



# MACFEST

MUSLIM ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

**CELEBRATING ARTS AND  
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES**

**OVER 50 EVENTS  
JANUARY - MAY 2020**

**WWW.MACFEST.ORG.UK  
DIRECTOR@MACFEST.ORG  
@MACFESTUK**



# FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



**METALWARE FROM  
THE KHALEEQ  
COLLECTION**



**FAMOUS WRITERS:  
FIRDAUSI**



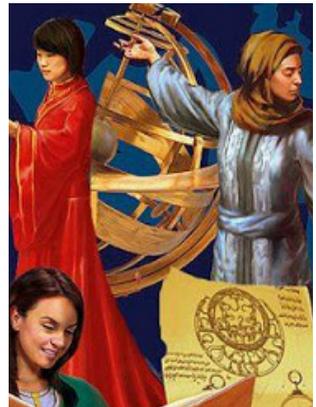
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
BY PROF SALIM  
AL-HASSANI**



**CREATIVE PAPER  
CUTTING**



**CULTURAL HUBS:  
CELEBRATING OUR  
WORLD AND DIVERSE  
CULTURES**



**WOMEN OF SCIENCE**



**MUSICAL FINALE  
WITH SOAS  
COLLECTIVE**



**SPANISH AL FIRDAUS  
ENSEMBLE AT THE  
LOWRY**

# WELCOME MUSLIM ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL



**Welcome to our second MACFEST, a ground-breaking and award-winning Muslim Arts and Culture Festival in the North West of the UK. Its mission: celebrating arts, diversity and connecting communities.**

We are proud to offer you a rich feast of over 50 events in 16 days across Greater Manchester celebrating the rich heritage of the Muslim diaspora communities. There is something for the whole family: literature, art, history, music, films, performance, culture, comedy, art exhibitions, demonstrations, book launches, debates, workshops, and cultural hubs. MACFEST's opening ceremony on the 11th January 2020 is open to the public.

The venue for the packed Weekend Festival on 11th and 12th January, is the iconic British Muslim Heritage Centre in Whalley Range. The Greater Manchester MACFEST Festival from 13th-26th January will be hosted at The Lowry, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester Museum, Manchester Science and Industry Museum, Elizabeth Gaskell's House, Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery, Manchester Art Gallery, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester Blackwell's Bookshop, Gallery Oldham, Stretford Public Hall; Central, Longsight, Portico, Oldham and John Rylands Libraries, and Shah Jalal and Khizra Mosques.

This year for the first time North West MACFEST will be from 14 to 24 January 2020 in Oldham, Rochdale, Trafford and Stockport (War Memorial

Art Gallery). We are delighted to partner with Rochdale and Huddersfield Literary Festivals, Rossendale Art Trail/Apna Festival, Stretford Festival and Greater Manchester Walking Festival.

In addition, various schools, Colleges and the University of Manchester are hosting MACFEST Days, with arts and cultural activities. We are delighted to bring you a great line up of local, national and international speakers, performers and artists including singers and musicians from Spain and Morocco.

Join us! Over 50 events across Greater Manchester and the North West are free.

Enjoy!



**Qaisra Shahraz FRSA,  
Founder, Executive Director and Curator of MACFEST**



## **CONTENTS**

**5 - 10**

**WEEKEND  
FESTIVAL**

**11 - 19**

**CITY WIDE  
PROGRAMME**

**20 - 22**

**FILMS AND  
EXHIBITIONS**

**23 - 24**

**NORTH WEST  
PROGRAMME**

**25 - 27**

**SCHOOLS AND  
COLLEGES**

**28 - 31**

**WORKSHOPS**

**23 - 24**

**SPECIAL  
THANKS**

**25 - 27**

**EDUCATION  
AND VENUES**

**28 - 31**

**FESTIVAL  
CALENDER**



# WEEKEND FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY

### Festival Opening Ceremony

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 – 106 College Road, Manchester M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats



Welcome by The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Mr Warren J. Smith JP DLitt LLD

Join us for the opening ceremony of Manchester's second MACFEST - Muslim Arts and Culture Festival, to kick start the 16 days offering over 50 events. There is something for everyone: welcome speeches - in different languages, MACFEST designers' prizes, art exhibitions, cultural hubs with food tasting, Nasheeds, presentations: the Mohenjodaro civilisation (one of the largest settlements of the ancient Indus Valley) and the Chitral valley in Pakistan, the Uyghurs of Turkestan, famous Muslim scientists, 18th Century Syrian and Egyptian Metalware collection, poetry - and our cake cutting ceremony.

Hosted by Abdullah Afzal: Abdullah is well known as an actor and comedian from Manchester. He has starred in sitcoms such as Lunch Monkeys and Citizen Khan as well as dramas such as Moving On.

### Art and life as an artist

Time: 13:00 to 14:00

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

In conversation: Siddika Juma and Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod. Join us for this exciting discussion with award-winning artists. Learn about their lives, achievements and inspirations. Moderated by Dr Liz Stirling, Director of Studies for PhD, Leeds School of Art and Leeds Beckett University.



## Mighty Mughal Emperors of India: Truths & Legends

Time: 14.15 - 15.15

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100-106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Be enchanted by the tales of the Mughal Emperors of India: as Dr Zalan Alam takes you on a journey through the history of the Mughal empires. Find out about emperors from Babur to Aurangzeb through the stories of their time. Moderated by Kathryn Irrgang, Director of PhD Studies.



## Celebrating East Turkestan (Uyghur) and cultural heritage

Time: 15.00 – 16.00

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100-106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to book seats

Join Aziz Isa Elkun, a Uyghur from East Turkestan (filmmaker, poet, activist) on a journey to the land of East Turkestan to celebrate Uyghur culture and civilisation.



## Muslim Women's panel: Celebrations and Challenges

Time: 15.30 – 16.45

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 – 106 College Road, Manchester M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join a panel of three notable British Muslim women writers, and an artist for a lively discussion about their lives, work, achievements and challenges they face.

Siddika Juma - East African artist and creative producer. Yvonne Ridley – British journalist, broadcaster and author of 'In the Hands of the Taliban'. Qaisra Shahraz - Pakistani novelist, peace activist and Executive Director of MACFEST  
Moderated by Dr Claire Chambers, academic, writer, and columnist for the Dawn newspaper, University of York.



# Why there should be no conflict between Faith and Science

Time: 17.00 - 18.00

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100-106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Adel Sharif: a Professor at the University of Surrey and an award-winning scholar and scientist will address the role of faith and science in the development of civilizations. He concludes that there is no conflict between faith and science. He will also provide examples of some of the scientific discoveries made and pioneered first by Islamic scholars and later by Christian and Jewish scientists. Introduced by Dr Salim Ayduz.



## Famous Muslim Writers of the Past

Time: 18.30 - 20.00

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Let us take you on a literary journey around the world through the centuries. Join us as we celebrate the works of famous Muslim poets and writers including: Firdausi (Persia, 8th/9th Century), Ibn Arabi (Moorish Spain, 12th Century), Syrian poet Nizar Qabbani (20th Century), Saadat Manto from Pakistan/India (20th Century) and Algerian poet Dr Leila Djabali (20th Century)

Read by Yvonne Ridley | Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod | Aziz Isa Elkun | Munira Alsusa | Fizzah Niazi | Shahireh Sharif. Hosted by Asad Zaman, Principal of a private college, Imam, commentator on Islamic Issues for the BBC. Introduction by Dr Jess Edwards, Head of the Department of English, Manchester Metropolitan University



## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

# SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY

## Keynote Address - 1000 Years Amnesia and the Future of Community Relations

Time: 10.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join us as we kick off day two of the MACFEST main weekend with an exciting keynote speech from Professor Emeritus Salim Al-Hassani, who is President of the Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation, UK; Fellow of the British Science Association, with numerous international awards; named repeatedly over the last 8 years amongst the world's 500 most influential Muslims. Introduced by Dr Mohammed Ali OBE, Executive Director of QED.



## History of Muslim Settlement in Manchester

Time: 11.00 - 12.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

A presentation by Dr Mohammed Seddon, Chester University. He will explore the people and places connected to the establishment of Muslim community settlement in the city. Who were the first settlers? Where did they settle and why? What was life like for those pioneer migrants to Manchester? Introduced by Safiya Florence Ascoli-Bali.



## The Majestic Holy Quran and the Art of Calligraphy

Time: 12.15 – 13.15

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 – 106 College Road, Manchester M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Part 1 - with Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE DL - The Majestic Holy Quran. Learn about the importance of the Holy Quran in the Muslim world as Dr Musharraf Hussain launches his new translation. Part 2 - With Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod - learn about the role of calligraphy in the Muslim world in relation to the Holy Quran. Moderated by Kathryn Irgang, Islam Channel TV presenter, Actor and Writer.



## Celebrating Indonesian culture and heritage

Time: 12.30 – 13.30

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 – 106 College Road, Manchester M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Presentation by Rana Rofifah. Join us for a wonderful celebration of Indonesian culture and heritage.



## Islamophobia and Muslims in the Media

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 – 106 College Road, Manchester M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

With Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, Afzal Khan CBE MP (Labour) for Manchester Gorton, Naz Shah, MP (Labour), Shadow Minister for Women and Equality, John Holmwood, Professor of Sociology, University of Nottingham.

Panel discussion chaired by Dr Mohammed Seddon, Chester University. What is it like for British Muslims in the UK and around the world, faced with anti-Muslim hatred and the rise in hate crimes? What are the solutions? Join us for a lively discussion with 5 distinguished politicians and academics on the topic of Islamophobia and representation of Muslims in the media.



## Schools celebrate Muslim arts and culture

Time: 14.00 - 15.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting afternoon with presentations celebrating diversity and Muslim heritage by 5 schools: Bosnian School and Society of Manchester, East Manchester Academy, Manchester Arabic School, Chorlton, Nebras Arabic School, Salford, and Whalley Range High School.

Hosted by Sukhbir Singh, Raseema Bakkali and Louise Avey

## 'It's The Women Before Me That Have Brought Me Here'

Time: 15.00 -16.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join talented photographer Maryam Wahid for a talk illustrated by her exhibition. The photography exhibition explores themes of Pakistani diaspora in Birmingham, womanhood, home and belonging and celebrates diversity in Britain.



## Our Stories: Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs

Time: 15.45 - 16.45

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Whalley Range M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Hear the poignant stories of Nezira Cohadzic, Aziz Isa Elkun, Ahmad Mujahed Nayef and Dudiya Zilic; Muslims from Bosnia, Syria and East Turkestan speak about and share their personal journeys as refugees, and how their lives were transformed by politics and war. This event honours the 25th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide and is a call to peace and justice in all other conflicts and genocides around the world. Moderated by Qaisra Shahraz



## Open Mic Session with story writers and poets

Time: 17.00 – 17.45

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Calling all scribblers, note-takers, story-writers and poets! Step up to the mic in this 'open mic' event. We'll be choosing a selection of speakers on the day to perform their writing in front of our audience. Already booked: Christina Longden who will read from her book, 'His Own Man: A Victorian Hidden Muslim' about her great- great-grandfather, Robert Reshid Stanley; and Amir Arshad with the MACFEST poem. Hosted by Aziz Dixon, local poet in the Sufi tradition.

## Stand Up comedy performance with Tez Ilyas

Date: Sunday 12th January

Time: 17.45 – 18.30

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join us for an exciting show-stopping finale to the festival with the very successful and popular Tez Ilyas, the star of his very own Channel 4 programme, 'The Tez O'Clock Show'.



# CITY WIDE PROGRAMME

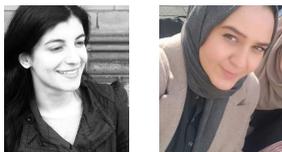
## A literary evening with Maryam Hessavi and Usma Malik

Time: 18.30 – 19.30

Date: Monday 13th January

Venue: Blackwell's University Bookshop, University Green, 46 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9GP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats



Centre  
for New  
Writing

Join us for an exciting literary evening of readings from new work by two Muslim writers, Maryam Hessavi and Usma Malik. Hosted by Prof John McAuliffe.

Maryam Hessavi is a British Manchester-based poet and critic, with poems and reviews appearing in various magazines. An alumna of The University of Manchester, she holds an MA in English Literature, with specialisms in Modernism, Creative Writing, and Linguistics.

Usma Malik is an academic specialising in narrative structures in contemporary writing. Born in Birmingham, she worked in education before moving to Manchester to study. She was awarded a Distinction in the Creative Writing MA at the University of Manchester and went on to study for a PhD in Creative Writing, awarded 2018.

Presented in partnership with Centre for New Writing and Creative Manchester at The University of Manchester.

**creativemcr**

## Manchester Mosque open day - Celebrating Bangladeshi Community and Culture

Time: 18.00 – 20.00

Date: Wednesday 15th January

Venue: Shah Jalal Mosque, 1A Eileen Grove, Manchester M14 5WE

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join Imam Khairul Huda Khan and his fantastic team for a celebration of Bangladeshi culture and heritage in Shah Jalal Mosque, one of the oldest Mosques in Manchester. Lots of cultural activities and a tour of the Mosque included.

People of all faiths and of none are welcome, refreshments provided.



## Islamic Miniature Paintings at John Rylands Library

Time: 14.00 – 16.00

Date: Thursday 16th January

Venue: Christie Room, John Rylands Library, 150 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3EH

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

MACFEST is delighted to take you on a journey through centuries of Islamic miniature paintings and of the Holy Quran. John Rylands Library, University of Manchester with the curator and archivist Elizabeth Gow. The Library houses a substantial collection of Islamic miniature paintings and manuscripts in more than forty different languages, including the Persian manuscripts.



## Islamic Artefacts In Museums

Time: 18.15 – 19.15

Date: Thursday 16th January

Venue: Manchester Museum, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Stephen Welsh, curator and Gallery Project Lead, and Alia Ullah share their exciting findings from visiting Karachi and Lahore, focussing on ecology, urbanisation, art and community.

Manchester Museum is preparing the UK's first permanent gallery to explore stories, histories, experiences and contributions of UK South Asian diaspora communities; this will open in late 2021.



## 18th and 19th Century Syrian and Egyptian metalware collection

Time: 19.30 to 20.30

Date: Thursday 16th January

Venue: Manchester Museum, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join us for an exciting journey through two centuries of metalware, presented by Mohammed Khaleeq, who is an avid collector of 18th and 19th century Islamic metalwork mainly from Cairo and Damascus. The collection, believed to be the biggest of its kind in the world, includes many commissioned pieces from the Ottoman era. His family have been collecting since the 1950s.



## Manchester Health Academy MACFEST day

Time: Open to the public  
15.00 – 16.00

Date: Friday 17th January

Venue: Manchester Health Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 9BP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

In their first year of involvement with MACFEST, Manchester Health Academy students have produced some amazing art and design work inspired by Muslim culture, which is exhibited at our event this afternoon. Join us for an hour of art, culture, food and more!

Hosted by Kevin Green, Principal.



## Islamic Geometric Patterns

Time: 12.30 – 13.30

Date: Saturday 18th January

Venue: Manchester Art Gallery, Lecture Room, Mosley St, Manchester M2 3JL

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

MACFEST is delighted to present a special lecture at the Manchester Art Gallery.

Eric Brough is an award winning international British artist, and author of many books specialising in Islamic geometric patterns, including 'Islamic Geometric Designs', published by Thames and Hudson. He will look at Islamic geometric design in contemporary art and architecture.

The presentation is suitable for all ages. Eric will be available to sign copies of his books.

Introduced by Alistair Hudson, Director, Manchester Art Gallery.



## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

## Al Firdaus ensemble from Spain, Gulcin Bulut and Sahba Ensemble from Turkey: Persian Sufi and Turkish folk music

Time: 18.00 – 20.00

Date: Saturday 18th January

Venue: Compass Room, The Lowry, The Quays, Salford M50 3AZ

Tickets: £12 from The Lowry  
<https://www.thelowry.com>

MACFEST is delighted to present an enchanting evening musical bonanza, with two internationally renowned groups of musicians and singers: Al Firdaus Ensemble from Spain and Morocco, and Persian and Turkish music with Gulcin Bulut and the Sahba Ensemble. Hosted by Matt Eames.



## Women of Faith FFEU Season of Twinning Cultural event

Time: 16.30 – 18.30

Date: Sunday 19th January

Venue: Khizra Mosque, 425 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester M8 0PF

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Women of all faiths and none, celebrate MACFEST with art and cultural activities; with poetry, comedy, and showcasing of cultural artefacts in partnership with Faith Network 4 Manchester and We Stand Together.

Hosted by Ann Algar and Nabila Farooq. Welcome by Rabbi Warren Elf and Jonny Wineberg. Refreshments provided.

#WeStandTogether



Sponsored by Foundation For Ethnic Understanding (FFEU), New York

## NHS Celebrates World Religion Day

Date: Sunday 19th January

Links: [www.network-health.org.uk](http://www.network-health.org.uk)

Many religions around the world share some common themes such as helping and treating each other with respect care. World Religion Day is held on the third Sunday in January every year to promote inter-faith understanding and celebrate similarities.

Manchester Foundation Trust is encouraging staff who follow a religion as well as those who do not to share similarities with an aim to foster good relationship between people from different faiths and none.

# Celebrating Women of Science, Medicine and Management from Muslim Civilisations

Time: 18.30 – 20.00

Date: Monday 20th January

Venue: Science and Industry Museum, Liverpool Road, Manchester M3 4FP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

In this presentation, Prof Salim Al-Hassani will address a hitherto little-known history of women in the development of science, technology, medicine and management in Muslim civilisations.

Examples of these women include: Zubaida, who funded and managed a gigantic project constructing caravanserais all along the road from Baghdad to Makkah; Sutaita Al-Mahamli, a jurist and mathematician; Dhaifa Khatoon, who assumed multiple roles in governance; Fatima al-Fehriya, who donated and project managed the construction of Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque in Fez, Morocco, that became first university in the world; and Meryam Al-Jliya, who designed and made astrolabes in the 18th Century. Introduced by Jennifer Mutch, contemporary science programme producer (Partnerships)



## Manchester Muslim Poets Bonanza

Time: 18.30 – 19.45

Date: Tuesday 21st January

Venue: Manchester Central Library – performance space, St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

An evening like no other – with Elmo Ali, Hafsa Aneela Bashir, Kamal Kaan, Mahboobeh Rajabi, celebrating poetry and showcasing the works of local poets of Pakistani, Bengali, Iranian and Somali backgrounds.

Introduced by Ivan Wadeson, Executive Director of Manchester City of Literature and moderated by Francesca Bradley, Arts Editor of Mancunion, University of Manchester.



## 1001 Years of Amnesia: 1001 Inventions

Time: 16:00 – 17:00

Date: Thursday 23rd January

Venue: Memorial Hall, The Manchester Grammar School, Old Hall Lane, Manchester M13 0XT

Tickets: free, from MGS Box Office <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/mgs/event/view/114948>

There is an amnesia in the minds of people about 1,000 years of Muslim, Chinese and Indian civilizations during the period 700-1700 CE. Our educational system largely concentrates upon Europe, where much of the period containing the 'Dark Ages and/or Medieval Ages is glossed over.

Yass Al-Hassani is Managing Director of 105solutions.com, and Trustee of an educational charity, the Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation, FSTC UK, [FSTC.org.uk](http://FSTC.org.uk). Introduced by Dan Farr, Assistant Head



## Reflective Views: Library insights with Prof Zahia Smail Salhi

Time: 18.30 – 19.30

Date: Friday 24th January

Venue: Portico Library, 57 Mosley St, Manchester M2 3HY

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Over their long cultural relationship, Eastern and Western countries and communities have misrepresented each other when imagining an 'Orient' and an 'Occident', often without first-hand experience. Using books from The Portico Library's 'Voyages and Travels' collection, Professor Zahia Smail Salhi will discuss some of the relational dynamics between these cultures and how they perceived each other from very early encounters the 18th Century all the way to the present day. Introduced by Aiofe Larkin, events coordinator



## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

## Celebrating Multi-lingual poetry and Mushaira performance

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Date: Saturday 25th January

Venue: Longsight Library and Learning Centre, 519 Stockport Road, Manchester M12 4NE

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats



Welcome by Fiona Fulton and hosted by Louise Avey. Special guest: Becky Swain, Department of English, Manchester Metropolitan University.

Join us for an exciting afternoon – a feast of poetry and performances with local Muslim poets of Pakistani, Bengali, Arabic and Iranian heritage, who recite poems in their native tongues and in English, including Dr Shahireh Sharif (Iranian), and Luhaib Abbood (Iraqi).

This will be followed by a Mushaira performance, a lively poetry recital in Punjabi and Urdu by Circle of Literary Friends, with 4 North West poets: Liaqat Ali Aehd, Basir Kazmi, Tahir Hafiz and Umbreen Niazi. Mushaira introduced by Mohammed Anwar and hosted by Robina Khan. Refreshments provided.

## Celebrating Palestinian Culture and Heritage

Time: 17.00 – 19.30

Date: Saturday 25th January

Venue: Manchester Arabic School, Chorlton High School, Nell Lane, Chorlton, M21 7SL

Tickets: £5, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating Palestinian culture and heritage. Enjoy Dabke dancing, music, displays, photo exhibitions and presentations about Palestinian culture, and of course delicious Palestinian food!

Hosted by Munira Alsusa, Head Teacher of Manchester Arabic School, Chorlton and her team.



## MACFEST 2020: MUSICAL FINALE

Time: 14.00 – 16.30

Date: Sunday 26th January

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,  
Oxford Road, Manchester M15  
6ER

Tickets: £10, available on  
Eventbrite



As MACFEST 2020 comes to a close, join us for an exciting afternoon: a musical extravaganza with artists from several Muslim countries performing. Artists who will entertain you are: Sarah Yaseen, Indonesian students from the University of Manchester, Dr Aziz Ibrahim, SOAS Silk Road Collective - Rahima Mahmut, Shotaro Sasaki, Mohanish Jaju, Imogen Faux, Iskandar Ding, Rachel Harris, Kurdish singer Dr Peshang Abdulhannan and the Iranian Classical Moulana Music Band with Ghafoor Sheikh and his group: Keyvan Moasser, Mina Koorani, Hooman Black, Pooya Torabi, Veria Amiri and Moein Sadeghi. Chief Guest - The Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Mr Paul Griffiths. Welcome by Alistair Hudson, Director of Whitworth Art Gallery. Hosted by Cllr Shaid Mustaq.



## Celebrating International Women's Day

Time: 13.00 -16.00

Date: Sunday 8th March

Venue: Grand Hall, Whitworth  
Art Gallery, The University of  
Manchester. Oxford Road,  
Manchester, M15 6ER

Tickets: £5.00, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join us for the launch and celebration of a MACFEST publication, 'Our cultures; our Heritage', celebrating 17 Muslim women's lives from around the world. They will share their personal stories, poetry, paintings, recipes, artefacts, music, performance, cultural hubs, music and of course food.

Meet the contributors: Luhaib Abbood | Maryam Afolabi | Devinah Anasruron | Rabia Avci | Raseema Bakkali | Hanane El Hadioui | Najat El Hajjam | Hurriyet Hamidin | Rina Koesnanto | Nafisa Madany | Farkondeh Parviz | Anila Saied | Nura Said | Nataliya Stefurak | Efta Triastuti | Dudiya Zilic | Alaa Ali.



## MACFEST Iftar with our partners

Time: 19.45 – 22.00

Date: Saturday 16th May

Venue: Khizra Mosque,  
425 Cheetham Hill Road,  
Manchester M8 0PF

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve a place

MACFEST is delighted to host an Iftar event, with Khizra mosque. The evening will celebrate our festival's vast partnerships across Greater Manchester, inviting our valued partners and volunteers to join us for the breaking of the fast meal, during the month of Ramadhan in May.

Hosted by Sajjid Amin and team.



## Walk with MACFEST and celebrate Eid with the Greater Manchester Walking Festival

Time: 11.00 – 16.00

Date: Saturday 30th May

Host venues: Central Victoria  
Mosque, 20 Upper Park Rd,  
Manchester M14 5RU, &  
Grand Hall, Whitworth  
Art Gallery, Oxford Road,  
Manchester M15 6ER

Tickets: free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve a place

MACFEST is proud to work in partnership with the Greater Manchester Walking Festival. Join us for a walk, starting at Manchester Central Victoria Mosque. Celebrate Eid Ul Fitr, the breaking of the fast. Take part in various Muslim Heritage cultural activities at the Whitworth Art Gallery, with food and entertainment provided.

Our joint mission is to foster a joy of walking, building cultural bridges, promoting social and community cohesion in a dynamic way!

All welcome - Muslim and non-Muslim communities.  
#SpreadHoneyNotHate

Greater Manchester  
**Walking**

## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

# FILMS AND EXHIBITIONS

## 'It's The Women Before Me That Have Brought Me Here'

Time: ALL DAY

Date: Saturday and Sunday  
11th-12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim  
Heritage Centre, 100 - 106  
College Road, Manchester, M16  
8BP

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

We are delighted to showcase Maryam Wahid's photography exhibition which explores themes of Pakistani diaspora in Birmingham, womanhood, home, belonging and celebrating diversity in Britain.



## Art Exhibition by Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod

Time: OPEN ALL DAY

Date: Saturday and Sunday  
11th-12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim  
Heritage Centre, 100 - 106  
College Road, Manchester, M16  
8BP

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by award winning artist and calligrapher Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod.



## Art Exhibition by Siddika Juma

Time: OPEN ALL DAY

Date: Saturday and Sunday  
11th-12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim  
Heritage Centre, 100 - 106  
College Road, Manchester, M16  
8BP

Tickets: free, register on  
Eventbrite

We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Siddika Juma, the Global Art Award Winner 2017.





## Nataliya's Art Journey; Cities and Monuments from around the world by Nataliya Stefurak

Time: OPEN ALL DAY

Date: Saturday and Sunday  
11th-12th January

Venue: Marquee, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite

Paintings by Nataliya Stefurak, a Ukrainian born artist and Muslim revert. We are delighted to showcase her new collection of paintings of famous monuments from Muslim countries as part of Muslim Women's Fusion Art project.



## House of Wisdom Exhibition

Time: OPEN ALL DAY

Date: Saturday and Sunday  
11th-12th January

Venue: Exhibition Room, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite

Enjoy the House of Wisdom exhibition, it showcases the amazing achievements and contribution of Muslim civilisations around the world, curated by Shafiq Saddiq and Ashraf Ali.



## Stories of Sacrifice Exhibition

Time: OPEN ALL DAY

Date: Saturday and Sunday  
11th-12th January

Venue: Exhibition Room, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite

Enjoy an abridged version of the award winning 'Stories of Sacrifice' exhibition dedicated to the bravery and sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of Muslim soldiers who fought for Britain in World War One. Specially curated for the Manchester Central Library and permanently housed at the British Muslim Heritage Centre.





## Film: Unanswered Call by Aziz Isa Elkin

Time: 11.30 - 12.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join Aziz Isa Elkun, a Uyghur film-maker, poet and activist from East Turkestan for the screening of his short documentary film 'Unanswered Call' about the Uyghur community. Introduced by Arkin Hamidin.



## Film: See my Dunya by Mohamud Mussa and Yasin Hayow

Time: 13.30 - 14.30

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free

Short documentary featuring the story of the Somali community in Manchester over the last 25 years, with actors, poets, musicians and professionals from the Somali community telling their story in a captivating way. Introduced by Rahila Bano.



## Film: 100 Years of Votes for Women by Mahboobeh Rajabi

Time: 16.00 - 17.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Main Hall, British Muslim Heritage Centre, 100 - 106 College Road, Manchester M16 8BP

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

In March 2018 Women of Manchester celebrated 100 years of 'Right to Vote' for women and Mahboobeh Rajabi, a digital artist and theatre maker, captured this very special event. The women of Manchester, from all many backgrounds, came together on one of the coldest days to send the message of how powerful they are and that they will continue to fight for equality and rights for women. Introduced by Charles Kwaku-Odoi.



# NORTH WEST PROGRAMME

## Celebrating Stockport's MACFEST

Time: 13.00 – 16.00

Date: Tuesday 14th January

Venue: Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery, Wellington Road South, Stockport SK3 8AB

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats



Join us for an afternoon of enchantment and enjoyment with lots of taster activities:

- Batik Painting, Rina Koesnanto (Indonesian)
- Art exhibition: Natalia Stefurak (Ukrainian)
- Life stories: Dudiya Zilic and Nezira Cohadzic (Bosnian)
- Poetry reading: Aziz Dixon (British) and Amir Arshad (Pakistani)
- Reading from 'The Concubine & The Slave Catcher': Qaisra Shahraz (Pakistani)
- Ottoman history: Dr Salim Ayduz (Turkish)
- Metalware from the Khaleeq-Ayman collection: Mohammed Khaleeq (Pakistani)
- Music video: Al Firdaus ensemble from Spain
- Cultural hubs: Nafisa Madany (Libyan), Luhaib Abbood (Iraqi), Devinah Anasurion (Indonesian)

Join us for FOOD and cake cutting! Hosted by Katherine Rosati, Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery and Qaisra Shahraz, Executive Director, MACFEST.

## Rochdale's MACFEST: Celebrating Muslim Heritage at Hopwood Hall College, Rochdale

Time: 10.00 – 15.00

Date: Friday 31st January

Venue: Hopwood Hall College, Hopwood Hall, St Mary's Gate, Rochdale OL12 6RY

Tickets: free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

MACFEST is delighted to partner with and celebrate the festival at Hopwood Hall College. Join us for an exciting afternoon at the Rochdale campus for arts and cultural activities celebrating diversity and Muslim heritage, with students and staff - and FOOD! Hosted by Caroline Street, and ESOL team, with Nimisha Mistry-Miah.





## Rumi: The Alchemy of Love - Huddersfield

Time: 12.00 – 13.00

Date: 21st March

Venue: Syngenta Cellar,  
Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen  
Street, Huddersfield HD1 2SP

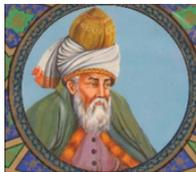
Tickets: £5 from [www.huddlitfest.org.uk](http://www.huddlitfest.org.uk)



Relish the magic of the celebrated 13th century Persian philosopher poet Maulana Rumi's 'Alchemy of Love' performed by Gulcin Bulut (celebrated British Turkish singer) and the Sahba Ensemble.

Huddersfield Literature Festival are proud to present a unique and inspiring event celebrating a poet and philosopher whose influence transcends national borders and ethnic divisions worldwide. Attendees are invited to bring a copy of their favourite Rumi poem to read out and share.

Hosted by Huddersfield Literature Festival, Michelle Hodgson, Festival Director and Qaisra Sharaz.



## Celebrating Oldham's MACFEST

Time: 11.00 – 16.00

Date: Saturday 4th April

Venue: Gallery Oldham, Oldham  
Library and Lifelong Learning  
Centre Oldham Cultural Quarter,  
Greaves Street, Oldham OL1  
1AL

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Offering a variety of art and cultural activities. Full details in February.



## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

# SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

## Celebrating Muslim Heritage, Manchester College

Time: 13.00 – 15.00

Date: Wednesday 15th January

Venue: Manchester College,  
Shena Simon Campus  
Whitworth Street Manchester  
M1 3HB

Tickets: invitation only

Join us for a selection of arts and activities celebrating Muslim culture. Dance demonstrations and Muslim Art | Make up and Henna demonstrations | Hijab fashion demonstration and 'have a go.' Hosted by Amanda Sillett and Tasneem Kauser-Javaid.



## Celebrating Muslim Heritage, East Manchester Academy

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Date: Tuesday 21st January

Venue: East Manchester  
Academy, 60 Grey Mare Lane,  
Beswick, Manchester M11 3DS

Tickets: By invitation only

MACFEST is delighted to partner with East Manchester Academy for a morning of art and cultural activities with pupils and staff.

Hosted by Jackie Bowen, Head teacher and Steph Lonsdale, Deputy Head.



## Celebrating Muslim Heritage, Oldham College

Time: 11.00 – 14.00

Date: Thursday 23rd January

Venue: Oldham College,  
Rochdale Rd, Oldham OL9 6AA

Tickets: free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

MACFEST is delighted to partner with Oldham College for an exciting afternoon of art and cultural activities, celebrating diversity with students and teachers. Activities will include food tasting, performance with music and dance, poetry reading, art-work displays, staff in traditional dress and henna painting.

Hosted by Alun Francis, Principal, Deborah Woodruff, Deputy Principal and organised by Emma Coppinger and Ray Gibson.



## Muslims in Performing Arts and Music, Levenshulme High School

Time: 12:15 - 13:15

Date: Friday 24th January

Venue: Levenshulme  
High School, Crossley Rd,  
Manchester, M19 1FS

Tickets: Invitation only

We are delighted to partner with Levenshulme High School again. In MACFEST2020 pupils and their teachers will showcase and celebrate Muslims in the world of performing arts, present and past, and present a live 'Qawaali' performance.

Hosted by: Sheraz Ali and Dr J MacKinnon PhD, Academy and Executive Headteacher.





## Celebrating Art and Diversity, Ladybarn Primary School

Time: 13.00 – 15.00

Date: Thursday 30th January

Venue: Ladybarn Primary School, Briarfield Road, Manchester M20 4SR

Tickets: Invitation only

Introduced by Belinda Gosling, Deputy Head Teacher. The children will be taking part in an exploration of the concept of identity and thinking about what makes them special, different, unique and how that makes them an important part of our school community. Parents and carers will be encouraged to take part to create a piece of artwork to be displayed in school. Hosted by the Head Teacher and The House Captains at Ladybarn Primary School.



## Muslim Arts and Culture, Lark Hill Primary School

Time: 13.30 – 15:30

Date: Tuesday 28th January

Venue: Manchester Arabic School, Chorlton High School, Nell Lane, Chorlton, M21 7SL

Tickets: Invitation Only

Come along and see the work children have produced in celebration of Muslim arts and culture. We will have poetry, art and food - something for the soul, eyes and belly! Hosted by Stuart Kelly, Head Teacher and Hannah Duncan. Hosted by class 3/4 of Lark Hill.



## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

# WORKSHOPS

## Creative Papercutting Workshop

Time: 13.30 – 14:30

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Exhibition Room 3,  
British Muslim Heritage Centre,  
100 - 106 College Road,  
Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: £5.00 book on  
Eventbrite

Would you like to develop an extra art skill and learn to use manicure scissors in a creative way? Come and join us for a papercutting workshop with Maryam Golubeva, an expert in creative paper cutting. Learn the story of papercutting, get inspired by intricate patterns, learn to use manicure scissors in a creative way and have fun creating an artwork to take home.



## Mandalas from Silk Road

Time: 14.45 – 15:45

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Exhibition Room 3,  
British Muslim Heritage Centre,  
100 - 106 College Road,  
Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Be inspired by patterns from the sumptuous architecture and textiles of Central Asia with Lizzie Hobbs. Learn how to draw the shapes of these patterns from Uzbekistan before constructing your own mandala design, by freehand.



## Learn about Persian Carpet

Time: 16.00 – 17:00

Date: Saturday 11th January

Venue: Exhibition Room 3,  
British Muslim Heritage Centre,  
100 - 106 College Road,  
Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Be inspired by the patterns and symbolism woven into Persian carpets. Learn how to draw these shapes freehand, before designing your own carpet with border and inner pattern onto paper with Lizzie Hobbs. Demonstration Only.



## Indonesian Batik Painting

Time: 11.30 – 12:30

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Exhibition Room 3,  
British Muslim Heritage Centre,  
100 - 106 College Road,  
Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Learn with about the centuries-old art of batik painting and the techniques which are widely used in Indonesian fashion and textiles, with Rina Koesnanto.



## Marble painting workshop with Rabia Avci

Time: 13.00 – 14.00

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Exhibition Room 3,  
British Muslim Heritage Centre,  
100 - 106 College Road,  
Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Join Rabia Avci for a fun event and learn about the art of marble painting. Try your hand! All welcome.



## Calligraphy Painting Workshop with Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod

Time: 14.00 – 15.30

Date: Sunday 12th January

Venue: Exhibition Room 3,  
British Muslim Heritage Centre,  
100 - 106 College Road,  
Manchester, M16 8BP

Tickets: £5.00, register on  
Eventbrite to reserve seats

Come and explore painting Arabic Calligraphy in a unique and original way with an established artist. All you need is your enthusiasm.



## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.



## Introduction to Persian Motif Painting

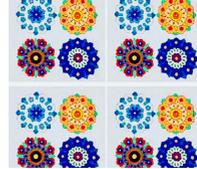
Time: 11:00 – 12:30

Date: Sunday 19th January

Venue: Rehearsal Room, Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Square, Manchester M2 7DH

Tickets: £5.00, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

The workshop is led by Ashfia Ashrif, an artist and student of traditional arts. Watch and learn about the history of Persian motifs and rosettes. The workshop will entail a demonstration of how to draw, illuminate with 24 carat gold leaf and paint a pretty Persian rosette.



## Indonesian batik painting

Time: 14.00 – 15.00

Date: Wednesday 22nd January

Venue: Elizabeth Gaskell's House, 84 Plymouth Grove, Manchester, M13 9LW

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite to reserve seats

Learn about the centuries-old art of batik painting and the techniques which are widely used in Indonesian fashion and textiles with Rina Koesnanto. Demonstration only.



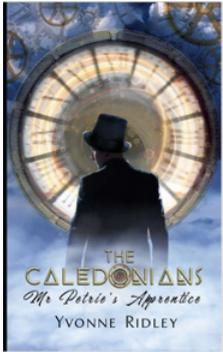
## BOOKING INFORMATION:

You can book our events through EventBrite. For further details please visit our website.

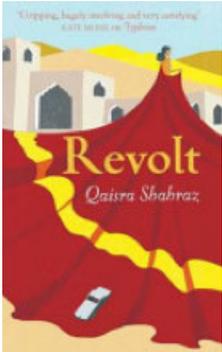


# MACFEST Library

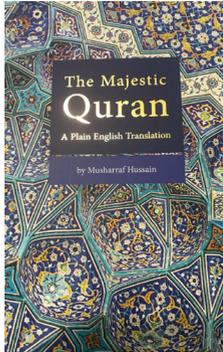
## BOOKS BY OUR SPEAKERS



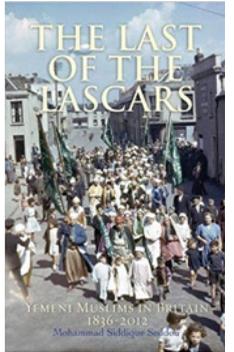
Yvonne Ridley



Qaisra Shahraz

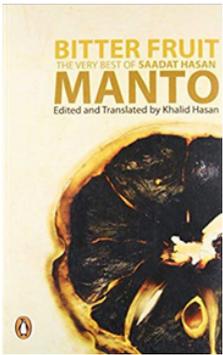


Dr Muzharraf Hussain  
OBE DL

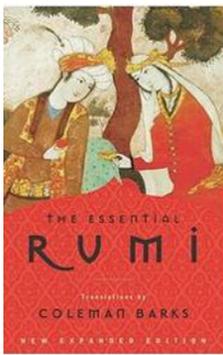


Dr Mohammed Seddon

## FAMOUS AUTHORS



Saadat Hasan Manto



Maulana Rumi



Nizar Qabbani



Birth of Rostam, Shahnameh by Firdausi, Persian poet.  
From the John Rylands Library Collection, Manchester

# SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all our funders, sponsors, supporters and the dedication of the MACFEST operational team and volunteers for making this festival possible.

## MACFEST OPERATIONAL TEAM

Luhaib Abood (Jalal)  
Maryam Afolabi  
Ann Algar  
Amir Arshad  
Louise Avey  
Salim Ayduz  
Francesca Bradley  
Aziz Dixon  
Abbie Donald  
Barbara Dresner  
Nabila Farooq  
Safiya Florence Ascoli-Ball  
Hanane El Hadioui  
Jamilla Hekmoun  
Jinsella Kennaway  
Rina Koesnanto  
Nafisa Madany  
Rana Rofifah  
Steve Roman  
Amer Salam  
Steven Tennant  
Tym Woodward  
Dudiya Zilic  
Devina Anasuroun  
Imoh Ussenuodoh  
Alaa Ali  
Efta Triastuti  
Omar Harran  
Tehmina Ahmad  
Farah Ahmad

## FUNDERS

Arts Council England  
Manchester City Council  
Penny Appeal  
Foundation For Ethnic Understanding FFEU

## IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP

Human Relief Foundation  
My Lahore Restaurant  
The Whitworth Gallery  
North Video  
Think Imagery  
The University of Salford  
Zinc Occasions  
Creative Manchester  
University of Manchester  
Poverty Alleviation Scholarships



The University of Manchester  
The Whitworth



MANCHESTER  
CITY COUNCIL



Manchester  
Metropolitan  
University



University of  
Salford  
MANCHESTER



abbie donald

instagram: @abbiemakesstuff

# EDUCATION AND VENUES

**We are proud to have these Manchester schools, colleges and universities celebrating MACFEST days. We would like to thank our partners and venues.**

## PARTNERS AND VENUES

- Manchester Central Library
- Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)
- Central mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre
- Manchester Museum
- Longsight Library and Learning Centre
- Touchstones Rochdale Museum and Art Gallery
- Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery
- Stretford Public Hall
- Oldham Library & Lifelong Learning Centre
- Khizra Mosque Manchester
- The Lowry
- The Portico Library
- The John Rylands Library
- Manchester Art Gallery
- Royal Exchange Theatre
- British Muslim Heritage Centre
- Elizabeth Gaskell's House
- Shah Jalal Central Mosque and Islamic Centre
- Whitworth Art Gallery
- Gallery Oldham
- Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield
- Manchester Blackwell's Bookshop

## SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Levenshulme High School for Girls
- Whalley Range 11 - 18 High School
- The Manchester College
- Manchester Grammar School
- East Manchester Academy
- Lark Hill Primary School, Stockport
- Oldham College
- Ladybarn Primary School
- Nebras Arabic School, Salford
- Manchester Health Academy
- Bosnian School and Society of Manchester
- The University Of Manchester, Creative Writing Department
- Hopwood Hall College
- Manchester Arabic School, Chorlton
- Manchester Metropolitan University



# FESTIVAL DIARY

## SATURDAY 11th JAN

			PAGE
10.00	MACFEST Opening Ceremony	Marquee	5
10.00	Exhibition: Art: Monuments from Muslim Countries	Marquee	21
10.00	Exhibition: Photography: The Women before me...	Marquee	20
10.00	Exhibition: Art: Lord Richard-Fou'ad MacLeod	Marquee	20
10.00	Exhibition: Art: Siddiqa Juma	Marquee	20
10.00	Exhibition: Stories of Sacrifice	Exhibition Room	21
10.00	Exhibition: House of Wisdom	Exhibition Room	21
13.00	Panel: 'Life as an artist'	Marquee	5
13.30	Workshop: Creative Papercutting	Exhibition Room 3	28
13.30	Film: 'See my Dunya' about the Somali Community	Main Hall	22
14.15	Mighty Mughal Emperors of India: Truths and Legends	Marquee	6
14.45	Workshop: Mandalas from the Silk Road	Exhibition Room 3	28
15.00	Celebrating East Turkestan Uyghur Culture & Heritage	Main Hall	6
15.30	Muslim Women's Panel: Celebrations & Challenges	Marquee	6
16.00	Design your own Persian Carpet	Exhibition Room 3	28
17.00	Lecture: Why there should be no conflict between Faith and Science	Marquee	7
18.30	Famous Muslim Writers of the Past	Marquee	7

## SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY

10.00	Keynote Address: Prof. Salim Al-Hassani	Marquee	8
11.00	Lecture: 'History of Muslim Settlement in Manchester'	Marquee	8
11.30	Film: 'Unanswered Call' About the Uyghur Community	Main Hall	22
11.30	Indonesian Batik Painting	Exhibition Room 3	29
12.15	The Majestic Holy Quran and the Art of Calligraphy	Marquee	8
12.30	Celebrating Indonesian Culture & Heritage	Main Hall	9
13.00	Workshop: Marble Painting	Exhibition Room 3	29
14.00	Workshop: Calligraphy	Exhibition Room 3	29
14.00	Panel: Islamophobia and Muslims in the Media	Marquee	9
14.00	Schools celebrate Muslim Arts and Culture	Main Hall	9
15.45	Panel: Our Stories, Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs	Marquee	10
15.00	Talk: Photography: It's the women before me...	Main Hall	10
16.00	Film: 100 Years of Votes for Women	Main Hall	22
17.00	Open Mic: Local Writers and Poets	Marquee	10
17.45	Stand Up Comedy with Tez Ilyas	Marquee	10



## MONDAY 13TH JANUARY

18.30 Literary Evening with Centre for New Writing Blackwell's Bookshop MCR 11

## TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY

13.00 Celebrating Stockport's MACFEST Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery 23

## WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY

13.00 Manchester College MACFEST Day INVITE ONLY 25  
18.00 Celebrating Manchester's Bangladeshi Community Shah Jalal Central Mosque 11

## THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY

14.00 Islamic Miniature Paintings John Rylands Library 12  
18.15 Islamic Artefacts In Museums Manchester Museum 12  
19.30 18th & 19th century Syrian and Egyptian metalware collection Manchester Museum 12

## FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY

All Day Manchester Health Academy Celebrates MACFEST INVITE ONLY - open to the public between 15.00 - 16.00 13

## SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY

12.30 Lecture: Islamic Geometric Patterns Manchester Art Gallery 13  
18.00 Al Firdaus group and Gulcin Bulut/Sahba The Lowry, Compass Room 14

## SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

11.00 Workshop: Introduction to Persian Motif painting Royal Exchange Theatre 30  
16.30 Women of Faith/We stand together/FFEU Art and Cultural Event Khizra Mosque 14

## MONDAY 20TH JANUARY

18.30 Lecture: Celebrating Women of Science, Medicine and Management from Muslim Civilisations Science and Industry Museum 15



## TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY

10.00	East Manchester Academy School MACFEST Day	INVITE ONLY	25
19.00	Manchester Muslim Poet's Extravaganza	Central Library	15

## WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY

14.00	Workshop: Batik Painting	Elizabeth Gaskell's House	30
-------	--------------------------	---------------------------	----

## THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY

11.00	Celebrating Muslim Heritage	Oldham College	26
16.00	1001 Years of Amnesia: 1001 Inventions lecture	Manchester Grammar School	16

## FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY

12.15	Performing Arts and Music: Levenshulme High School for Girls Lecture:	INVITE ONLY	26
18.30	Library Insights with Prof Zahia Smail Salhi	Portico Library	16

## SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY

14.00	Multilingual Poetry & Mushaira	Longsight Library	17
17.00	Celebrating Palestinian Culture & Heritage	Arabic School Chorlton	17

## SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

14t.00	Musical Finale	Whitworth Gallery	18
--------	----------------	-------------------	----

## TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY

13.30	School MACFEST day: Lark Hill Primary School	Lark Hill Primary School	27
-------	--	--------------------------	----

## THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY

13.00	Ladybarn Primary School	INVITATION ONLY	27
-------	-------------------------	-----------------	----

## FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

13.00	Rochdale Celebrates MACFEST	Hopwood Hall College, Rochdale Campus	23
-------	-----------------------------	--	----





## **SATURDAY 8TH MARCH**

13.00 Celebrating International Women's Day Whitworth Art Gallery 18

## **SATURDAY 21ST MARCH**

12.00 'Rumi - The Alchemy of Love'  
Huddersfield Literature Festival Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Huddersfield 24

## **SATURDAY 4TH APRIL**

11.00 Oldham Celebrates MACFEST Gallery Oldham and Library 24

## **SATURDAY 16TH MAY**

19.45 MACFEST Iftar with partners Khizra Mosque 19

## **SATURDAY 30TH MAY**

11.00 Eid Celebrations and Walking with Moving  
Manchester Festival Grand Hall, Whitworth  
Gallery 19









# MACFEST

MUSLIM ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

**#SPREADHONEYNOTHATE**

**Booking Information:**

You can book our events through EventBrite.  
For further details please visit our website.

**WWW.MACFEST.ORG.UK**



Curated by:  
**Qaisra Shahraz FRSA**

Floral artwork by:  
**Ashfia Ashrif**

Brochure designed by:  
**abbie donald**  
instagram: @abbiemakesstuff