

Coming Soon!

The Sultan and the Saint Docudrama Film



Unity Productions Foundation, a producer for PBS, is completing *The Sultan and the Saint*, a 60-minute docudrama film with reenactments, about Saint Francis of Assisi and Sultan Malik al-Kamil, and their meeting on a bloody battlefield during the period of Christian-Muslim conflict known as the Crusades. *"It is a film about two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire,"* said Director Alex Kronemer, *"who bucked a century of war, distrust, and insidious propaganda in a search for mutual respect and common ground. With the violence we see in the modern world, it is history in the present tense."*

Many people reference the Crusades in various ways, but few know the most important facts:

- That the Crusades began with dehumanizing rhetoric that tapped into

something primal and dangerous and violent in the human mind.

- That it resulted in four generations of escalating conflict that was directed not only at Muslims, but also Jews, Orthodox Christians in the East, and eventually other Europeans.
- And that it seemed to have no end. But then — while sliding on the evermore slippery road to apocalypse — Francis of Assisi undertook one of the bravest risks in the history of peacemaking by crossing enemy lines to meet with the Sultan of a supposedly cruel and Satanic enemy and that Sultan responded with one of the greatest humanitarian acts in the history of warfare by saving the hated Crusaders from starvation when the flooding of the Nile trapped their army of 50,000.
- And finally, that this little known encounter between these two men helped suck the venom out of the conflict and ultimately ended this seemingly endless war.

The film will feature large-scale reenactments and visual effects, as well as commentary scholars including Fr. Michael Cusato, St. Bonaventure U., Sr. Kathy Warren, *In the Footprints of Francis and the Sultan*, Suleiman Mourad, Smith College, and others.

UPF seeks funding to complete the film and to launch premieres in November 2016. Underwriting opportunities are available to groups and individuals wanting to get their names in the film credits. To learn more about this opportunity contact Jawaad Abdul Rahman, jar@upf.tv.

To bring the film to your city visit:
www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/

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