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# The Art of Islam Festival

**Celebrating the Arts of the Islamic World  
exhibition / events / activities / performance**

**FREE** admission to exhibition

Festival events booking online or tickets at door  
(subject to availability)

**26 March - 24 September 2016**

**Bucks County Museum**  
Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP



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## Art of Islam Festival

**Bucks County Museum is proud to announce the Art of Islam Festival at a town near you from 26 March until 24 September!**

The County Museum has brought talent and funding together from many sources to mount this superb programme of nearly 100 events. The centre piece exhibition at the County Museum is the biggest exhibition of Islamic works of art ever held in the County. Treasures on display include carpets, paintings, furniture, metalwork, jewellery and splendid calligraphy from across the Near East, Pakistan and Muslim India.

Exhibits have been borrowed from the British Museum, Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery and the Horniman Museum. The Bodleian Library, Oxford, is lending iconic 15th century paintings collected in the 1700s at the Mughal Royal Courts by a Bucks resident. A key attraction is the private collection of Razwan and Sarya Baig who have assembled the core of the exhibition from a lifetime of collecting from their home in the United Kingdom.

The festival is supported by a major grant from the Arts Council England using Lottery funds and other local contributions.





## Family Activities

Stained glass workshop

**Razwan Baig / David Wasley**

Explore the exquisite art of stained glass working with spiritual themes and designs with two experienced and renowned artists in the field. Adults. (BCM, A4E1)\*

Ceramic Tile Making

**Lateefa Spiker**

Decorate your own ceramic tile according to a variety of traditional Islamic patterns and designs and fantastic colours. Take home and stun your family. Adults & children (parental guidance 8 to 12 years). (A4E1, BCM)\*

Plaster Carving

**Adam Williamson**

Participants will practice relief & piercing carving techniques and receive an introduction to plaster casting and mould making, using zewana and traditional chisels from Morocco. This is an introductory course for complete beginners, by the end of which everyone will have a least one finished carving to take home with them. Adults & children (parental guidance 8 to 12 years). (A4E1, BCM)\*

Calligraphy

**Razwan Baig**

Razwan Baig is a renowned scholar, collector and researcher of Islamic manuscripts and art. He has particularly promoted calligraphy by running workshops and presentations in different cities across the UK. In this programme Razwan introduces the fine and sacred art of calligraphy in workshops and lectures. Learn how to create your own masterpiece from a Master of the Art. (BCM, HWL, MKL)\*

Storytelling from the Islamic World


**Al Khayaal Theatre Company**

A unique event of traditional storytelling from across the Islamic World asserting human values and great wisdom, an event for all the family. (BCM, MKCL, HWL)\*

Introduction Islamic Art & Colour Through Drawing

**Gino Ballantyne**

Looking at how Islamic Art uses colour, geometry and texture you will draw a design which develops an understanding of Islamic Art. Adults. (BCM)\*

\* See locations and dates on Events calendar 

# Events Calendar

April		May		June	
1 Fri	<b>Quran Recital</b> <i>Hassan Rasool</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM	1 Sun	<b>Calligraphy Workshop</b> <i>with Soraya Syed Sanders</i> 10:30am - 1pm   CTH	2 Thur	<b>Borders in Islamic Manuscripts</b> <i>Illumination Workshop with Farkhondeh Ahmadzadeh</i> 10am - 4pm   HWL
7 Thur	<b>Hand Embroidery with Beading: Islamic Influences</b> <i>Janet Hattersley*</i> 10:30am - 3pm   BCM	12 Thur	<b>Exploring the Islamic Faith Lecture</b> <i>Dr Ahmed Achtar</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM	3 Fri	<b>Calligraphy Workshop</b> <i>with Soraya Syed Sanders</i> 3:30pm to 5:30pm   A4E1
8 Fri	<b>Gardens Of Paradise</b> <i>Lecture Emma Clark</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM	14 Sat	<b>Curry on Halima</b> <i>Cookery demonstration and tasting</i> 2pm - 3:30pm   MKCL		<b>The Birmingham Quran</b> <i>Lecture Josefine Frank</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM
9 Sat	<b>Al Khayaal</b> <i>Storytelling</i> 2pm - 3pm BCM Gallery	15 Sun	<b>Plaster Carving Workshop</b> <i>with Adam Williamson</i> 12:30pm - 6:30pm   A4E1	4 Sat	<b>Stained Glass Workshop</b> <i>with David Wasley &amp; Razwan Baig</i> 10:30am - 4pm   A4E1
15 Fri	<b>The Coinage of Islam &amp; the History of Islamic Coins</b> <i>Lecture Joe Cribb</i> 6pm - 7pm   MKM		<b>Ceramic Tile Making</b> <i>Workshop with Lateefa Spiker</i> 12:30pm - 6:30pm   A4E1		<b>The Birmingham Quran</b> <i>Lecture Josefine Frank</i> 2pm - 3pm   HWL
16 Sat	<b>Al Khayaal</b> <i>Storytelling</i> 2pm - 3pm   MKCL	19 Thur	<b>Ethics &amp; Islam - the Muslim farmer</b> <i>Talk by Lutfi &amp; Ruby Radwan</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM	9 Thur	<b>Grey Side of the Sky</b> <i>Film &amp; discussion</i> 6:30pm - 8pm   HWL
22 Fri	<b>Textiles of the Islamic World</b> <i>Lecture John Gillow</i> 6:30pm - 7:30pm   BCM	24 Tues	<b>Grey Side of the Sky</b> <i>Film &amp; discussion</i> 6:20pm - 7:50pm   CTH	A4E1	<b>The Arts4Every1 Centre,</b> Desborough Road, High Wycombe HP11 2PU
23 Sat	<b>Al Khayaal</b> <i>Storytelling</i> 3pm - 4pm   HWL	28 Sat	<b>Calligraphy Workshop</b> <i>with Soraya Syed Sanders</i> 10:30am - 1pm   BCM	HWL	<b>High Wycombe Library,</b> 5 Eden Place, High Wycombe HP11 2DH
26 Tues	<b>Grey Side of the Sky</b> <i>Film &amp; discussion</i> 6:30pm - 8pm   BCM		<b>Borders in Islamic Manuscripts</b> <i>Illumination Workshop with Farkhondeh Ahmadzadeh</i> 10:30am - 4:30pm   BCM	BCM	<b>Buckinghamshire County Museum,</b> Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
29 Fri	<b>The Evolution of Islamic Calligraphy</b> <i>Lecture Razwan Baig</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM			MKCL	<b>Milton Keynes Central Library,</b> 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL
30 Sat	<b>Calligraphy Workshop</b> <i>with Razwan Baig</i> 10:30am - 4:30pm   BCM			MKM	<b>Milton Keynes Museum,</b> McConnell Drive, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL
				CTH	<b>Chesham Town Hall,</b> Baines Walk, Chesham HP5 1DS

- Talks
- Events
- Family activities

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July		August		September	
9 Sat	Eid festival focus <i>Good food and lots of fun</i> 11am - 4pm   BCM	11 Thur	Shadow Puppet Theatre <i>Arfaan Shezad</i> 11am - 12noon   BCM	1 Thur	Islamic Building Restoration Lecture <i>Waleed Darafa</i> 6pm - 7pm   BCM
21 Thur	Introduction to Islamic Art & Colour Through Drawing Workshop <i>with Gino Ballantyne**</i> 10:30am - 4pm   BCM	12 Fri	Borders in Islamic Manuscripts <i>Illumination Workshop with</i> <i>Farkhondeh Ahmadzadeh</i> 10am - 4pm   CTH	3 Sat	Calligraphy Workshop <i>with Razwan Baig</i> 10am - 4pm   MKCL

## August

3 Wed	Borders in Islamic Manuscripts <i>Illumination Workshop with</i> <i>Farkhondeh Ahmadzadeh</i> 10am - 4pm   MKCL	17 Wed	Curry on Halima <i>Cookery</i> <i>demonstration and tasting</i> 2pm - 3:30pm   BCM	10 Sat	Calligraphy Workshop <i>with Razwan Baig</i> 10am - 4pm   HWL
4 Thur	The Coinage of Islam and the History of Islamic Coins Lecture <i>Joe Cribb</i> 6pm - 7pm   HWL	18 Thur	Quran recital & talk <i>by Hassan Rasool</i> 6pm - 7pm   HWL		Gardens of Paradise Lecture <i>Emma Clark</i> 2pm - 3pm   HWL
5 Fri	The Coinage of Islam and the History of Islamic Coins Lecture <i>Joe Cribb</i> 3pm - 4pm   BCM	19 Fri	Al-Ghazali: The Alchemist of Happiness <i>Film &amp; discussion</i> 6pm - 8pm   BCM	15 Thur	Textiles of the Islamic World Lecture <i>John Gillow</i> 6pm - 7pm   HWL
6 Sat	Arabesque Workshop <i>with Amber Khokhar</i> 11am - 3pm   BCM	20 Sat	Arabesque Workshop <i>with Amber Khokhar</i> 11am - 3pm   HWL	22 Thur	Ethics & Islam - the Muslim farmer <i>Talk by Lutfi &amp; Ruby Radwan</i> 6pm - 7pm   HWL
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8 Mon	Shadow Puppet Theatre <i>Arfaan Shezad</i> 11am - 12noon   CTH	25 Thur	Exploring the Islamic Faith Lecture <i>Dr Ahmed Achtar</i> 6pm - 7pm   HWL		Ceramic Tile Making Workshop <i>with Lateefa Spiker</i> 10:30am - 4:30pm   BCM
9 Tues	Shadow Puppet Theatre <i>Arfaan Shezad</i> 11am - 12noon   HWL	27 Sat	'The Sufi Mumford and Sons' Concert 6:30pm for 7pm start   A4E1	29 Thur	Islamic Building Restoration Lecture <i>Waleed Darafa</i> 6pm - 7pm   HWL
10 Wed	Shadow Puppet Theatre <i>Arfaan Shezad</i> 11am - 12noon   MKCL	30 Tues	Stained Glass Workshop <i>with David Wasley &amp; Razwan</i> <i>Baig</i> 11am - 4pm   BCM		

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## Talks

### Gardens of Paradise

Emma Clark, PSTA

The phrase most frequently used in the Quran to describe the Gardens of Paradise is 'Jannat tajri min tahtiha al-anhar', 'Gardens Underneath Which Rivers Flow'. Emma aims to demonstrate not only that these gardens are the archetype upon which all traditional Islamic gardens are based, but also to explain some of their profound spiritual symbolism. (BCM, HWL)\*

### Textiles of the Islamic World

John Gillow

Textiles of the Islamic world are wide ranging and exquisite representing many different histories and cultures through form, colour and pattern. John Gillow is an expert in his field, entertaining and informed! (BCM, HWL)\*

### The Coinage of Islam and the History of Islamic Coins

Joe Cribb, British Museum

Joe Cribb retired in 2010 after forty years as Curator of Asian Currencies, and from 2003 Keeper of Coins and Medals at the British Museum. He will take you on a journey through Islamic Coins and the stories they tell about the time in which they were made. (BCM, HWL, MKM)\*

### Unravelling the Story behind the Birmingham Quran

Josefine Frank, Birmingham University

Explore the story behind the Birmingham Quran with curator Josefine Frank. Find out how the manuscript connects the 7th-century Muslim community in the Arabian Peninsula with Birmingham's Quaker community in the 1930s. (BCM, HWL)\*

### Exploring the Islamic Faith

Dr Ahmad Ahtar, Heythrop College, London

What do we really know about Islam? The conflicting messages today are confusing but the original message was so simple and emphasised peace and toleration. (BCM, HWL)\*

### Quran Recital & Lecture

Hassan Rasool

Hassan Rasool has a rare gift for conveying meaning and feeling at the same time as displayed through this beautiful practice. (BCM, HWL)\*



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## Events

### 'Grey Side of the Sky'

#### Film by Dr. Mahuya Kanjilal & discussion

'Grey side of the sky' also featured in Culture Unplugged online film festival from December 2014 till end of June 2015. Mahuya is passionate about raising awareness on social issues, sharing cultures and preserving history through untold stories. (BCM, CTH, HWL)\*

### Faraz Yousufzai Concert

#### Faraz Yousufzai

'The Sufi Mumford and Sons', Faraz and his new band 'the sophistas' bring Spiritually soaked Sufi music to the 21st century. Soaring vocals, beautiful guitars and big beats create a unique and powerful sound that you simply have to experience live! (A4E1)\*

### Curry on Halima

#### Halima Saleem – demonstration and tasting

Staying at home, Halima one day decided to create a Facebook page publishing food recipes – that was 6 years ago and Curry on Halima is now a phenomenon. Come along to not only watch Halima, aka Curry On Halima cooking up some yummy Pakistani food but to get to taste it too. (BCM, MKCL)\*

### Shadow Puppet show

#### Arfaan Shezad

Come and enjoy the wonderful world of shadow puppetry. Explore and learn about Islam and be entertained all at the same time, an event for all the family. (BCM, CTH, HWL, MKCL)\*

### Eid al Fitr

#### Eid festival focus

Garden and indoors if wet. Games, demonstrations, art for youngsters and students, good food and lots of fun. (BCM)\*

## School Projects

### Arts Award Islamic Design

Four weeks of week long summer schools leading to the Arts Award Bronze level qualification.

# Where to find us

The Museum is in old Aylesbury near St Mary's Church. Park in one of the car parks shown and then follow the Museum signs from the Market Square.



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Museum opening times

The Museum is open Tuesdays to Saturdays and occasional Mondays during Bucks school holidays. **Please check website for holiday opening times.**

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