

MnM CENTRE FILM SCREENING

“By Compass and Quran: History of Australia’s Muslim Cameleers”



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ABOUT THE FILM: “By Compass and Quran: History of Australia’s Muslim Cameleers” is directed by Kuranda Seyit and produced by Fadle El Harris. This masterful documentary, seven years in the making, passionately explores the history and retraces the steps of the early Afghan cameleers through the words of their descendants and expert historians, featuring stunning photographs, moving images and interviews.

This historically significant documentary shares the amazing 150 year history of the cameleers: from the heart-felt love story of young Aboriginal woman Lallie and cameleer Jack Akbar, through the harrowing years of segregation and discrimination of the White Australia Policy, to their survival and ultimate legacy in service of the outback. Sensitively pieced together by this talented duo, By Compass and Quran will no doubt quench your thirst for the little known, but incredible history of Australia’s Muslim Cameleers.

Date:	6:30-8:30PM Tuesday 24 November 2015
Venue:	UniSA, City West campus Bradley Forum, level 5, Hawke Building, City West campus North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia
RSVP:	For catering purposes, RSVP is essential by 17 November to MnM-Centre@unisa.edu.au
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ABOUT THE FILM-MAKERS:

Kuranda Seyit is a film-maker and community activist. He is the founder of the Forum on Australia's Islamic Relations (FAIR), an Islamic think-tank, and was editor of *Australia Fair Newspaper* until 2010. He has completed a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies at Sydney University and studied Film and TV at Metro Screen. He is currently the Secretary of the Islamic Council of Victoria and appears regularly in the media representing the Muslim community. In 2001 he wrote and directed his first documentary "Always A Visitor" for SBS television and made a short documentary for SBS TV's Dateline current affairs program titled "Kyrgyzstan in Crisis". Kuranda has been very active in community work, particularly in building positive relations between the Muslim community and the broader society. He co-founded the award winning "Goodness and Kindness Program" which involved a Christian, Muslim and Jew visiting schools and in 2004 he was selected among the *Bulletin Magazine's* SMART 100 people in Australia. He received the Pride of Australia medal in 2005.

Fadle El Harris is an exceptionally multi-talented editor, cinematographer and producer. Originally trained in animation, he later extended his talents to include live action film and documentary making. In the mid 90's he established a film studio which became known as Filmotion Productions. He is currently co-producing "Masters of Light", a National Geographic channel series that follows renowned photographers as they travel the world to capture one-of-a-kind images.

Since 2001 Fadle has produced the 26 episode documentary series "The Wildlife Man featuring David Ireland", which has been nominated for several awards including the Australian TV-Week Logie Awards. Fadle teaches editing and filmmaking for communities, TAFE NSW and Metro Screen College. In 1995 he was awarded "Most Outstanding Citizen of the Year" by Bankstown City Council for his achievements and contributions.

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