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FESTIVAL BOOKLET

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A Message From Ertugrul USA

Merhaba and Greetings,

Ertugrul USA is overjoyed to welcome you to the highly anticipated 2025 Turkish Festival at the Rosemont Convention Center this Memorial Day weekend! It is our honor to cultivate, celebrate and share with you the rich and vibrant heritage and timeless traditions of Türkiye.

This weekend promises to be an unforgettable experience filled with a diverse array of programs, workshops, and activities for all ages to enjoy. From traditional music and dance performances to mouthwatering culinary delights, from engaging cultural workshops to a bustling bazaar showcasing artisanal crafts and a matrimonial service not to be missed, there is something for everyone.

Our goal is to immerse you in the warmth and hospitality that define Turkish culture.

Whether you are here to reconnect with your roots, explore a new culture, or simply enjoy a festive weekend, we are grateful for your presence and participation.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all attendees, participants, volunteers, and sponsors, Zakat Foundation of America, Turkish Airlines, Islamic Relief USA, Diyanet Center of America, Üreten Türkiye'nin İş Geliştirme Platformu, WingsToGo, Presidency of the Republic Türkiye Investment Office, Devon Bank, Kemalpasa.com, United Mission for Relief and Development who have made this festival possible. A special thanks to our partners RBG Group, Anadolu Ajansı, and Arab Chicago for your continued support. Your support and enthusiasm are the heart of this celebration, and we hope you leave with cherished memories and new friendships.

Thank you for joining us, and we wish you a wonderful and enriching experience at the 2025 Turkish Festival!

Warm regards,

Ertugrul USA Team
2025 Turkish Festival

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Vendor Name	Booth No.	Vendor Name	Booth No.
Ontario Corporation	616	Maya Cosmetics	609
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Abayatmuna.com	326	Mirakish Jewelry & Lights	618
Acadia House	217	modern hijab	315
Al khalij fashion	510	Mohd Khan & Sons	110
Alquds Orchard	619	Mona's Souq	219
Alshaheen Perfumes	418	MOON-AMAR	220
alwattan designs	317	Nagwa Fashion	617
Anela designer	208	Nashmia	615
Atyab LLC	410	olive decor and more	607
Ayat kitchen	310	Om Waed Torath	725
Bayt El Hijab	309	oraib boutique	210
Bloomzevents	516	Perfume Paradise	216
Condo Travel	1125	Qomar Palace	318
Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago	1026	Reef Perfumes	527
DANTELE BOUTIQUE	613	Royal Cosmo Products	417
Dawafi Enterprise LLC	513	Ruby Henna Tattoos	625
Debag USA	1024	S B S Media LLC	1410
Devon Islamic Finance	509	Sahara Senior Homecare Services	207
Eminent were	215	Sarah Abaya	727
Fancy Collections	413	Sawa Collection	128
Fashion Trend	515	Sawsan Fashion	627
Gemanite	414	Sazs Health	1004
GLOW&Go Makeup&more	307	Shazla's collection	108
Hair Growth "R" Us	408	Soft touch	507
Hennaz Art	723	Syrian Forum USA	614
Heray Saffron	304	Tanposh	520
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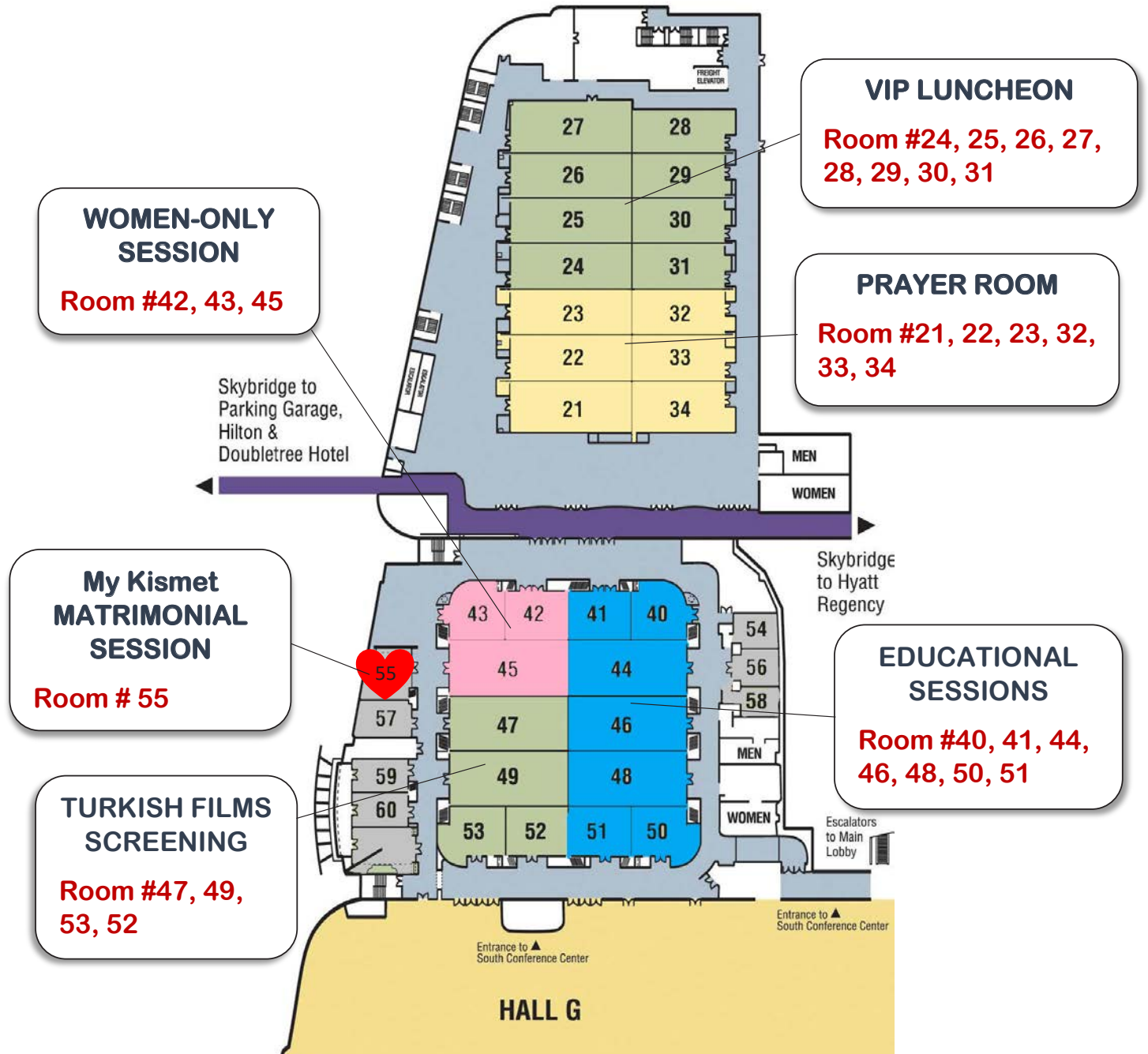
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FESTIVAL 2025 AGENDA



TURKISH FESTIVAL

Friday, May 23, 2025

Time	Program Title	Speaker/Performer	Location
10 AM - 1:00 PM	Explore Art Exhibitions, Cultural Activities Interactive Kids Zone, Turkish Puppet Show, Food, and Unique Vendors		
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Jum'ah Prayer	Sheikh Ibrahim Aldardasawi	North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]
Grand Opening			
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Live Performance: Traditional Ottoman Mehter Band		Main Session
2:30 – 2:40 PM	Recitations: Quranic Verses and Translation	Sheikh Ibrahim Aldardasawi	Main Session
2:40 – 2:45 PM	National Anthem (USA)		Main Session
2:45 – 2:50 PM	National Anthem (Türkiye)		Main Session
2:50 – 3:00 PM		Halil I. Demir - Founder and Executive Director of Zakat Foundation of America	Main Session
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Welcome Remarks on Behalf of the Turkish Festival Host Committee	Guest Speakers	Main Session
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Turkish Folk Dance Performance	Turkish Folk Dance Group	Main Session
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Prayer Break (Asr)		North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Futuwwa: Laws of the Altruistic Friendship	Prof. Dr. Recep Şentürk [Dean, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Founding President, Ibn Haldun University]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Türkiye's Role in Promoting Peace and Unity: Is There Hope for Peace in the Middle East?	Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu [Former President of AFAD]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Women as Pillars of The Family: Role Modeling and Crisis Management in Muslim Households	Ustadtha Iman Saymeh [Resident Counselor at Georgetown University], Huda Yassin Ghadban [Lead Instructor & Director, Muddakkir Program]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
6:30 – 7:30 PM	The Art of Transformation – Sand, Ceramic & Copper Mastery [Live Artistic Showcase by the Artists]	Veysel Çelikdemir [Sand Art Master & Visual Storyteller], Ravza Akatay [Artist & Founder of Ravzito's Studio]	Main Session
7:30 – 8:00 PM	Prayer Break (Maghrib)		Main Session
8:00 – 8:10 PM	A Warm Welcome from Konya: A Message from Mayor of Konya	Mayor Uğur İbrahim Altay [President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)]	Main Session
8:10 – 8:40 PM	A Spiritual & Musical Journey with Fatih Koca	Prof. Dr. Fatih Koca [Sufi Music Interpreter, Ney Performer, Composer, Quran Memorizer, Academic, and Artist]	Main Session
8:40 - 9:00 PM	An Evening with Orhan Aykut: Where Modern Emotion Meets Turkish Tradition	Orhan Aykut [Singer-Songwriter & Performing Artist]	Main Session
9:00 – 9:30 PM	Whirling Dervish Team Performance	Sema Group	Main Session
9:30 – 10:00 PM	Traditional Instruments of Saz and Tumbur	A. Yavuzhan Erdem [Artist & Former Commercial Attaché, Republic of Türkiye]	Main Session



Saturday, May 24, 2025			
Time	Program Title	Speaker/Performer	Location
10:00 – 11:00 am	Caring For the Soul and the Journey to Islam: A Psychological and Spiritual Perspective	Ustādhā Dunia Shuaib [Founder & Executive Director, Guided Hearts Institute], Aleyna Nur Sarap [Licensed Mental Health Counselor, LMHC]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Building Character and Sharpening Intellect: Lessons from the Seerah	Assad Koshul [Adjunct Instructor at Boston Islamic Seminary & Founder Criterion Concept]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Future of Hajj Performance and the Role of Artificial Intelligence: Managing Bias & Reclaiming Human Judgment	Dr. Abdul Rahman [Team Member, Haramain Artificial Intelligence Committee] Abdullah Yasir Atalan [Doctoral Researcher, CSIS Futures Lab]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Prayer Break (Dhuhr)		North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]
2:00 - 2:30 PM	The Art of Transformation – Sand, Ceramic & Copper Mastery [live Artistic Showcase by the Artists]	Veysel Çelikdemir [Sand Art Master & Visual Storyteller]	Main Session
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Türkiye-US Relations and the Importance of the Turkish Diaspora	Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu [Member of the Turkish Parliament; Head of the Turkish Delegation to NATO PA; Former Foreign Ministry of Türkiye]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Future of the Turkish Community in the USA: Challenges and Opportunities	Imam Ali Tos [Religious Affairs Attache of Türkiye in NY]; Chaplain Erdogan Bilgin; Advocate Mehmet Nurullah Işık; Mucahit Oktay; Dr. A. Selim Tekelioglu [Editor in Chief at the Maydan & Executive Director of CAIR-PA]- Moderator: Ebubekir Tuncer.	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
2:30 – 3:15 PM	The Seljuk Empire: Unifying the Islamic World and Shaping Future States	Dr. Ermin Sinanović [Executive Director, Center for Islam in the Contemporary World (CICW) at Shenandoah University]	Main Session
3:15 – 4:30 PM	The Ink of a Warrior: Youth Poetry & Spoken Word Competition	Amal Kaser [Poet & Literary Advocate]	Main Session
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Women in Qur'an: Exploring the Role, Message, and Honor	Huda Yassin Ghadban [Lead Instructor & Director, Muddakkir Program]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Prayer Break (Asr)	AV	North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Live Performance: Traditional Ottoman Mehter Band	Ottoman Military Band	Main Session
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Palestinian Dabke Show	Palestinian American Club	Main Session
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Turkish Folk Dance	Folk Dance Group	Main Session
7:30 - 8:00 PM	Whirling Dervish Team Performance	Sema Group	Main Session
8:00 - 8:10 PM	Greetings from the Ancient City of Prophets: A Message from the Mayor of Şanlıurfa	Mayor Mehmet Kasım Gülpınar	Main Session
8:10 - 9:00 PM	A Journey Through Sound and Tradition: Featuring Mesut Kurtiş	Mesut Kurtiş [Singer, International Nasheed Artist & Philanthropist]	Main Session
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Prayer Break		North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]



Sunday, May 25, 2025

Time	Program Title	Speaker/Performer	Location
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Bâciyân-ı Rûm: A Women Movement and The Invisible Women in Historical Writing	Rumeysa Atalan [Researcher] & Serra Karacam [Journalist]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
11:00 - 12:00 PM	In the Trace of Spiritual and Mental Builders of Islamic Civilization: The Impact of Mevlana Jalaludin Rumi & others	Dr. Hooman Keshavarzi [Executive Director & Founder, Khalil Center] & Dr. Fahad Khan [Deputy Director, Khalil Center Licensed Clinical Psychologist]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Experience of Code of Honor and Call for More Unity	Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Prayer Break (Dhuhr)		North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Roots and Resilience: How Embracing Our Muslim Identity in the West Nurtures Psychological Health	Ustâdha Dunia Shuaib [Founder & Executive Director, Guided Hearts Institute]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Turkish Traditional Folk Dance Performance		Main Session
3:00 - 4:00 PM	The Art of Transformation – Sand, Ceramic & Copper Mastery [live Artistic Showcase by the Artists]	Veysel Çelikdemir [Sand Art Master & Visual Storyteller], Ravza Akatay [Artist & Founder of Ravzito's Studio], Pinar Celik [Artist & Educator]	Main Session
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Adamiyyah: I Am, Therefore I Have Rights and Duties	Prof. Dr. Recep Şentürk [Dean of Islamic Studies of Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar)] Founding President, Ibn Haldun University (Türkiye)]	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
4:00 -5:00 PM	Stories That Bond Us: The Global Appeal of Turkish Dramas	TRT	South Ballroom [Rooms: #40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, & 51]
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Prayer Break (Asr)		North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]
6:00 - 6:30 PM	An Evening with Orhan Aykut: Where Modern Emotion Meets Turkish Tradition	Orhan Aykut [Singer-Songwriter & Performing Artist]	Main Session
6:30 - 7:00 PM	A Musical Journey with Fatih Koca: A Concert of Tradition and Innovation	Fatih Koca [Sufi Music Interpreter, Ney Performer, Composer, Quran Memorizer, Academic, and Artist]	Main Session
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Whirling Dervish Team Performance	Sema Group	Main Session
7:30 - 8:00 PM	Palestinian Dapka Show	Palestinian American Club	Main Session
8:00 - 8:30 PM	A Journey Through Sound and Tradition: Featuring Mesut Kurtiş	Mesut Kurtiş [Singer, International Nasheed Artist & Philanthropist]	Main Session
8:30 - 9:00 PM	Live Performance: Traditional Ottoman Mehter Band	Ottoman Military Band	Main Session
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Prayer Break		North Ballroom [Rooms 21, 22, 23, 32, 33, & 34]



PARALLEL ACTIVITIES [Women Sessions]

Time	Program Title	Speaker/Performer	Location
5/24/2024			
11:00 - 12:00PM	Art as a Tool for Social Change (PANEL)	The Members of Ilham Collective	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Ottoman Elegance:Ladies Headpiece Challenge	Ravza Akatay	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
3:00 - 4:30 PM	Embracing Your True Beauty and Strength (PANEL)	Dunia SUHAYB Aleyna Nur SARAP	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
4:30 - 6:00 PM	All Women's Entertainment with Ilham Collective	Ilham Nasheed Choir, Abeer Ali, Amal Kassir, Bayan Fares	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Lines of Legacy:Preserving Tradition through Writing	Amal Kassir	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
5/25/2024			
11:00 - 1:00 PM	Finding the Hero Within Writing Workshop (WORKSHOP)	Amal Kassir	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Leadership, Public Speaking and Preparing for The Future by Following Leaders from our Past (WORKSHOP)	Amal Kassir	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]
3:00 - 3:30 PM	The Better Me: Embracing Self-Care and Growth with the Humility and Confidence of a True Believer	Aleyna Nur SARAP	South Ballroom Rooms: #42, 43, 44]





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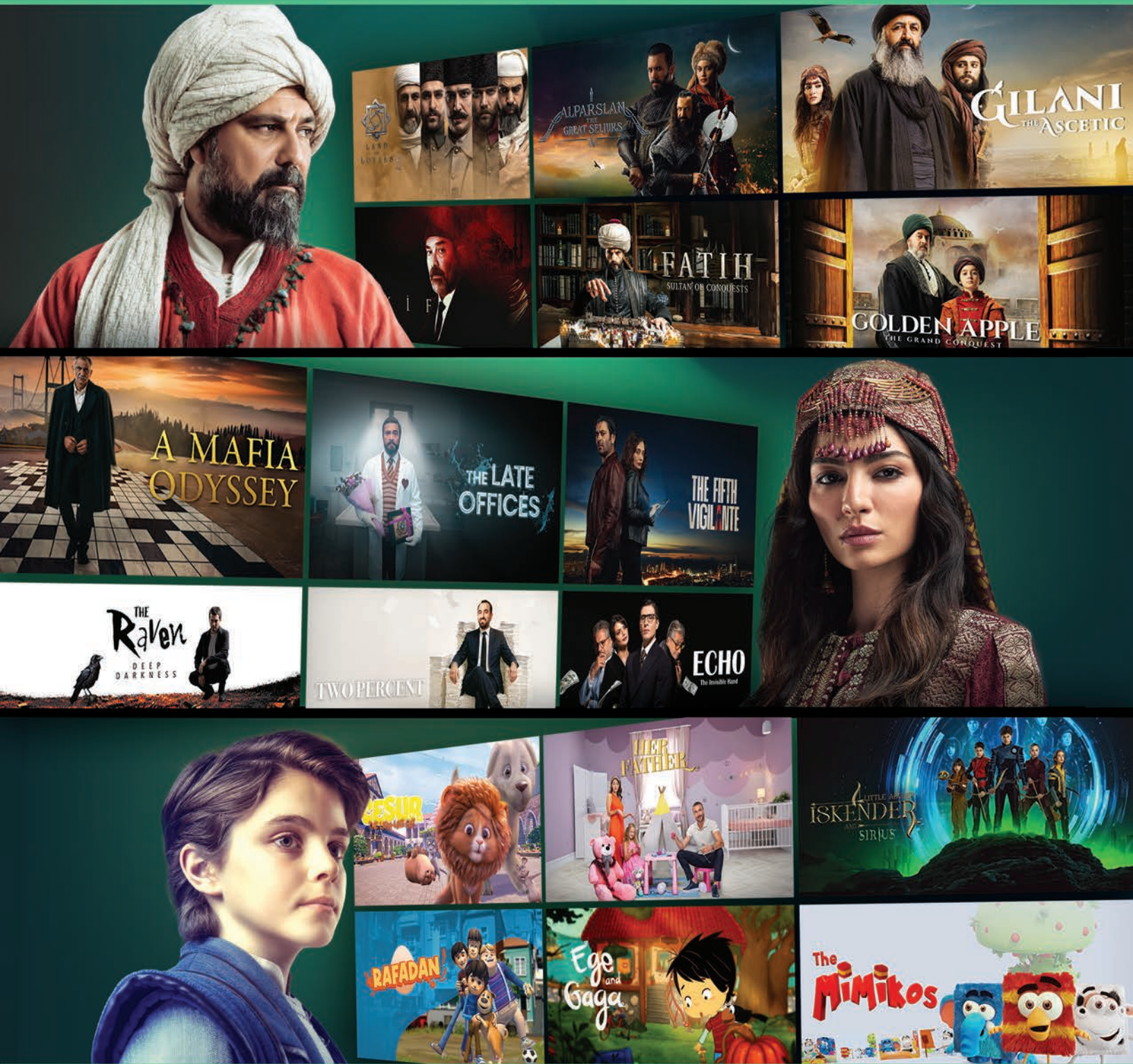


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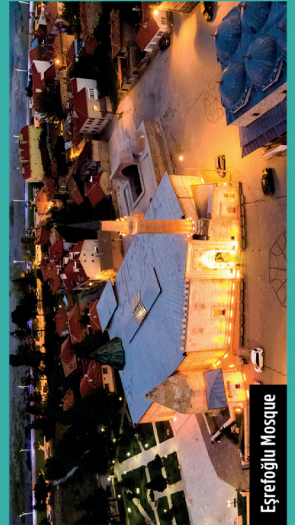
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