

Dear Husa,

Fawzia and I are greatly saddened by Sheik Nasser's passing.

Nasser was a great man, an exemplary leader in your shared quest to present the enduring aesthetic achievements of Islamic culture to a global audience. The Dar al Athar al Islamiyya and your touring exhibitions presented at the great museums were a source of pride to all Arabs and Muslims and a revelation to museum viewers globally.

The integrity with which Nasser supported The Arabs Film Series was remarked upon by all associated with the production and its broadcast in Europe and the USA. The greatest Scholars of Arab Islamic studies from Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard embraced the gave of their best to the films. Nasser encouraged scholarly truth and the human truths of lived lives.

I recall vividly the pride of association with which Rakan Sara and Fariseven as children spoke of these great Kuwaiti exhibitions. His trust and support was the foundation stone for the second half of my professional life in film. Our gratitude for this support and the easy warmth of decades of familial friendship is infinite. At a personal level, our family has always felt as though we have been part of your family. Thank you all.

Our most sincere condolences

Michael, Fawzia, Rakan, Sarah and Faris McKinnon