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# Testimonials

“Legacy of the Qur’an’ demonstrates how customs morph and become new as Muslims from all over the globe connect in the Bay Area, exchange ideas and create contemporary artworks.”

— Michelle Broder Van Dyke (SFGate.com)



“We’re at a point where Islam is really being defined in this country, and it’s going to be through the arts.”

— Javed Ali (Illumemag.com)

“Beautiful work that reflects the beauty of the Creator, who gave the artists the skills to reflect his beauty.”

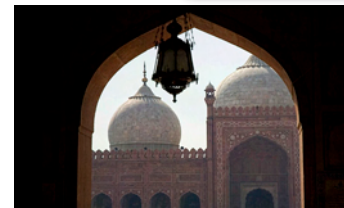
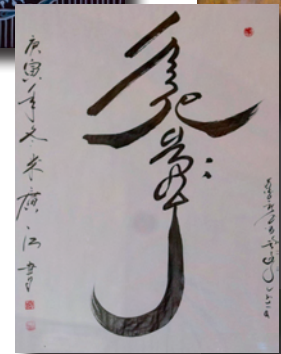
— Exhibit attendee

“Excellent collection of Islamic art from Muslims in the Bay Area. A brilliant idea of developing cooperation among the community of believers.”

— Exhibit attendee

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# Islamic Art Exhibit



Islamic Art Exhibit (IAE), a non-profit group, was formed in 2009. It seeks to promote the Islamic arts and provide a platform for the creative individuals of the Bay Area Muslim community.

Art can be used as an impetus to bring individuals of diverse backgrounds, as well as entire communities, together, and IAE hopes that it can achieve the same with Islamic art, an often overlooked artistic tradition.

For almost 1400 years, the tradition of Islamic art has flourished throughout the world, with beautiful patterns and designs unique to the art manifested in forms such as architecture, calligraphy, painting and ceramics. Today, Islamic art has new media through which artists can express themselves. The style is constantly evolving while remaining true to its origins, and it is a valuable art form that deserves recognition and awareness.

With truly beautiful pieces of artwork and dedicated artists, the Islamic artistic tradition is one that deserves to be shared with the wider American audience.

IAE invites creative individuals to participate in an exhibit based on a theme provided by the organizers. All visual media including photographs, ceramics, textiles and collages are welcomed. A set of rules is given to ensure the artwork is acceptable as Islamic art.

## IAE Team

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Islamic Art Exhibit has grown in its second year with submissions from 40 talented artists from the Bay Area. The artwork will be on display to the public in several locations across the Bay Area through 2011.

## 2011 Exhibition Venues

*"Legacy of Qur'an: Message of Peace"*

### April 1 – 30, 2011

Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California  
1433 Madison Street, Oakland CA 94612

### May 1 – 29, 2011

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library  
150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95112

### June 3 – 6, 2011

Muslim Community Association  
3003 Scott Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054

### June 27 – July 25, 2011

Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538

### October 2 – 23, 2011

Pleasanton Library  
400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566

### November & December, 2011

Saratoga Library  
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070

## 2010 Exhibition Venues

*"Legacy of Qur'an: Beauty of Words"*

In 2010, IAE exhibited at Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California in Oakland, Fremont Main Library in Fremont, Alameda Free Library in Alameda and Sun Gallery in Hayward.

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