

"1001 Inventions" Showcases Islamic Ingenuity

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The exhibit is taking place at the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in Queens.

An exhibition displaying the contributions of the Middle East to science and technology has opened in Queens.

"1001 Inventions" is similar to the "1001 Nights" exhibition that ran around the world.

Showcased are "long-ago advances by Islamic thinkers in medicine, optics, mathematics, astronomy, higher education, library science, personal hygiene and even the rudiments of aviation," reports the New York Times.

Concerns over the sometimes volatile climate in New York towards Islam hasn't escaped the curators.

"I do think in light of all the controversy over the mosque, and with the news continuing to proliferate with disturbing information about people of Muslim background, that we can benefit from a shift in perspective," hall president and chief executive Margaret Honey said.

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