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RAFFMA: Lead Excavator of Karnak Temple to Present Lecture

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. –How ancient Roman baths were constructed and enjoyed in the shadow of the Karnak Temple will be the subject when Salah El Masekh, inspector for the Egyptian Ministry of State for Antiquities, speaks at the Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art at Cal State San Bernardino.

His lecture will be held on Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

Recent excavations in front of the First Pylon at Karnak Temple have uncovered a port, a settlement, and Ptolemaic and Roman baths. The Roman baths were constructed during the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD and many objects were discovered in drainage tunnels.

Inspector El-Masekh holds a B.A. degree in archaeology from Sohag University and is studying for his master's at Cairo University. He has worked for the ministry since 2002, excavating in Abydos, Luxor and Giza. A graduate of the prestigious AERA field school in Giza, El-Masekh is a member of the Centre Franco-Égyptien d'Étude des Temples de Karnak.

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About RAFFMA

The Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art is a nationally recognized museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, a Washington D.C.-based organization whose members must meet the highest standards in securing accreditation. It is the only accredited art museum in San Bernardino.

Over its 16-year history, RAFFMA has accumulated a permanent collection of nearly 1,200 objects focusing on Egyptian antiquities, ceramics and contemporary art. The museum houses the largest permanent and public display of Egyptian art in Southern California.

General admission to the museum is free. Suggested donation is \$5. Parking at Cal State San Bernardino is \$5 per vehicle.

The museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and is closed Friday and Sunday. For more information, call (909) 537-7373 or visit the [RAFFMA website](http://raffma.csusb.edu) at <http://raffma.csusb.edu>.