

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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