



Hollywood Bureau

Serving as a bridge between the Muslim community
and the entertainment industry



Hollywood Bureau mixer with Shangri-La Entertainment founder **Stephen Bing**



"24" Executive Producer **Howard Gordon** in conversation with MPAC President Salam Al-Marayati

Objective #1

Consulting on Film and Television Projects

The Hollywood Bureau serves as a resource and consultant to studios and production houses on projects that depict Islamic practices, Muslim characters or deal with issues that impact the Muslim community.

From script review to on-set consultation, our Hollywood Bureau strives to ensure accuracy and nuance in portrayals.

Among the film and television projects we've consulted on are:

- Fox's series **"Bones"**
- TNT's dramatic series **"Saving Grace"**
- The CW sitcom **"Aliens in America"**
- Disney's film **"Prince of Persia"**
- Dreamworks' film **"Prince of Egypt"**
- The award winning indie film **"The Space Between"**

BONES

**SAVING
GRACE**



Jake Gyllenhaal in
"Prince of Persia"

Objective #2

Cultivating Relationships with Industry Professionals

The Hollywood Bureau meets regularly with executives, producers, directors, screenwriters and actors in the industry with the goal of creating a more inclusive landscape in Hollywood, one that reflects the diversity of our country and includes Muslim American voices.

The Bureau also provides opportunities for studios and filmmakers to screen their work before Muslim audiences.



Above: Fox Searchlight President **Nancy Utley** and actor **Anil Kapoor** receive a 2009 MPAC Media Award for "Slumdog Millionaire"

Above right: Warner Independent Pictures President **Mark Gill**, Senior Vice President **Paul Federbush** and Executive Vice President **Laura Kim** accept a 2006 MPAC Media Award for "Paradise Now"

Right: CW sitcom "Aliens in America" writers **Sameer Gardezi**, **Moses Port** and **David Guaracio** participate in a special Hollywood Bureau screening of their sitcom at the Islamic Center of Southern California



Objective #3

Supporting Emerging Muslim Artists

The Hollywood Bureau regularly holds events to create opportunities for industry insiders to interact with emerging Muslim talent — including filmmakers, actors — and writers with the goal of increasing Muslim Americans' visibility in Hollywood.

Most recently, we held a four-session Screenwriters Workshop taught by Oscar-nominated screenwriter T.S. Cook ("The China Syndrome") and Emmy Award-winning television writer Ed Driscoll ("Dennis Miller Live"). Attended by dozens of aspiring screenwriters, the workshop was also featured in media coverage by the Associated Press, BBC and NPR.

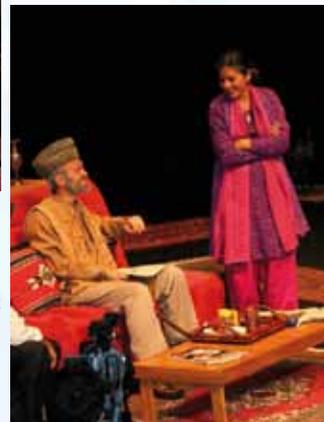


Above: **Azhar Usman**, **Preacher Moss** and **Azeem** received a Media Award in 2005 for their "Allah Made Me Funny" Comedy Tour

Below: Academy Award nominated screenwriter **T.S. Cook** teaches a session of our 2011 Screenwriters Workshop



Above: HBO Def Jam Poet **Mark Gonzales** performs at "Domestic Crusaders" book signing event in L.A.



Left: MPAC hosted a sold out performance of Emerging Muslim Artist award recipient **Wajahat Ali's** pioneering play "Domestic Crusaders" in Washington, D.C.

Honoring Voices of Courage and Conscience

Each year, in partnership with the MPAC Foundation, the Hollywood Bureau hosts its **Media Awards Gala** to honor voices of courage and conscience who use art and media to create thought-provoking, enriching dialogue around social justice issues, Islam and Muslims in America. Since its inception in 1991, the MPAC Media Award have honored prominent actors, activists, entertainers, and executives in the creative community, including:

- **"Grey's Anatomy"** for its episode "Give Peace a Chance"
- Fox Searchlight Pictures for **"Slumdog Millionaire"**
- Warner Brothers & Section Eight Productions for **"Syriana"**
- **"The Simpsons"** for its episode "Mypods and Boomsticks"
- Warner Brothers for **"Three Kings"**
- The CW sitcom **"Aliens in America"**
- Producer Lawrence Bender for **"An Inconvenient Truth"**
- Actor and activist **Alec Baldwin** for speaking out about civil liberties post 9/11
- Author and filmmaker Michael Moore for **"Bowling for Columbine"**
- Academy Award nominated documentary maker Morgan Spurlock for **"Where in the World is Osama bin Laden?"** and his FX series **"30 Days"**
- Warner Independent Pictures and director Hany Abu-Assad for **"Paradise Now"**
- Spike Lee for his award-winning bio-pic **"Malcolm X"**

Right: **Lawrence Bender**, producer of "An Inconvenient Truth," was honored in 2007



Below: "Syriana" Producer **Georgia Kacandes** and Section Eight President **Jennifer Fox** were honored in 2006



Above: Academy Award-nominated documentary maker **Morgan Spurlock** and FX executives were honored for their hit reality show "30 DAYS"



Left: Famed musician **Yusuf Islam** (formerly Cat Stevens) and VH1 producer Allie Brown were honored in 2001 for the VH1 "Behind the Music" special about him

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MPAC is surely the most important association of its kind. Judging from the work that you do, the individuals you have chosen in the past to present the Voices of Courage and Conscience award to and the inspiring people I encountered at this event, I am grateful to you beyond words.”

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— Alec Baldwin, 2004 MPAC Media Awards Gala



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