

Arab American National Museum Archives  
13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126



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Creator: Arab American National Museum  
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### **Abstract**

The Arab American National Museum opened on May 5, 2005. The Museum grew out of the Cultural Arts Department of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). The institutional archive documents the Museum's opening, exhibits, programs, events and other projects.

Language: Materials are in English.  
Acquisition: Collected by staff.  
Accruals: Periodic additions to the collection are expected.  
Access: The first 5 series are fully open to the public. The sixth series, Administrative Materials, is restricted from general use. However, interested researchers may contact the Library and Resource Center to inquire about access.  
Photographs: Series 5  
A-V Material: None.  
Digital Materials: Stored on Curatorial Drive.  
Backups CDs in Series 5 – Box 2 and Series 6 – Box 2  
Related Materials: Concert of Colors Posters collection – various accession numbers, all found in Flat File Drawer 13.  
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**Biography**

The AANM, a natural step in the development of ACCESS and its Cultural Arts Program, opened in May, 2005. Its mission is: *to document, preserve, celebrate, and educate the public on the history, life, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans, and to serve as a resource to enhance knowledge and understanding about Arab Americans and their presence in the United States.* The AANM is the first and only museum in America dedicated to telling the story of Arab Americans and strives to foster better understanding and appreciation of Arab Americans and the Arab world.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection documents the programs, exhibits, events and other projects of the Museum since its opening in 2005 including Concert of Colors, Global Thursdays, DIWAN, the annual Museum Gala and the Arab Film Festival. A noteworthy portion of the collection is publications by the museum: exhibit postcards, event schedules, invitations, posters, etc. The collection also includes media clippings and a limited number of museum operations materials.

**Subjects**

- Museums—Michigan—Dearborn.
- Special events
- Arab American National Museum.
- Arab Americans—Michigan.

**Genre terms**

- Brochures
- Fliers
- Reports
- Invitations
- Documents

## **Series**

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### Series 1 – Box 1

Exhibit ephemera: *arranged by exhibit opening date*

- June 4, 2005: NEAR, touring exhibit of work by Susan Hefuna, Bashir Makhoul, Mitra Memarzia, Aissa Deebi, at Tangent Gallery (ACCESS sponsored)
- May 19, 2005: [In/Visible](#), Contemporary art by Arab Americans
- February 1, 2006: [To Discover Beauty: The Art of Kahlil Gibran](#)
- March 8, 2006: [In Times of War: Her Untold Story](#)
- May 18, 2006: [24/7: The Modern Arab World](#)
- August 17, 2006: [The Paintings of Alya Hussein](#)
- November 3, 2006: [Out of Iraq: Artists Meditations on Their Homeland](#)
- March 16, 2007: [Adnan Charara: JUXTAPOSED!](#), postcard and exhibit catalog and March 29, 2007: [Connections and Contrasts: Detroit's Arab American Artists](#)
- June 15, 2007: [The Photography of Suleiman Al Awadi](#)
- July 12, 2007: [Threads of Pride: Palestinian Traditional Costumes](#)
- September, 2007: [SURA Arts Academy Exhibit](#)
- November 15, 2007, 2008: [Silver Speaks: Traditional Jewelry of the Middle East](#)
- January 31, 2008: [Fragmentation & Unity: The Art of Sari Khoury](#), postcard and catalog
- June 4, 2008: [Concert of Colors: Exposed](#)
- September 13, 2008: [SURA Student Photography Exhibition](#)
- September 25, 2008: [Utopian Visions](#): Rima Al-Awar, Roula Ayoub, Rana Chalabi, Eman Zghal
- December 4, 2008: [A Yemeni Community: Photographs from the 1970s by Milton Rogovin](#)
- September 12, 2009: [SURA](#)
- October 1, 2009: [Connecting Communities](#)
- January 28, 2010: [From Mocha to Latte: Coffee, the Arab World and the \\$4 Cup](#)
- May 5, 2010: [Noble Jewels: North African Jewelry and Photography from the Xavier Guerrand-Herm's Collection](#)
- September 18, 2010: [2010 SURA Student Photography Exhibit](#)
- October 7, 2010: [Hawaii's Alfred Shaheen: Fabric to Fashion](#)
- December 9, 2010: [Motawi Tileworks](#)
- December 12, 2010: Orienteering at the XII International Cairo Biennale
- June 27, 2011: [The Heart of Arab America: A Middle School Perspective](#)
- September 17, 2011: [SURA](#)
- November 11, 2011: [Patriots & Peacemakers: Arab Americans In Service to Our Country](#)
- February 2, 2012: [Fighting For Democracy](#)
- October 13, 2012: [SURA](#)
- November 2, 2012: [Patriots & Peacemakers in Jacksonville, FL](#)
- December 7, 2012: [Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life & Legacy](#)
- March 11, 2013: [Patriots & Peacemakers in Houston, TX](#)
- March 23, 2013: [Syria to Michigan: Flint and Highland Park Pioneers in the Arab American Journey](#)
- May 3, 2013: [Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life & Legacy in New York City](#)
- August 2, 2013: [John Halaka: Landscapes of Desire](#)
- Online, 2012: [Reclaiming Identity: Dismantling Arab Stereotypes](#)
- September 13, 2013: [SURA](#)
- November 8, 2013: [Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings](#) postcard and catalog
- March 1, 2014: [Sacred Scenes: Icons of the Orthodox Church](#)

March 7, 2014: [Ordinary Lives: Photography by Rania Matar](#)  
June 5, 2014: Creative Dissent at Mizna and Intermedia Arts, MN  
June 28, 2014: [Jajouka: The Master Musicians of Morocco](#)  
September 13, 2014: [SURA](#)  
November 10, 2014: Patriots & Peacemakers at the Russell Senate Building in Washington DC  
November 26, 2014: [Local/Not Local: Arabic & Iranian Typography](#)  
November 28, 2014: [Stories My Father Told Me](#)  
March 6, 2015: [Detroit to Baghdad: Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here](#)  
May 1, 2015: [It's Not Funny: Political Cartoons by Khalid Albaih](#)  
May 8, 2015: [Ten: The Exhibition](#)  
July 31, 2015: [The Youth//Dhallinyarada](#)  
December 4, 2015: [An Enduring Legacy: Danny Thomas and St. Jude/ALSAC](#)  
January 23, 2016: [The Map is Not the Territory](#)  
March 24, 2016: Photography of Milton Rogovin in Algeria  
April 30, 2016: [Starting Over in Dearborn](#)  
June 4, 2016: [What We Carried: Fragments from the Cradle of Civilization](#)  
May 25, 2016; October 1, 2016; January 20, 2017: [Little Syria, NY New York City Tour](#)  
November 12, 2016: [Drawing in the Diaspora: Comic Art and Graphic Novels by Leila Abdelrazaq](#)

**Series 2 – Box 1:** Media Clippings, 2006 – 2007

Binder 1: December 2006 – May 2007  
Binder 2: June 2007 – October 2007  
Binder 3: Concert of Colors 2007  
Binder 4: November 2007 – December 2007

**Series 2 – Box 2:** Media Clippings, 2008 – 2009

Binder 1: January 2008 – May 2008  
Binder 2: June 2008 – September 2008  
Binder 3: Concert of Colors 2008  
Binder 4: January 2009 – June 2009  
Binder 5: Concert of Colors 2009  
Binder 6: 2007 – 2008

**Series 2 – Box 3:** ACCESS and AANM Annual Reports

- AANM Annual Report, 2005-2007
- AANM Annual Report, 2008-2009
- AANM Annual Report, 2014-2015
- ACCESS Annual Report, 2007
- ACCESS Annual Report, 2009
- ACCESS Annual Report, 2011
- ACCESS Annual Report, 2012
- ACCESS Annual Report, 2015
- AANM 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert Gala booklet, October 27, 2007
- AANM 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert Gala booklet, October 17, 2009
- ACCESS 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet booklet, May 13, 2006
- ACCESS 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet booklet, May 12, 2007
- ACCESS 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet booklet, May 2, 2009

**Series 3 – Box 1:** AANM development, opening, and publications, ACCESS Cultural Arts Program  
Museum opening

- Invitation postcard for May 5 event
- Invitation for Opening Celebration Gala, April 23
- Gala Opening Celebration program, Saturday April 23
- Grand Opening brochure
- ACCESS newsletter featuring AANM opening, Spring 2005
- American Association of Museums, Museum News, November/December 2006, Vol. 85, No. 6, AANM cover story

## Museum development

## Museum publications

- Arab American National Museum informational trifold booklet, circa 2004
- Educational Programming trifold booklet
- Understanding Arab American, The Arab World & Islam trifold booklet
- Museum rental postcard
- AANM bookmark, circa 2007
- AANM mailer, circa 2008
- Student Cultural Tours brochure, circa 2008
- Museum Rental and Event Planning trifold
- General Information and Membership brochure, circa 2010
- Cultural Competency Workshops brochure, circa 2010
- AANM 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, menu from Cliff Bells, 2010
- Educational Programs, Winter/Spring 2012 trifold booklet
- General Information and Membership brochure, circa 2014
- AANM Rack Card, circa 2016
- Arab World map, circa 2016
- Growth Center @ Arab American National Museum, circa 2016
- Yalla Eat: A Culinary Map of Dearborn, MI, 2017
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## ACCESS Cultural Arts Program

## Museum Awards and Recognition

**Series 3 – Box 2:** AANM Building Development

- AANM Final Concept Package, April 11, 2003 (2 copies)
- AANM Detailed Design Color Package, April 15, 2004

**Series 3 – Box 3:** AANM Building Development

- AANM Pricing Package, October 13, 2003
- AANM Color Package, March 12, 2004
- AANM Schematic Package, September 12, 2003

**Series 3 – Box 3: AANM Building Development**

- AANM Initial Pricing Exhibit Matrix, October 13, 2003
- AANM Preconcept Design, June 2002 (3 copies)
- AANM Preconcept Design, June 19, 2002
- Jack Rouse Associates resume book

**Series 4 – Box 1: Museum programs and events**

DIWAN Programs from 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015

Arab Film Festival Programs from 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (with postcard)

**Global Thursdays/Fridays**

- Postcard for 2005 Ford-Comerica Global Thursdays season
- Ford-Comerica Global Thursdays: Radio Maqam, October 6 and NOMO, October 13
- 2006 schedules: Winter, Winter/Spring, Fall
- 2006 postcard: Michel El-Ashkar
- 2007 schedules: Winter/Spring, Fall
- 2008 schedules: Winter/Spring, Fall
- 2009 schedule: Winter/Spring
- 2010 schedule: Winter/Spring
- 2011 schedule: Fall
- 2011 postcard: Omar Offendum and Arab American Comedy + Music
- 2012 postcard (Change to Global Fridays): Janka Nabay & The Bubu Gang and M.A.K.U. Sound System
- 2013 postcard: Amir ElSaffar Quintet/Rebetika Istorica
- 2014 schedule: Andrea Assaf, Layaali Arabic Music Ensemble, Frank Waln, Francisco Mora-Catlett & Afrohorn
- 2014 postcard: Andres Assef/Layaali Arabic Music Ensemble
- 2015 Winter schedule: Safaafir, Tal National, Orchid Ensemble, Shantala Subramanyam
- 2015 Fall schedule: Sao Paulo Underground, Krar Collective, Ara Topouzian & Mal Barsamian, Ana Masry Band
- 2016 Winter/Spring schedule: Noura Mint Seymali, The Murphy Beds, Tarek Abdallah & Adel Shams El-Din, Abdulrahman Al Akhflash
- 2016 Fall schedule: Dafnis Prieto, Heather Raffo, Raman Kalyan & Deepak Ram, Karim Nagi
- 2017 Winter/Spring Schedule: Sinkane, Rahim Alhaj, Sammy Deleon, Oddisee

**Concert of Colors, 1998-2006 Programs, tickets, posters**

- July 12, 1998, 6<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 12 & 13, 2003, 11<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 16-18, 2004, 12<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 15-17, 2005, 13<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 14-16, 2006, 14<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 19-22, 2007, 15<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 17-20, 2008, 16<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 18-19, 2009, 17<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 17-18, 2010, 18<sup>th</sup> annual

**Concert of Colors, 2011-current Programs, tickets, posters**

- July 16-17, 2011, 19<sup>th</sup> annual
- July 12-15, 2012, 20<sup>th</sup> annual

- July 4-5, 2013, 21<sup>st</sup> annual
- July 10-13, 2014, 22<sup>nd</sup> annual
- July 4, 9-12, 2015, 23<sup>rd</sup> annual
- July 14-17, 2016, 24<sup>th</sup> annual

#### Events (Museum hosted and/or sponsored)

- March 19, 2003: Sabor Y Salsa: A Sizzling Latin Experience
- December 1 – January 31, 2003: The Simon Shaheen Residency, a collaboration between ACCESS Cultural Arts and the University Musical Society
- 2004/2005: Arab World Music Festival, Present in partnership by the University Musical Society and ACCESS
- December 4, 2004: Ahmed-Ahmed and the “Axis of Evil” comedy event
- May 20 & 21, 2005: Exploring New Forms and Meanings: the Intersection of Audience, Ideas and Art; program and agenda
- April 15, 2006: Music of the Levant, Arab World Music Summit, presented by the University Musical Society
- July 24-28, 2006: CU.Same, A One Week Summer Enrichment Program
- April 21, 2007: International Pianist Waleed Howrani with Guest Saxophonist Daniel Loudenback
- May 3, 2007: Immigration Transformation & Identity, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo & AANM’s 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary
- June 3, 2007 “Eternal Egypt Kiosk” reception, crafts and story telling
- June 2007 Craft Sundays schedule
- November 1, 2008: Arab American History Conference
- August 29, 2009: Amreeka Michigan Premiere
- December 10, 2009: A Country Called Amreeka book signing
- June 3-5, 2010: Arab American Art & Culture: Challenges, Reappraisals, & Possibilities, Radius of Arab American Writers (RAWI) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference
- Pecha Kucha night, April 14, 2011
- The Peking Opera, a program of Concert of Colors, March 4, 2000
- Program for Contemporary Research in Arab American Studies: New Trends and Emerging Perspectives – A Conference of Dr. Michael Suleiman, November 4-6, 2011
- Washington, D.C. Endowment Fund Dinner, September 19, 2012 program
- New York Reception to benefit “Little Syria” exhibition, May 26, 2011 program
- “Aghaddan Alqaak” An Evening with Um Kalthum, Tarab Together presented Amer Zahr
- Fall 2014: Yalla Eat! Brochure and map
- August 30, 2015: Arab American Celebration, part of Celebrate Southwest
- Fall 2015: Youth and Families events postcard
- December 11, 2015: The Last of Little Syria film screening flyers and display signage
- December 12, 2015: Christmas Party flyer
- 2016: Arabic Music Instruction/Arabic Language Instruction flyer
- April 9, 2016: Forums & Film in conjunction with The Map is Not the Territory flyer
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016: An Evening with Maysoon Zayid flyer
- May 13; June 3-12, 2016: Yemeni Culture @ Arab American National Museum flyer
- September 1; October 1, 2016: Many Stories, One City: Dearborn Community History Series flyer
- October 1, 2016: Opening reception for Little Syria at Ellis Island invite and program
- October 29, 2016: Haunted Halloween Family Party flyer



- Winter/Sprint 2017 at your AANM: Exhibitions, concerts, music and language courses, valentine fun and more! flyer
- February 11, 2017: Valentine's Day Romantic Evening at the Museum flyer
- Summer 2017: SURA Summer Camp flyer
- November 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2017: MOVE 2017 Arab American Summit Save the Date flyer

#### Arab American Book Awards, Library & Resource Center

- 2007 Arab American Book Awards invitation
- 2007 Arab American Book Awards winners bookmark
- 2008 Arab American Book Awards save the date card
- 2009 Arab American Book Awards save the date card
- 2009 Arab American Book Awards invitation
- 2009 Arab American Book Awards winners poster
- 2010 Arab American Book Awards ceremony program
- 2010 Arab American Book Awards postcard
- 2012 Arab American Book Awards postcard
- 2012 Arab American Book Awards winners poster
- 2013 Arab American Book Awards online invitation
- 2013 Arab American Book Awards program
- 2014 Arab American Book Awards program
- 2015 Arab American Book Awards winners bookmark
- 2015 Arab American Book Awards fiction award winner reading guide
- 2016 Arab American Book Awards winners bookmark

#### ACCESS voting initiatives

- November 2, 2010 election, 3.5 x 5 card
- November 2, 2010 election, Trick or Vote door hanger
- 2010 Census mailer
- November 6, 2012 election, mailer
- November 6, 2012 election, door hanger
- November 6, 2012 election, mailer
- November 4, 2008 election, folded 8.5" x 11" mailer

#### **Series 4 – Box 2: Museum programs and events**

##### Museum Gala

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala Dinner and VIP Reception, November 2-3<sup>d</sup>, 2006
  - Invitation and program booklet
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert Gala, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007
  - Poster and ticket order form
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Dinner and Benefactor Evening, October 10-11, 2008
  - Invitation
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert Gala, October 17, 2009
  - Small flyer
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, June 22, 2010
  - Program booklet, postcard
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Museum Gala, October 29, 2011
  - Program booklet
- 2012 Gala Concert, October 27, 2012

- Postcard, New York Arabic Orchestra
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Museum Gala, September 21, 2013
  - Program booklet
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Gala, October 3, 2015
  - Save the Date, invitation and program booklet
- Red Velvet Soirée, November 12, 2016
  - Save the Date, small flyer, invite, program

**Series 4 – Oversize Folder**

- DIWAN 5 poster
- 2013 Global Fridays poster series (9 posters, some signed by artists)
- 2005 Arab Film Festival poster (2 copies)
- 2009 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert Gala poster
- 2012 New York Arabic Orchestra poster

**Series 5 – Box 1: Museum opening photographs****Series 5 – Box 2: Photographs**

- Miscellaneous ACCESS Cultural Arts photographs, undated
- Arab American Heritage Campaign, 2002
- Concert of Colors, 2002
- 33<sup>rd</sup> ACCESS Dinner (featuring Helen Thomas), 2004
- AANM Fundraising Gala, 2004
- 1<sup>st</sup> AANM Gala, 2005
- *The Art of Kahlil Gibran* exhibit opening, 2006
- Museum Advisory Board Meeting, 2006
- Digital AANM and ACCESS photographs, 2004-2006
- Digital SURA exhibit photographs, 2007-2014

**Series 6 – Box 1: Arab American Book Award *RESTRICTED***

Binder 1: 2006/7

Binder 2: 2007

Binder 3: 2008

Binder 4: 2009

**Series 6 – Box 2: SURA *RESTRICTED***

- Permission slips & registration forms, 2007-2010
- CDs and DVDs

**Series 6 – Box 3: Museum Operations *RESTRICTED***

- Permanent exhibit development
- Temporary exhibit development
  - Women in Their Communities course pack
- Early operations and staffing development

**Series 6 – Box 4: Accreditation Materials *RESTRICTED***

- MAP (Museum Assessment Program) binder, 2008

- Self Study Questionnaire, 2012