filmmaker Marianne Khoury, leads a



discussion on Egyptian cinema. The weekend includes his films 'The Sparrow', 'Cairo Station' and 'Alexandria... Why?'. Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, EC1R 3GA (020 7324 2570) **⊖** ≠ Farringdon

Easternisms * 7.30pm; £7, £5

Presented by Six Pillars Acoustic and electronic music by pianist-composers John Kameel Farah, of Palestinian descent, and London-based Amir Sadeghi Konjani from Iran, as his alter-ego Brenda. DJing by Fari Bof Resonance 104.4FM. Café Oto, 18-22 Ashwin St. E83DL (020 7923 1231) **≥** Dalston *Iunction*

In the Penal Colony *

7.45pm: £10 See Mon 11

On the Importance of Being an Arab * 8pm; £12, concs £10

See Thur 14

SATURDAY JULY 16

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9

The Bidoun Library ** 10am-6pm: free

See Tue 12. Today's Saturday Seminar features Ahdaf Soueif, prominent political and cultural commentator and author of 'The Map of Love' (3pm: free).

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm; free

SeeMon4 Public Domain *

10am-5pm: free See Tue 12 and box p13

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm: free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar *

11am-4pm: free See Mon 4 and box p6

A Day of Contemporary Arab Culture **** 12noon-12midnight: £5. free before 7pm

Presented by Land in Focus A one-day mini-festival celebrating the diversity of Arab contemporary culture, with live music, talks, workshops, an exhibition and Arabic food. Rich Mix. 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd. E1 6LA. **→** *Liverpool St*

In the Penal Colony * 2.45pm and 7.45pm; £10 See Mon 11

Egyptian Cinema: Youssef Chahine **

6.30pm; £5, concs £3 See Fri 15

SUNDAY JULY 17

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free

See Tue 12

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free See Mon 4

MONDAY JULY18

Shopopolis ** Times vary; free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy *

8.30am-6pm; free See Mon 4

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free See Sat 9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free See Tue 12

From Facebook to Nassbook ****

10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm; free

See Mon 4

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free

See Tue 12 and box p13

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm: free

See Mon 4

Rania Matar *

11am-6pm: free

See Mon 4 and box p6

Contemporary Arab Cufture *

6.30pm; £5, concs £3 See Mon 4

The Three Disappearances of Souad Hosni * 7pm; £6, £5

Presented by Serpentine Gallery Rania Stephan presents her documentary on the life and death of the Egyptian actress Souad Hosni, who died in a fall from the balcony of a friend's London flat in 2001. Co-presented with Ashkal Alwan: The Lebanese Association of Plastic Arts, Beirut. Gate Cinema, 87 Notting Hill Gate, W113JZ (0870 704 2058) → Notting Hill Gate

In the Penal Colony * 7.45pm; £10

See Mon 11

Spoken Easternisms * 8-9pm: free

Presented by Six Pillars A week of radio debates on thearts and the Arab world. with guest chairs including Venice Biennale curator





Georges Rabbath and writer Malu Halasa, and speakers including poet and writer Fadi el Abdallah. Broadcast on Resonance FM. 104.4FM in London

TUESDAY

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9.

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm: free See Mon 4

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free See Sat 9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free

See Tue 12

From Facebook to Nassbook **** 10am-6pm; prices vary

(some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) ***

10am-6pm; free See Mon 4

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free See Tue 12 and box, right

Noureddine Daifallah *

11am-6.30pm: free See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm: free

See Mon 4 and box p6

Forward Thinking * 6.30-8.30pm, then reception; £8.50

Presented by Nous See box, opposite RIBA, 66 Portland Place, W1B1AD(07758961 029) → Regent's Park

New Arab Films * 7pm: £8. concs £6

Presented by A.M. Oattan Foundation Seebox p6 Mosaic Rooms, 226 Cromwell Rd, SW5 0SW (020 7370 9990) → Earl's Court

In the Penal Colony * 7.45pm; £10

See Mon 11

Spoken Easternisms *

8-9pm: free See Mon 18

WEDNESDAY **JULY 20**

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm: free See Mon 4

Al Bab * 10am-4pm; free

See Sat 9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free See Tue 12

From Facebook to Nassbook ****

10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) ***

10am-6pm: free See Mon 4

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free

See Tue 12 and box, right

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm: free See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm: free See Mon 4 and box p6

In the Penal Colony * 2.45pm and 7.45pm: £10 See Mon 11

Contemporary Arab Poetry ** 6.30pm; free (booking essential)

Presented by Poet in the City Entitled 'The Gulf: Oral Traditions in Poetry' the evening features Iraqi-born writer Basim Alansar looking at nomadic culture in literature.

The Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk. SE1 2AA (07908 367 488) **⊖**≠London Bridge

Presented by the Free Word Centre

What role has satire played

in the unprecedented moves

Middle East? Is there such a

thing as 'Arab comedy'? The

event is led by the Resonance

FM show Little Atoms.

for democracy across the

6.30pm: £5. concs £3

Little Atoms: Comedy in the Middle East **

From Facebook to Nassbook ****

10am-6pm: prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

Jameel Prize 2011 * 10am-5-45pm; free Presented by V&A



Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd. EC1R 3GA (020 7324 2570) **⊖**≠Farringdon

New Arab Films * 7pm: £8, concs £6 See Tue 19 and box p6

Spoken Easternisms * 8-9pm: free See Mon 18

THURSDAY

Shopopolis ** Times vary; free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-6pm: free See Mon 4.

Al Bab * 10am-4pm: free SeeSat9

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free See Tue 12

A display of the shortlisted artists and designers in this year's Jameel Prize, which recognises work inspired by Islamic art, craft and desgn traditions. Until Sept 25. V&A, Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL (020 7942 2000) → South Kensington

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free

See Mon 4

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free See Tue 12 and box, right

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm: free See Mon 4

Rania Matar * 11am-6pm: free See Mon 4 and box p6

Aminą Annabį + Simo Lagnawi * 6.30pm: free

Presented by Leighton House Museum Tunisian singer-songwriter Amina Annabi performs her unique fusion of world styles taking in jazz, Arabic song, rai, chaabi, reggae and jungle. Support comes from Simo Lagnawi, a master of gnawa, a traditional musical form brought to Morocco from sub-Saharan Africa. Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Rd. W14 8LZ(020 7471 9153) → High St Kensington

Ahmed Bouanani * 6.30pm: £5. concs £4

Presented by Tate Modern Short films by Moroccan filmmaker, poet, writer and editor Ahmed Bouanani (1938-2011), admired for his films of urban life from the 1960s onwards. Starr Auditorium. Tate Modern, Bankside, SE1 9TG (020 7887 8888) → Southwark

The Arab Spring: A Literary Perspective * 6.30pm: free

Presented by Arab British Centre with CAABII

Three Arab authors talk about the events of the Arab Spring and the implications for literary life in their respective home countries. Tripoli-born Giuma Bukleb, Egyptian Khaled al-Berry and Svrian author Ghalia Qabbani are the guest speakers. Khalili Lecture Theatre. SOAS, Thornhaugh St, WC1H0XG **⇔** Russell Square

New Arab Films * 7pm: £8. concs £6

See Tue 19 and box p6 In the Penal Colony *

7.45pm; £10 See Mon 11

Spoken Easternisms * 8-9pm: free See Mon 18

FRIDAY

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free See Mon 4 and box p9

Hala Elkoussy * 8.30am-5.30pm; free See Mon 4

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm: free See Tue 12

From Facebook to Nassbook ****

10am-6pm; prices vary (some events free) See Mon 4

Jameel Prize 2011 * 10am-5.45pm: free See Thur 21



Nous architecture

he recent dramatic events in the Middle East might have made international headlines, but what are the wider ramifications of the political upheaval? Two debates presented by Londonbased architecture and design consultancy Nous and the Royal Institute of British Architects will address the issues affecting current and future architectural projects in the Arab states. Both talks are followed by a reception.

For the first talk, Public Domain: Public and Civic Spaces in the Arab World (July 12), a highprofile panel of speakers, including Nadim Khattar, design director of Middle East projects at Austin-Smith:Lord. and Michel Mossessian. principal at Mossessian and Partners, will discuss changes in architectural design, as well as the impact of the internet and of recent events on the use of public spaces. The talk marks the opening of a photography exhibition with the same title (July 12-September 30), showing images of the region that present an alternative view to recent news coverage. The exhibition is supported by Austin-Smith: Lord and Demotix.

The second, Forward Thinking: Discussions on the Future of Architecture in the Arab World (July 19), looks ahead to the next two decades and promises to be a thought-provoking evening. An expert panel will consider how cutting-edge technology and building materials might result in new buildings and how political developments might impact upon the region's architecture and design. Speakers include Ahmed Al-Ali and Farid Esmaeil, principals of X-Architects in Dubai, Aidan Chopra of Google and Salmaan Craig, environmental design analyst at Foster + Partners.

For more information, and to buy tickets for the above events, see www.nouscollaborative.com. RIBA, 66 Portland Place, W1B 1AD (07758 961 029) Θ Oxford Circus. Talks/receptions £8.50, exhibition free.



Interference

July 8-10

ICA See listings p6 Presented by the **ICA and Mathaf: Arab Museum of** Modern Art (Doha) Providing a social and critical space for the first Shubbak weekend. Interference examines art, agency and agitation in and beyond the Arab world. Through artist talks, screenings, workshops and discussions, it looks at reclaiming Arab history.

On July 8 at 8pm there is a screening of 'Microphone' (Egypt, 2010), plus a Q&A with the director Ahmad Abdalla.

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The Interference Conversations (July 9) considers the role of institutions (1.30pm) objects (3.30pm) and artists (5.30pm) as instigators of social change, followed by the **Interference Party** at 9pm, with special guest DJ Raed Yassin.

On July 10, there are two workshops. Can Any of Us Be Non-Orientalists? (1pm) and **Reanimating** Histories (4pm).

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) ***

10am-6pm: free SeeMon4

Public Domain * 10am-5pm: free

See Tue 12 and box p13

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm: free

SeeMon4

Rania Matar ӿ 11am-6pm: free

SeeMon4andboxp6

Pre-Islamic Yemen * 1.15pm: free

Presented by British Museum A talk by curator Alexandra Porter. Room 34. British Museum. Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG(02073238181) → Tottenham Court Rd

Ahmed Bouanani* 7pm: £5. concs £4

Presented by Tate Modern Part of a two-night tribute to Moroccan filmmaker, poet, writer and editor Ahmed Bouanani, with a screening of his film 'Mirage', a classic of experimental cinema. Tate Modern, Bankside, SE1 9TG (020 7887 8888) + Southwark or

→ **London Bridge** New Arab Films *

7pm; £8, concs £6 See Tue 19 and box p6

Concert for the Children of Egypt *

7.30pm; £37.50, £30, £22, £12.50 Presented by Musicstage

Promotions Pianist Amira Fouad plays David Heath's new concerto El Hedeiva' with the English Chamber Orchestra, David Heath conducts, and the programme also includes Bach, Mozart and Gamal Abdel-Rahim, Proceeds from the concert will be

donated to Save the Children in Egypt. Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, SW1X9DQ (020 7730 4500) → Sloane Square

A Night in Tahrir Square * 7.30pm: £25-£12.50

Presented by Barbican Music and poetry played a significant part in the incredible events of Tahrir Square. The evening's line-up features artists who all helped create the soundtrack to Egypt's revolution, including street music group El Tanbura, Azza Balba (representing poet Ahmed Fouad Negm), singer, composer and oud virtuoso Mustafa Said and singer-songwriter Ramy Essam. Barbican Hall, Silk St. EC2Y8DS (020 7638 4141) → Barbican

In the Penal Colony * 7.45pm; £10

See Mon 11

Spoken Easternisms * 8-9pm; free

See Mon 18

The Bidoun Library

8pm: £5. concs £4

Presented by Serpentine Gallery A Shaabi Music Wedding Dance Party of readings set to loud music.

Serbentine Gallery. Kensington Gardens, W23XA (020 7298 1515) → Lancaster Gate

A Glimpse at Arab Contemporary Choreography **

8pm:£15 **Presented by Arab New Trends**

Seebox p10 Lilian Baylis Studio. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1R4TN (0844 412 4300) → Angel

SATURDAY JULY 23

Shopopolis ** Times vary: free

See Mon 4 and box p9 The Bidoun Library ** 10am-6pm: free

See Tue 12. The day includes a Saturday Seminar by acclaimed Egyptian feminist writer and activist Nawal El Saadawi (3pm; free).

Jameel Prize 2011 *

10am-5.45pm; free See Thur 21

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) ***

10am-6pm: free SeeMon4



Patterns & Pixels *

10am-5pm: free Presented by V&A A chance for visitors (age 6+) to create designs inspired by the shapes, colours and materials of the Islamic Middle East. V&A. Cromwell Rd. SW7 2RL (020 7942 2000) → South Kensington

Public Domain *

10am-5pm: free See Tue 12 and box p13

Drop-in Design ** 10.30am-5pm; free

Presented by V&A A workshop taking kids (age 4+) on a 'voyage' to the Ìslamic Middle East for inspiration and then back to the studio to create beautiful windows and geometric tiles. Daily until August 7. V&A, Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL (020 7942 2000) → South Kensington

The Artist's Place in Kensington * 10.45am:£5

Presented by Leighton House Museum A walking tour. Meet at the tube station. High St Kensington, W85SA. → High St Kensington

Celebrating the Jameel Prize 2011 *

11am-4pm; free Presented by V&A

Performer and storyteller Xanthe Gresham presents a piece inspired by the Jameel Prize 2011. Hassan Hajjaj talks about his photographic work on the Gnawa musicians, accompanied by Simo Lagnawi (2-3.30pm).

JULY 24

Times vary; free See Mon 4 and box p9

See Tue 12

The Knowledge: Stop 3— Alexandria (Egypt) *** 10am-6pm: free

10am-5pm; free

10.30am-5pm; free

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V&A. Cromwell Rd. SW7 2RL (020 7942 2000) → South Kensington

Noureddine Daifallah * 11am-6.30pm; free

In the Penal Colony * 2.45pm and 7.45pm; £10 SeeMon11

New Arab Films * 7pm: £8. concs £6

See Tue 19

SeeMon4.

A Glimpse at Arab Contemporary Choreography ** 8pm: £15

Presented by Arab New Trends See Fri 22 and box p10

SUNDAY

Shopopolis **

The Bidoun Library * 10am-6pm; free

Jameel Prize 2011 * 10am-5.45pm: free See Thur 21

SeeMon4

Patterns & Pixels * SeeSat23

Drop-in Design ** SeeSat23

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