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## **NEW YORK-BASED AUTHOR/ACTOR BETTY SHAMIEH PRESENTS ONE-WOMAN SHOW AT AANM**

Dearborn, MI (October 2, 2007) – The Ford Comerica Global Thursdays concert series at the Arab American National Museum (AANM) offers a rare Midwestern appearance by New York-based actor/author Betty Shamieh at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18.

The date marks Shamieh's return to Dearborn following her triumphant appearance at the AANM in February 2006, a highlight in the history of the Global Thursdays series. On October 18, she will present a one-woman show features excerpts from her many plays.

Tickets for the performance are \$8 for Museum Members and students; \$10 in advance at the Museum or by phone with a credit card at 313.582.2266 or 313.624.0215; and \$12 at the door. It takes place in the Museum's intimate, 156-seat Auditorium.

Betty Shamieh has two plays premiering during the current New York theater season. Her play *ROAR*, starring Annabella Sciorra and Sarita Choudhury, premiered off-Broadway and was selected as a *New York Times* Critics Pick for four consecutive weeks in 2004. Her honors include a National Endowment for the Arts grant, a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center residency and a New Dramatists Van Lier Fellowship.

The Palestinian American Shamieh is a graduate of Harvard University and the Yale School of Drama, and in 2005-06 served as a Fellow for the Harvard/Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study, working on a play about the experiences and challenges facing Arab Americans. Read more at [www.bettyshamieh.com](http://www.bettyshamieh.com).

Sponsors for the Global Thursdays concert series include: Ford Motor Company; Comerica; The Wallace Foundation; National Endowment for the Arts; Metro Times; and DoubleTree Hotel.

The Arab American National Museum documents, preserves, celebrates, and educates the public on the history, life, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. We serve as a resource to enhance knowledge and understanding about Arab Americans and their presence in this country. The Arab American National Museum is a project of ACCESS, a Dearborn, Michigan-based nonprofit human services and cultural organization. Learn more at [www.arabamericanmuseum.org](http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org) and [www.accesscommunity.org](http://www.accesscommunity.org).

The Museum is located at 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI, 48126. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday, Tuesday; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for students, seniors and children 6-12; ages 5 and under, free. Call 313-582-2266 for further information.

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