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ABC NEWS STUDIOS' NEW DATING SERIES 'MUSLIM MATCHMAKER,' FROM EMMY-NOMINATED 'INDIAN MATCHMAKING' CREATOR SMRITI MUNDHRA, BEGINS STREAMING TUESDAY, FEB. 11, ONLY ON HULU

The Groundbreaking Series, Bowing Just in Time for Valentine's Day, Follows Muslim Americans on Their Quest To Find Love With the Help of Matchmakers Hoda and Yasmin



ABC News Studios*

ABC News Studios announced today that "**Muslim Matchmaker**," the new unscripted dating series from "Indian Matchmaking" creator Smriti Mundhra's Meralta Films, begins streaming **Tuesday**, **Feb. 11**, only on <u>Hulu</u>. Matchmakers Hoda Abrahim and Yasmin Elhady are on a mission to help Muslim American singles find their lifelong partner while staying true to their faith. This duo isn't messing around with modern dating apps and hook-up culture but instead swear by their cardinal "Rules of Three": three dates, three months and three hundred questions (yes, you read that right!). From cringey first dates to moments of profound connection, Hoda and Yasmin support their clients in navigating the complexities of dating with the intention of marriage while staying true to their values and beliefs.

The eight-episode series is helmed by Mundhra, a DGA Award-winning, Oscar[®]- and two-time Emmy[®]-nominated filmmaker who directed the Oscar short-listed Outstanding Documentary Short "I Am Ready, Warden," who serves as executive producer along with Peabody Award-winning and three-time Emmy-nominated director and producer Senain Kheshgi. In each 30-minute episode, the series follows Muslim singles across the country, with Hoda and Yasmin guiding them on the universal quest to find love.

"Just in time for Valentine's Day, this series offers lessons on love for audiences of all backgrounds," said Mundhra. "Hoda and Yasmin are absolute geniuses at helping single people find true connection

amid the toxicity of modern dating culture, and their 'Rules of Three' approach is the most effective — and sometimes challenging! — methodology I've seen in my decades of experience in the world of matchmaking."

"As a Muslim American filmmaker, I'm deeply proud of the power of 'Muslim Matchmaker' to showcase the vibrant, diverse tapestry of Muslim life in America through stories of love and connection," Kheshgi said. "The series stands as a beacon of joy, wisdom and family and presents Muslims as integral threads in the American fabric — with our own unique journeys, struggles and triumphs. Hoda and Yasmin's guidance reminds us of the enduring strength of Muslim traditions and the wisdom they offer in navigating modern life."

"Muslim Matchmaker" is produced by Meralta Films for ABC News Studios. Smriti Mundhra, Senain Kheshgi, Nina Aujla and Maya Gnyp are executive producers for Meralta Films. Claire Weinraub is executive producer, and David Sloan is senior executive producer for ABC News Studios. Poh Si Teng is executive producer.

About ABC News Studios

Winner of four 2024 News and Documentary Emmy Awards, ABC News Studios is inspired by ABC News' trusted reporting and is an award-winning, premium news and documentary original production house and commissioning partner of series and specials. ABC News Studios champions untold and authentic stories driving the cultural zeitgeist spanning true-crime, investigations, pop culture and news-adjacent stories. ABC News Studios' original titles include critically acclaimed documentaries "Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields," "BRATS," "Sound of the Police," "The Lady Bird Diaries," "Aftershock," and "Patrice: The Movie." Other popular docuseries and documentaries include "After Baywatch: Moment in the Sun," "Betrayal: A Father's Secret," "Killing County," "Wild Crime," "Mormon No More," "The Randall Scandal: Love, Loathing, and Vanderpump" and "Jelly Roll: Save Me."

About Meralta Films

Meralta Films is a Los Angeles-based production company focused on creating premium fiction and non-fiction content from the perspective of the global majority, founded by groundbreaking Academy Award-nominated, DGA-winning, and three-time Emmy-nominated director/producer Smriti Mundhra, alongside partners Nina Anand Aujla (Head of Films and TV) and Maya Gnyp (VP of Production). Under Mundhra's leadership, the company has maintained a proven track record for delivering award-winning, one-of-a-kind media on a global scale. Recent projects include the Oscarnominated and Critics' Choice Award-winning documentary ST. LOUIS SUPERMAN (Paramount+), Emmy nominated series INDIAN MATCHMAKING (Netflix), DGA Award and AFI Docs Audience Award-winning, NAACP Image Award and Emmy Award nominated documentary SHELTER (HBO Max) and the IDA Award nominated EYES ON THE PRIZE: HALLOWED GROUND (HBO Max). Upcoming projects include the series MUSLIM MATCHMAKER (ABC News Studios) and BOLLYWOOD DANCE U, as well as the 2025 Oscar-shortlisted documentary I AM READY, WARDEN (MTV/Paramount+). The company has unscripted and scripted projects in development with Apple TV+, HBO Max, Netflix, Chernin Entertainment, and others.

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