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El Camino College to Present Screening and Discussion with Director of the Film “Koran by Heart, One Chance to Remember”

El Camino College will present a viewing of the film, “Koran by Heart, One Chance to Remember” from 6 to 8 p.m. May 22 in the college’s Haag Recital Hall, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance.

The 2011 HBO documentary was directed by Greg Barker, who will be on hand to discuss the film after the viewing. Both the viewing and discussion are free and open to the public.

The event is part of the college’s recent grant “Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys Bookshelf” project, which includes 25 books, three DVDs, and a one-year subscription to “Oxford Islamic Studies Online.” Book titles are organized by five themes: American Stories, Connected Histories, Literary Reflections, Pathways of Faith, and Points of View.

The collection of scholarly and literary books, films, and online resources is designed to generate community discussion and understanding of Islamic history, art, literature, religion, contemporary points of view, and the immigrant experience in America.

The grant is sponsored by the American Library Association, in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The ECC Library is one of 843 libraries and humanities councils nationwide to be awarded this grant. The intent of these resources is to provide trustworthy and accessible resources about Muslim beliefs and practices, as well as the cultural heritage associated with Islamic civilizations.

For additional information re: the Muslim Journeys Collection, please contact Alice Cornelio, Acquisitions Librarian, at 310-660-3593, extension 3522 or Ed Martinez, Public Access Librarian, at 310-660-3593, extension 3876.

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