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Arkansas Arts Center Presents
Ancient Egyptian Mummies

(LITTLE ROCK, AR) – The Arkansas Arts Center will present *Ancient Egyptian Mummies*, a lecture by Egyptologist Salima Ikram, on Thursday, April 27, 2010. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. followed a lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Arkansas Arts Center Lecture Hall. The *World of the Pharaohs* Lecture Series is sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Middle Eastern Studies Program and Anthropology Department.

Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, Dr. Salima Ikram will explore the history of mummies in the post-Pharaonic era as well as how the ancient Egyptians mummified their dead. Dr. Ikram will discuss the purpose and process of mummification and the history of the use and abuse of mummies in modern times.

An author of several books and articles, Dr. Ikram's primary research interests are death, daily life, experimental archaeology and the preservation and presentation of

cultural heritage. “Salima Ikram is an internationally known Egyptologist who has recently appeared in the Discovery Channel presentations on the results of DNA testing of the mummy of Tutankhamun” says Joe Lampo, Deputy Director of Programming and Curator at the Arkansas Arts Center. “Along with the Fine Arts Club and the UALR Middle Eastern Studies Program and Anthropology Dept, the Arkansas Arts Center is very pleased to bring Dr. Ikram here from Cairo”.

Tickets to the lecture are \$5 for the general public. Arkansas Arts Center members can attend free of charge. For tickets or more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit www.arkarts.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: 501-372-4000

Location: Arkansas Arts Center – 9th and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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