THE MOSQUE IN MORGANTOWN

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THE MOSQUE IN MORGANTOWN's companion Web site just lauched! There you'll find complete air times, character updates, bonus video, a director's statement and much more. The centerpiece of the site is a discussion FORUM with original essays on the film's major themes and issues. We'll be posting lots of new essays in the days leading up to broadd cast, so check back often!

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YOU'RE INVITED TO *THE MOSQUE IN MORGANTOWN*

Boston Preview Screening

Saturday, June 13 at 4 PM

Fong Auditorium, Boylston Hall, Harvard University

DISCUSSION WITH

Dr. Diana Eck
Director, The Pluralism Project

Brittany Huckabee
Filmmaker

Dr. Leila Ahmed
Victor S. Thomas Professor of Divinity

Dr. Jocelyne Cesari
Director, Islam in the West Program

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MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, is a university town of 30,000 nestled in the Appalachian Mountains—and the site of a brewing battle within the local mosque. Journalist Asra Nomani glimpsed Islamic extremism up close when her dear friend and former *Wall Street Journal* colleague Daniel Pearl was murdered in Pakistan. When she returns home to West Virginia to raise her son, she believes she sees warning signs at the local mosque: exclusion of women, intolerance toward non-believers, and suspicion of the West. Her resulting campaign against extremism in the Islamic Center of Morgantown brings a storm of media attention, unexpectedly pitting her against the mosque's moderates. Through unfolding scenes and intimate interviews, THE MOSQUE IN MORGANTOWN frames this local conflict as a means to explore the larger dilemmas facing American Islam. It tells a story of competing paths to social change, American identity and the nature of religion itself.

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