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Friday Talking Pictures Returns to SDPL for “*Muslim Journeys*”

Evening film screenings with post-film discussions led by Professor Rebecca Romani

San Diego – The San Diego Public Library continues its presentation of the *Muslim Journeys* series with film screenings and discussions to follow on Fridays, **December 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.** in the auditorium of the New San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. Sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities the American Library Association, the program aims to familiarize public audiences with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the U.S. and around the world.

December 6: *Algeria vs France*

This film chronicles the Algerian independence struggle to overthrow French colonization in the 1950s. The focus is thrown on the leaders of the liberation movement and the French general driven to catching them. (Get more information on this film at: www.imdb.com/title/tt0058946/)

December 13: *The Muslims Are Coming!*

Comedians Negin Farsad and Dean Obeidallah lead an all-star Muslim comedy team performing in big cities, small towns, liberal enclaves, conservative hotbeds, rural and everything in between.

December 20: *The Taqwacores*

Yusef, a first-generation Pakistani engineering student, moves off his university campus with a group of Muslim punks who introduce him to Taqwacore - a hardcore, Muslim punk rock scene. Filmmaker Eyad Zahra will be in attendance.

December 27: *Sabah*

One day, when Sabah least expects it, she falls in love with the wrong man. She's Muslim, he's not. Unbeknownst to her family, she goes on a whirlwind affair before both culture and love collide. Filmmaker Ruba Nadda will make a special guest appearance via Skype.

Rebecca Romani teaches English and film at San Diego State University and Cinema Studies at Palomar College and UC San Diego. She also curates film screenings around town including the San Diego Public Library. She is a guest blogger and freelance reporter for KPBS and also

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covers film, the border and national stories for a variety of outlets. Her work has appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *IPS.org*, *Cineaste* and the *Levantine Review*.

San Diego Public Library was selected to participate in the Muslim Journeys project conducted by the National Endowment for the Humanities with cooperation from the American Library Association. Major support for the project was provided by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Additional support for the arts and media components was provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art. For more information visit:

<http://bridgingcultures.neh.gov/muslimjourneys/>.

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