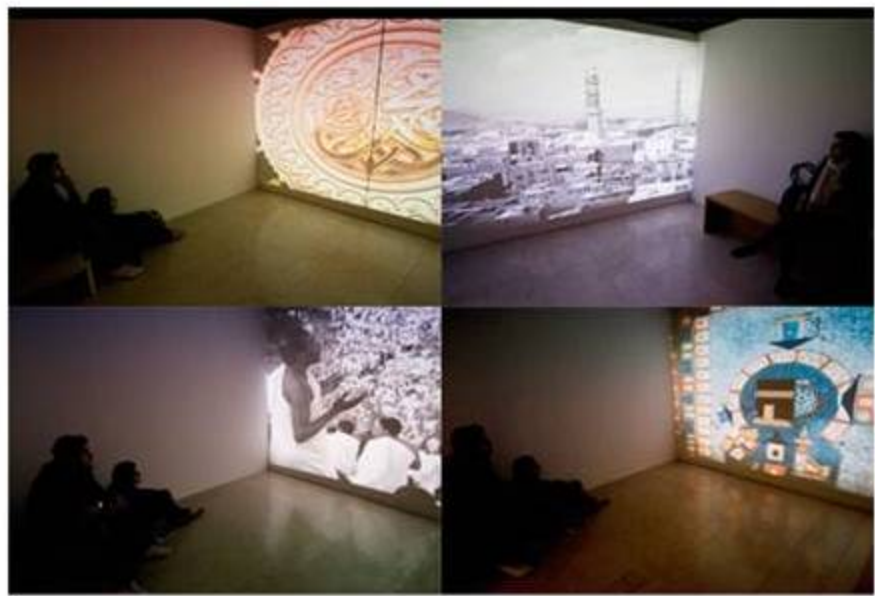




THE MAKKAH ROOM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008 - 2 COMMENTS



The Makkah Room has been a dream of mine for many years and was a chance to present in a very beautiful way, the history of the spiritual cities of Makkah and Madinah plus the journey of a lifetime, the Hajj.

We created three short presentations that are being shown on a continuous loop, throughout the day. We were also able to collate very old prints and photographs including the previously unseen work of Safouh Naamani, one of the early pioneers of colour photography in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I was also very excited about showing Safouh's beautiful documentary, 'the Pilgrimage to Makkah' which is being shown at 12:15 daily in the Makkah Room. This documentary which began in the 1950's was completed in the early 1960's and shows a time when the hajj pilgrims still traveled by foot, camels and boat.

I have visited the Makkah room and it has been really great to find young people sitting there quietly watching the films. It was also great to work alongside Chris, Lulwah and the design team, they are a great inspiration!

thank you,