

## The Award-Winning Interactive Exhibition, "1001 Inventions," Opens at the National Geographic Museum



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The global education initiative and award-winning interactive exhibition, "1001 Inventions: Discover the Golden Age of Muslim Civilization," opened in the US capital until the 3rd of February 2013, introducing brand new audiences to the Golden Age of Muslim Civilization. Visitors to the National Geographic Museum will be given the opportunity to discover the ground-

breaking scientific and cultural achievements of this era, from the 7th to the 17th centuries.

"1001 Inventions: Discover the Golden Age of Muslim Civilization" is a blockbuster traveling exhibition that highlights the enormous contribution to science and technology made by men and women of different faiths and cultures who lived in Muslim Civilization.

"Muslim civilization stretched from southern Spain as far as China," explains Ahmed Salim, Producer and Director of 1001 Inventions. "For a thousand years, scholars built on the ancient knowledge of the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, making breakthroughs that helped pave the way for the Renaissance. The discoveries made by men and women of different cultures working in Muslim civilization - from automatic machines and medical marvels to astronomical observations and inspiring architecture - have left their mark on the way we live today."

1001 Inventions is a global educational initiative that promotes awareness of scientific and cultural achievements from the 'Golden Age' of Muslim Civilization and how those contributions helped build the foundations of our modern world. The 1001 Inventions exhibition was named the Best Touring Exhibition of the Year at the Museums and Heritage Excellence Awards in 2011. This highly interactive exhibition showcases the historic advancements in navigation, medicine, hydraulics, optics, mathematics and more.

"The mission of National Geographic is to spread knowledge of the world and its cultures - past and present," said Kathryn Keane, Vice President of Exhibitions at the National Geographic Society. "This exhibition is an opportunity to share the fascinating history of Muslim civilization with our audiences and to celebrate great scientific achievement and innovation."

1001 Inventions has drawn millions of visitors at blockbuster residencies in London, Istanbul, New York and Abu Dhabi. A further 500,000 people saw the exhibition at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, where it closed in late April. The 'Global Strategic Partner' for 1001 Inventions is Abdul Latif Jameel Community Initiatives, which has sponsored the exhibition and its international tour.

For more information about the global education initiative of 1001 Inventions and the exhibition, visit the official website: <http://www.1001inventions.com/dc/>