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## MUSLIM YOUTH VOICES PROJECT BEGINS STREAMING IN DECEMBER

**San Francisco, CA** - The Muslim Youth Voices Project (MYVP), a national initiative of the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), will begin streaming on WorldChannel.org and the PBS app starting December 10, 2018. A total of 32 short films will be released for free viewing on December 10.

For five weeks, youth-made films from the MYVP will be promoted through different themes on WorldChannel.org and the PBS app. The following themes are scheduled to be promoted:

**December 10, 2018** - *School, Bullying, Friendship*

**December 17, 2018** - *Politics*

**December 24, 2018** - *Music, Arts, Beauty, Identity*

**December 31, 2018** - *Family*

**January 7, 2019** - *The "Every Day" Kid*

An initiative funded by the [Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art's Building Bridges Program](#) and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the MYVP amplifies young people's expression and celebration of Muslim cultures by giving them the tools to tell their stories — stories often invisible to the national public. Since the summer of 2015, MYVP has provided no-cost, seven-day filmmaking workshops for 44 youth across six U.S. cities: Fremont, CA; New York, NY; Minneapolis, MN; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, OR; and Plano, TX.

The workshops were led by film professionals from the Muslim community such as [Hany Massoud](#), a producer at [Democracy Now!](#); [Mustafa Davis](#), filmmaker and founder of the [Ta'leef Collective](#); [Kamau Bilal](#), a professor of film studies and director of the Sundance film [Baby Brother](#); filmmaker [Imran Khan](#); and Artistic Program Director and Lead Instructor [Musa Syeed](#), an award-winning filmmaker.

"I was surprised not only by the diversity of stories the young filmmakers shared but also the breadth of genre," Syeed says. "These youth were passionate about everything from eating healthy to the refugee crisis and wanted to share it as a comedy, a sci-fi, a documentary, or other unique genre."

Visit [WorldChannel.com](#) to view the Muslim Youth Voices Project films starting December 10, 2018. Download the PBS app here: <http://www.pbs.org/anywhere/home/>.

For more information, please visit <https://caamedia.org/muslim-youth-voices/>.

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### **About CAAM:**

CAAM (Center for Asian American Media) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting stories that convey the richness and diversity of Asian American experiences to the broadest

audience possible. CAAM does this by funding, producing, distributing and exhibiting works in film, television and digital media. For more information on CAAM, please visit [www.caamedia.org](http://www.caamedia.org).

**About WORLD Channel:**

WORLD Channel's mission is to inform and inspire with real stories and independent voices from around the world. Often illustrating the evolving American demographic, WORLD is produced by WGBH Boston in partnership with WNET/New York and in association with PBS and the National Educational Telecommunications Association. WORLD is distributed by American Public Television. WORLD can be experienced on-air, via [WORLDChannel.org](http://WORLDChannel.org), and on social media platforms.

**About Musa Syeed:**

Musa Syeed's first feature film, *Valley of Saints*, won the 2012 Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival. He has taught film for Williams College and the Tribeca Film Institute. Syeed was a Fulbright Fellow in Egypt and is an alumnus of the Tisch School of the Arts and the Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies Department at New York University.