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Eid Mubarak



Happy Eid El-Fitr from the
American Arab Chamber of
Commerce!

AACC 15th Annual Banquet - November 15



Keynote Speaker: **Seymour Hersh**, *The New Yorker*

You're Invited!

The American Arab Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Building Economic Bridges Banquet on November 15, 2007. Completing its fifteenth year, the AACC will celebrate its crystal anniversary banquet under the theme, "View Our World with Crystal Clarity." This year, Seymour Hersh of *The New Yorker* will deliver the keynote address, captivating our audience of 1,500. Click [here](#) to read more.

Don't miss an opportunity to share a conversation with Seymour Hersh as we look to "View Our World with Crystal Clarity." Partners of the 15th Annual Building Economic Bridges Banquet are [Comerica Bank](#) and [DTE Energy](#).

Thursday, November 15, 2007

6:00PM Reception

7:00PM Dinner Program

[Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center](#)

100 Renaissance Center

Detroit, MI 48243

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on the event, table and ticket

Eid El-Fitr is a three-day holiday celebrated by Muslims at the end of Ramadan. The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar and months begin when the first crescent of a new moon is sighted. The Eid falls on the day after the first crescent of a new moon is sighted after Ramadan.

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sales, please contact Susan Bazzi at (313) 945-1700 or sbazzi@americanarab.com.

Win Two Round-Trip Tickets to the Middle East from Air France!

One lucky guest at the banquet will win two round-trip airlines tickets to anywhere in the Middle East that Air France flies. The winner will be chosen by raffle, and must be present to win. The tickets will be confirmed in economy and are subject to space available upgrade to business class! Airline tickets are courtesy of [Air France](#), one of the world's leading airlines. Air France is a year-round partner of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce.

To receive an invitation to our banquet by mail, please send your name and address to Rula Aoun at raoun@americanarab.com.

Networking Event - October 23



The American Arab Chamber of Commerce will host a **networking event** sponsored by [Emirates Airline](#):

Tuesday, October 23 at 6:00pm
Arab American National Museum
13624 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48126

Hors d'Oeuvres and refreshments

Network: To cultivate with people who can be helpful to one professionally.

Add this great networking opportunity to your calendar! Join us to meet other professionals in different industries and exchange business cards.

There is no charge for members to attend (please RSVP).

Non-members \$10



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Please RSVP to Maggie Essa at
 messa@americanarab.com or (313) 945-1700.

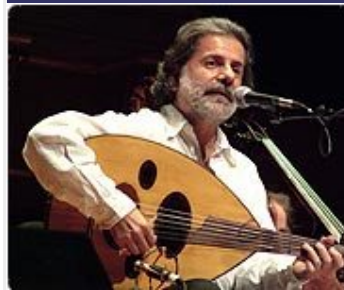
Member Spotlight



Save some green this holiday season! ACT-IT Services announces a \$50 discount on new website development for members of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce. Please contact ACT-IT Services at

www.actitservices.com or on 248-388-0230

Marcel Khalife in Concert



Marcel Khalife & Al-Mayadine Ensemble
Marcel Khalife - in the Detroit area for only two nights!

[Ann Arbor, MI - Friday, November 9 at 8:00PM](#)

Michigan Theater
 603 E. Liberty St

General Admission \$30 VIP \$75
 Purchase tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or
www.michtheater.org

[Dearborn, MI - Saturday, November 10 at 8:00PM](#)

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
 15801 Michigan Avenue
 Dearborn, MI 48126

General Admission \$30 VIP \$75
 Box office: (313) 943-2354
 Purchase online: www.dearbornfordcenter.com/theater

For **sponsorship opportunities** or further information regarding the two concerts in Michigan, contact Ayman Beydoun at aymanb@konvergemediamedia.com or (313) 247-7117.

For information on Marcel Khalife's fall 2007 U.S. and Canada tour, visit www.marcelkhalife.com
 National sponsor: [Link TV](#)

Our Arab American Story



Detroit is home to one of the largest, most diverse Arab communities outside the Middle East. Arab Americans living here number nearly 200,000, having begun their immigration more than a century ago. The blanket term "Arab American" is used to indicate Detroit area immigrants (and their children) from the

countries of the Arab League, which includes such a wide diversity of cultures, from Morocco to Qatar, Iraq to Yemen, Lebanon to Egypt, that the highly complex story cannot be downplayed by assuming that all Detroit Arab Americans follow the same customs, celebrate the same holidays, follow the same religion or even speak the same language.

"I am ever so confident that we will showcase the Arab American people of metro Detroit and Michigan the way they should be portrayed. It is not difficult since starting this project. I have had the opportunity to have met many leaders in our community from many levels that I had no idea who were Arab American," says Keith Famie, Executive Producer/Director, Visionalist Entertainment Productions.

Our Arab American Story is produced with support from local businesses and community organizations. Contributions are needed for the completion of the project. If you are interested in providing help in the telling of the story of the Arab community, please send an e-mail to bill@ourstoryof.com or famie@famie.com.

Click [here](#) to watch the trailer of Our Arab American Story, scheduled to air in December on WXYZ-TV7.

In the News

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Click [here](#) to see photos from Visionalist Entertainment Productions filming in the Arab world.

The American Arab Chamber of Commerce is a proud supporter of the production of Our Arab American Story.

Comcast Detroit Job Posting

The following position is now available at Comcast's Detroit facility located at 12275 Lyndon: Maintenance Technician 1

If candidates are interested in applying to Comcast Cable for these or any other positions encourage them

to apply online at www.comcast.com.

If you have any questions, please feel contact Ms. Samantha Samuels at (313) 646-4606.

The Middle East in 2010

The Middle East in 2010
October 29-30, 2007
National Press Club
Mideasti.org

The theme of the Middle East Institute's 61st Annual Conference is The Middle East in 2010 and will be held on October 29-30, 2007 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and current New York Times London Bureau Chief John Burns has agreed to deliver the keynote address at the banquet on October 29.

MEI has compressed the rest of the conference into one intense day on October 30. Richard A. Clarke, Assistant to President Bill Clinton on Homeland Security and author of *Against All Enemies*, will open the conference. Frances Fragos Townsend, the current advisor to President Bush on Homeland Security will deliver the luncheon keynote speech. Four panels are designed to address those explosive issues in the Middle East that we believe are not getting the focused attention they deserve.

As a sponsor of the Middle East Institute's Annual Conference Banquet, you would gain high visibility well beyond the benefits you receive at the sponsorship level you select. For more information please contact Kelly A. S. Davies, Director of Development at (202) 331-8861 ext. 213, or at development@mideasti.org as soon as possible.

Panel I: Radicalization and Survival for Palestinian Refugees

Bernard Rougier, author of *Everyday Jihad*, to discuss Radicalism in the Camps of Lebanon
Benny Morris, Tel Aviv University
Richard Cook, Director of UNRWA, Lebanon
H.E. Ambassador Svein Sevje, Norwegian Envoy to the Middle East

Panel II: America in the Middle East: What Comes Next?

Tariq Ramadan, Oxford University
David Ignatius, Washington Post
Philip Gordon, Brookings

Panel III: Post-Iraq War Jihadists: Where Next?

Fawas Gerges, St. Lawrence College
H.E. General Ehsan ul Haq, former Chief of Pakistani ISI
Michael Ware, CNN Correspondent Baghdad
Paul Pillar, Georgetown University

Panel IV: Iran on the Horizon

Trita Parsi, author of Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Israel, Iran, and the United States
Barbara Slavin, author of Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the U.S., and the Twisted Path to Confrontation
Seymour Hersh, New Yorker
Steve Clemmons, The Washington Note Blog

One Night Only: World-Renowned Egyptian National Orchestra

Don't miss your chance to see the Umm Kulthoum Egyptian Orchestra perform live! For one night only, the Arab American National



Museum is bringing the music of legendary Egyptian diva Umm Kulthoum and other timeless Arabic classics to the Detroit Opera House.

The Museum celebrates its 4th Annual Concert Gala at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2007. Tickets start at only \$25 and premium seating is still available! Don't wait, as tickets are going fast - seating assignment is first come, first served.

Bring your family and friends for a sparkling night filled with traditional Arabic music and song, surrounded by a dazzling display of Middle Eastern instruments and lyrics.

As we celebrate the rich culture of the Middle East, we also celebrate the Museum's success. The Concert Gala is hosted each year by the volunteer Friends of the Museum to help sustain and expand the Museum by raising significant funds toward its operational needs. We hope you will take this opportunity to support the Museum and its mission, while enjoying an elegant evening of Arabic heritage.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

AAI 2007 National Leadership Conference
Arab American Institute to Feature National Political Figures, Prominent Commentators at 2007 National Leadership Conference

Dearborn, Michigan Conference to Bring Together Arab American Organizations and Leaders

The Arab American Institute (AAI) will host its 2007 National Leadership Conference, "Our Voice, Our Future: Yalla Vote '08," from Oct. 26 to Oct. 28 in Dearborn, Mich. The conference will bring together leading Arab American organizations and hundreds of Arab American leaders and activists to shape the community's agenda for the 2008 presidential election. AAI has extended invitations to all Democratic and Republican presidential candidates to address the conference participants. The 2003 conference featured eight of the nine Democratic presidential candidates and the 2004 Bush-Cheney national campaign chairman.

WHAT: AAI's 2007 National Leadership Conference, "Our Voice, Our Future: Yalla Vote '08," held in conjunction with the annual conference of the National Network for Arab American Communities.

WHO: Arab American leaders and community organizations; prominent political figures and commentators, including Democratic National Committee Chairman **Howard Dean**, Democratic presidential candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, **Sen. Debbie Stabenow** (D-Mich.), **Rep. Charles Boustany** (R) of Louisiana, pollster **John Zogby**, and Michigan Democratic National Committee member **Debbie Dingell**.

WHEN: Oct. 26 - 28, 2007, in Dearborn, Michigan. Events begin at noon on Saturday, October 26 and continue throughout the weekend until 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 28.

COST: \$225 for AAI members, includes all meals and events; \$275 for non-AAI members, includes all meals, events and cost of a year-long membership; \$75 for students, includes all meals and events.

More Information: Visit www.aaiusa.org/nlc07

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