



Endorsements for **Abraham's Children**

"*Abraham's Children* is a welcome reminder that just as Jews, Christians and Muslims lay claim to a common religious narrative, Muslim children in the United States are staking their claim, indeed shouting out their right, to the American Dream. Whether on the ice rink or in the classroom, in the grassy suburbs or the concrete inner city, in a martial arts dojo or a mosque, the boys and girls in *Abraham's Children* live and dream the American experience. They are America's children."

*Dr. Louis Cristillo, Lecturer
Department of International and Transcultural Studies
Teachers College Columbia University, Manhattan, New York*

"Finally! An engaging film that shows both the diversity and the passion of Muslim Americans. I wholeheartedly recommend *Abraham's Children* to anyone interested in learning more about Islam and about Muslim life in America. These young people of faith and their families have much to teach us. They will stay with me for a long time."

*Rabbi Justus Baird
Director, Center for Multifaith Education
Auburn Theological Seminary, NY*

"Unlike so many other documentaries about religion that are dominated by scholarly commentary, *Abraham's Children* gives the viewer a real sense of the living experience of being an American Muslim. The perennial religious challenge of balancing religious commitment, while endeavoring to be acclimated to the surrounding society is also nicely displayed, as Muslims share their personal desires and yearnings to live fully human lives in peace, joy, and piety. This documentary about modern, progressive Muslims is an antidote to the post-9/11 false view that terrorism has a natural home in the Islamic psyche."

*Craig A. Baron Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology
St. John's University, Queens, New York*

"For Muslims and non-Muslims to co-exist harmoniously, we need to be open minded and better understand one another. *Abraham's Children* helps us learn about the challenges and experiences of Muslims in our communities and gives us the opportunity to be an integral part of our diversified society."

*Fausto Salazar, Principal
New World High School, Bronx, New York*

"Finally! *Abraham's Children* offers a refreshing look at how Muslim young people in the New York metropolitan region express their faith amidst the complex realities of growing up in a multi-cultural world. Scenes in this documentary—warm and humorous, engaging and uplifting—lie in stark contrast to the constant and inaccurate drumbeat of angry and threatening Muslims as portrayed in mainstream media. What a pleasure to see a film about Islam's positive influence on shaping the character of young Muslim Americans and their families."

*Reverend Robert Chase, Founding Director
Intersections International, Manhattan, New York*

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