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BOSTON DEBUT OF HANA SADIQ, IRAQI FASHION DESIGNER

“The Many Names of Love” will be presented by the Center for Arabic Culture
on November 4th, 2011

Somerville, MA – September 22, 2011 – The Center for Arabic Culture (CAC) is hosting a fashion show for Hana Sadiq, artist turned fashion designer who takes the best of Arabic art and re-imagines it into haute couture. Using striking and bold colors, she adorns her dresses with Arabic calligraphy, either verses of love poetry or simply scattered letters. Complimenting her designs are pieces of old Arabic silver that have been collected over two decades. Having designed dresses for royalty around the Middle East, Sadiq is considered a cultural ambassador and has shown her designs around the world.

According to CAC’s Executive Director Farrah Haidar, “This is an important contribution to the cultural diversity of Boston. It’s an opportunity to see something bold and new that isn’t going to be here every day,” concluded Haidar.

Having previously shown in Paris, Milan and the Middle East, Sadiq’s Boston showing is part of a three-city tour in the fall of 2011. In addition to Boston, Sadiq will be showing in Michigan and Washington, D.C.

According to Marianna Toroyan, owner of the Fashion Doctors, “It’s very exciting to see the Boston fashion scene growing. Having this show on the heels of Boston fashion week just goes to show how sophisticated and diverse the city is when it comes to fashion,” concluded Toroyan.

Tickets for the performance can be purchased online at
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/198643>. No tickets will be sold at the door.

About the Hana Sadiq

Hana Sadiq is an artist turned fashion designer who takes the best of Arabic art and re-imagines it into haute couture. On her extensive travels throughout the Arab world, she has collected around 5,000 pieces of old silver Arabic jewelry and over 300 traditional Arab costumes. She

published two books, one on the symbolism of Jordanian women's tattoos, and the other on the natural cosmetics used by Arab women until the recent past. She has lectured on Arabic silver and costume both in the Arab world and in Europe and has written articles on these subjects for several Arabic magazines and newspapers. Sadiq has shown her designs around the world including Paris, Milan and Dubai. You can visit her website at <http://www.hanasadiq.com/about.htm>

About the Center for Arabic Culture

The Center for Arabic Culture's (CAC) mission is to put a face to and celebrate the rich diversity of Arabs and Arab-Americans by actively promoting Arab and Arab-American artists in the New England region. Its programs cover visual arts, performance arts, scholarly activities and teaching the Arabic language. CAC is a non-profit 501c3 organization, incorporated in Massachusetts.