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

Title: Arab American National Museum Institutional Archives
Creator: Arab American National Museum
Dates: 2003-current
Extent: 9 linear feet
Accession number: AANM

Abstract

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
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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 Husseini
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
September 18, 2010: 2010 SURA Student Photography Exhibit
October 7, 2010: Hawai‘is 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

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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

**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

**Series 2 – Box 3:** ACCESS and AANM Annual Reports
  - AANM Annual Report, 2008-2009
  - ACCESS Annual Report, 2007
  - ACCESS Annual Report, 2009
  - ACCESS Annual Report, 2011
  - ACCESS Annual Report, 2012
  - ACCESS Annual Report, 2015
  - AANM 4th Annual Concert Gala booklet, October 27, 2007
  - AANM 6th Annual Concert Gala booklet, October 17, 2009
  - ACCESS 35th Anniversary Banquet booklet, May 13, 2006
  - ACCESS 36th Anniversary Banquet booklet, May 12, 2007
  - ACCESS 38th Anniversary Banquet booklet, May 2, 2009

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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

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 5th 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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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

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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


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
- 2013 postcard: Amir ElSaffar Quintet/Rebetika Istorya
- 2014 schedule: Andrea Assaf, Layali Arabic Music Ensemble, Frank Waln, Francisco Mora-Catlett & Afrohorn
- 2014 postcard: Andres Assef/Layali 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 Akhfash
- 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, 6th annual
- July 12 & 13, 2003, 11th annual
- July 16-18, 2004, 12th annual
- July 15-17, 2005, 13th annual
- July 14-16, 2006, 14th annual
- July 19-22, 2007, 15th annual
- July 17-20, 2008, 16th annual
- July 18-19, 2009, 17th annual
- July 17-18, 2010, 18th annual

Concert of Colors, 2011-current Programs, tickets, posters
- July 16-17, 2011, 19th annual
- July 12-15, 2012, 20th annual
Events (Museum hosted and/or sponsored)
- 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
- 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 2nd 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
- June 3-5, 2010: Arab American Art & Culture: Challenges, Reappraisals, & Possibilities, Radius of Arab American Writers (RAWI) 3rd Annual Conference
- Pecha Kucha night, April 14, 2011
- The Peking Opera, a program of Concert of Colors, March 4, 2000
- 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 7th, 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 16-18th, 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
- 3rd Annual Gala Dinner and VIP Reception, November 2-3rd, 2006
  - Invitation and program booklet
- 4th Annual Concert Gala, October 27th, 2007
  - Poster and ticket order form
- 5th Annual Gala Dinner and Benefactor Evening, October 10-11, 2008
  - Invitation
- 6th Annual Concert Gala, October 17, 2009
  - Small flyer
- 7th Annual Gala, June 22, 2010
  - Program booklet, postcard
- 8th Annual Museum Gala, October 29, 2011
  - Program booklet
- 2012 Gala Concert, October 27, 2012

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Postcard, New York Arabic Orchestra
10th Annual Museum Gala, September 21, 2013
Program booklet
10th 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 6th 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
33rd ACCESS Dinner (featuring Helen Thomas), 2004
AANM Fundraising Gala, 2004
1st 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

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- Self Study Questionnaire, 2012