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World Renowned Actor makes his Debut at the University of St. Thomas

HOUSTON(June 13, 2006)– World renowned actor and writer, Dr. Kaied Hassan, will lend his expertise and knowledge of the Arabic world by instructing Arabic Culture II this summer at the University of St. Thomas.

Arabic Culture II is a course that unveils the Arabic world through a series of educational and cultural movies. “Many American films stereotype the Arabic world and I want to show students that these portrayals are inaccurate,” said Dr. Hassan. “I’ve worked in the American film industry as a dialect coach and image consultant to ensure that the Arabic language and culture is captured accurately.”

Known as Kaied Al No’mani in the film industry, Dr. Hassan has appeared in numerous movies and television shows. His most recognizable role is “Hisham” in “Iftah Ya Simsim,” which is the Kuwaiti version of the popular children’s television series Sesame Street. Additionally, he has made guest appearances on “The West Wing,” “Arrested Development,” and was the dialect coach for the motion picture “Three Kings,” a film starring George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Ice Cube. Dr. Hassan also holds a Ph.D. in theater from Texas Tech University.

Dr. Hassan will show a variety of films by Arabic directors that portray the history, customs and language of the Arabic world according to their viewpoint. The summer session II class, July 10-August 10, will conclude with a premier screening of Dr. Hassan’s newest film, “Retaliation”, about a kidnapped journalist in Iraq. He plays the leader of the insurgents.

All interested applicants are encouraged to apply and do not have to be degree-seeking students to take the course. For more information on enrollment at the University of St. Thomas contact the Admissions Office at 713-525-3500 or visit www.stthom.edu/enrollment/admissions/. For more information on this specific course and additional language offerings, contact MACL at 713-525-6915 or Dr. Debra D. Andrist at andrist@stthom.edu.

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