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MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — California Humanities has recently announced the Fall 2023 Humanities For All Project Grant awards. Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) has been awarded \$13,975 for its project entitled “The Muslim Musical Mosaic Project”.

Humanities For All Project Grant is a competitive grant program of California Humanities which supports locally-developed projects that respond to the needs, interests and concerns of Californians, provide accessible learning experiences for the public, and promote understanding among our state’s diverse population.

MPV will gather diverse Muslim Americans in Los Angeles to discuss musical ideas, culture, personal stories and songs - producing a unique “mosaic” of contemporary Muslim-American Angelino life. Ani Zonneveld, President and Founder of MPV, praised the award as a long awaited opportunity to begin to cultivate a truly Muslim American culture and foster a sense of community through the performing arts for Muslim Americans in Los Angeles.

“I have been working in the human rights field for 17 years and yet, it is the infusion of a song or a short theatrical skit where I have seen how hearts and minds can change in the span of a few minutes. This grant advances our mission, enabling us to nurture a culture rooted in human rights.”

Using the funding from the Humanities for All Project award, MPV will expand its existing arts program into the “Muslim Musical Mosaic Project”, which will be grounded in rich interchange, discussion and relationship-building through “salons” of experts, cultural producers, artists and community members. MPV and participants will share their findings in front of a diverse L.A. audience at a free public panel discussion with live musical performances.

“California Humanities is honored to welcome our newest round of Project Grant awards,” said the organization's President & CEO Rick Noguchi. “These projects will push the boundaries for not only how we understand and engage with our diverse array of California histories and cultures, but also provide a unique humanities lens for discussing pressing and important community issues.”

California Humanities promotes the humanities – focused on ideas, conversation and learning – as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect



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us to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more visit www.calhum.org, or follow California Humanities on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**.

About Muslims for Progressive Values:

Our mission is to advocate for human rights, social justice and inclusion in the United States and around the world by inculcating a culture rooted in human rights through public education, advocacy, and the arts.

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