

WOMEN TO THE USA 2003

THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION AFTER THE INVASION

The Challenge of Conversation The Courage to Listen

A public dialogue featuring art, culture, politics, and history

All welcome: no registration required

December 8 7.30 pm Trinity College, Hartford CT
(Monday) Wean Terrace, Room B, Mather Campus Center
Contact: Michael Niemann 860-297-2431 michael.niemann@trincoll.edu

December 9 12.00 pm Wesleyan University, Middletown CT
(Tuesday) PAC, Room 001
Contact: Kelly Anthony 860-685-2468 kanthony@wesleyan.edu

December 9 7.00 pm Charter Oak Cultural Center
(Tuesday) 21 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford CT 06106
Contact: Donna Berman 860-249-1207 donna.berman@charteroakcenter.org

December 10 12.00 pm Yale University, New Haven CT
(Wednesday) Luce Hall, Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
Contact: Cheryl Doss 203-432-9395 cheryl.doss@yale.edu

December 10 7.30 pm United Church on the Green
(Wednesday) 270 Temple Street, New Haven CT 06511
Contact: Allie Perry 203-865-6575 aperry7247@aol.com

This nationwide tour will be offering the American public a rare opportunity to listen to and interact with informed Iraqi women who passionately want to dispel the assumptions about Iraq, by sharing their personal experiences and extensive knowledge of Iraq's culture and people.

As scholars of art, archeology, culture and civic affairs, Ms. Al-Khedairy and Ms. Al-Mufti will offer their perspective as two independent Iraqis who have sought to celebrate the history and dignity of their culture despite constant wars and sanctions.

Guest Speakers:

AMAL AL-KHEDAIRY is the founder and director of *Al-Beit Al-Iraqi*, an arts and cultural center in Baghdad. After Al-Beit Al-Iraqi was destroyed and re-built as the result of the first Gulf War, it remained the only intellectual center in Baghdad throughout the 90's. The center hosted exhibitions of contemporary Iraqi artists, concerts, lectures and classes on a regular basis until its destruction by U.S. bombs in the spring of this year.

NERMIN AL-MUFTI is an internationally recognized Iraqi journalist. Until this year, Ms. Al-Mufti produced weekly columns on sociopolitical concerns for a well known Iraqi weekly. Ms. Al-Mufti writes articles on sanctions, war and history that appear on a regular basis in Al-Ahram, a weekly paper in Cairo. Ms. Al-Mufti is also an expert in the archeology and art of her ancient country.

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