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SCIENCES AND ARTS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD



SPECIAL EXHIBITION
26 OCTOBER 2010 – 20 MARCH 2011

 MUSEUM *of the*
HISTORY *of*
SCIENCE

PROGRAMME



PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Mapping the Earth in Medieval Islam

Professor Emilie Savage-Smith, FBA
Emilie Savage-Smith is Emeritus Professor of the History of Islamic Science, University of Oxford.

Tuesday 25 January, 7pm

The Power of the Word:

Amulets in Islam

Dr Venetia Porter
Venetia Porter is a Curator of Islamic Art in the Middle East Department at the British Museum.

Tuesday 15 February, 7pm

Star Object:

Astrolabes in Cultural Context

Dr Silke Ackermann
Silke Ackermann is Curator of European and Islamic Scientific Instruments at the British Museum.

Tuesday 8 March, 7pm

TABLE TALKS

How Does the Astrolabe Work?

Sunday 28 November, 2.30pm

Sunday 6 March, 2.30pm

Jim Bennett

Qibla

Finding the direction of Mecca

Sunday 5 December, 2.30pm

Stephen Johnston

PATTERN WORKSHOP

Eric Broug's *Islamic Geometric Patterns* was the starting point and inspiration for the wall decoration in the exhibition. A passionate enthusiast of the characteristic geometric designs of the Islamic world, he has led workshops in both the UK and the Netherlands. Join him for an afternoon to explore the beauty of Islamic pattern and to create your own drawings. The workshop is suitable for beginners and all materials will be provided; participants are also welcome to bring their own favourite rule and compasses.

**Saturday 26 February,
2pm (until 4.30pm)**

Cost £10. Places limited;

booking essential on 01865 277280

EXHIBITION TOURS

Guides to the special exhibition will be led by its curator, Stephen Johnston, on:

Saturday 27 November, 2pm

Saturday 11 December, 2pm

and by Museum Director, Jim Bennett, on:

Saturday 22 January, 2pm

Saturday 19 February, 2pm

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Discover Islamic tile patterns

A drop-in activity (no need to book) in the Basement Gallery.

Discover symmetry, geometry and colour and create your own patterns inspired by Islamic tile designs.

Thursday 28 October, 1–4pm

Friday 29 October, 1–4pm

Wednesday 23 February, 1–4pm

Thursday 24 February, 1–4pm

Suitable for ages 7–13.

Finding Mecca

A family friendly workshop (booking required) in the Basement Gallery. The city of Mecca is the centre of the Islamic faith and the most important place of pilgrimage for Muslims, so the word 'mecca' has come to mean a centre of activity or interest. Find out what early Islamic scholars knew about geography, discover the qibla indicator, and make a personal place finder.

Saturday 6 November, 2–4pm

Saturday 19 February, 2–4pm

Suitable for ages 9–13

Booking required. Voluntary materials donation £5.

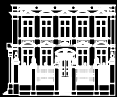
What is this thing called an astrolabe?

A family friendly workshop (booking required) in the Basement Gallery. Discover how early Islamic astronomers created an extraordinary astronomical calculator; make a model and learn how to use it.

Saturday 22 January, 2–4pm

Suitable for ages 9–13.

Booking required. Voluntary materials donation £5.



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Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday 12.00–17.00

Saturday 10.00–17.00

Sunday 14.00–17.00

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