Saudi Aramco World

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Muslim Voices: Arts & Ideas is a 10-day

multi-venue arts festival and conference celebrating the extraordinary range of artistic expression throughout the Muslim world. More than 100 Muslim artists and speakers from as far away as Asia, Africa and the Middle East—and as near as Brooklyn—will gather for performances, films, exhibitions, talks and other events, ranging from the traditional (calligraphy, storytelling and Sufi chanting) to the contemporary (video installations and Arabic hip-hop). Festival presentations and programs aim to present multiple perspectives from the Muslim world and will take place throughout the city. World-renowned singer Youssou N'Dour opens the festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) June 5 at 8 p.m. In addition to the mainstage offerings and complementary education and humanities events from the Asia Society, BAM and the NYU Center for Dialogues, there will be festival programs taking place at the Austrian Cultural Forum New York, the Brooklyn Museum, the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Public Library. For a full list of festival events, visit www.muslimvoicesfestival.org. Tickets from www.bam.org or http://tickets.asiasociety.org or (212) 517-ASIA or 718-636-4100. New York, June 5–14.