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The Art of Arabic Calligraphy
Kanaan Kanaan, Middle East Student Advisor, Portland State University
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People, Power & Protest: Teaching about the Arab Spring
Friday, May 18, 8:30 am - 3 pm
830 NE 9th Street, Grants Pass, OR
To register, please contact Elisheva Cohen: e.cohen@pdx.edu | 503-725-3307

Cultural events

Mehsen Namjoo, Live in Concert
Friday, April 20, 6 pm, Lincoln Recital Hall Room 75, 1620 SW Park Avenue
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Love: Just a Coincidence
Saturday, April 28, 7 pm, 5th Avenue Cinema 510 SW Hall Street
Set in 1970s Ankara, Turkey, this film follows two star-crossed lovers whose lives are intertwined by a series of coincidences.
Featuring a discussion with Pelin Basci, Associate Professor of Turkish Language & Literature, Portland State University

Presented with funding from the Portland State University Internationalization Council Minigrant Program. Seating for this informal brown bag series is limited. Please RSVP to Elisheva Cohen: e.cohen@pdx.edu | 503-725-3307
All events are free & open to the public except **