



Muslim Heritage film dominates New York Festival Awards

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A short film about the scientific heritage of Muslim civilisation has won NINE awards at the New York Festival, including the prestigious “Best Film” gong. *1001 Inventions and The Library of Secrets*, starring Oscar-winning screen legend Sir Ben Kingsley, dominated proceedings at the 53rd annual New York Festivals International Television & Film Awards held on 3rd May 2010, taking away more prizes than any other contender.

As well as taking the most prestigious award of the evening – Grand Winner for Best Film – the thirteen minute Muslim Heritage movie, sponsored by the *Abdul Latif Jameel Foundation*, also scooped an additional five gold medals and two silver medals.

Reacting to the results, Prof. Salim Al-Hassani, Executive Producer said: “It’s truly humbling to see that our efforts have been recognized in such spectacular fashion by a long-established and internationally respected festival. I hope that these awards help raise awareness of the work we’re doing within the *1001 Inventions* initiative. Our aim is to increase cross-cultural understanding and help people discover a history and culture that we all share, but is still under-appreciated.”

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