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**MEDIA ALERT**

**AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF *READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN*, AZAR NAFISI, TO SPEAK AT  
THE CORCORAN THIS SUMMER**

**WHAT:** On **Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m.** the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design hosts Azar Nafisi—award-winning author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*—for a special lecture and book signing.

On March 5, 2007, a car bomb exploded on al-Mutanabbi Street in Baghdad—the historic center of the Baghdad literary, cultural, and intellectual community. On this special evening at the Corcoran, join Azar Nafisi as she explains the liberating role books and art play in resisting tyranny and cruelty. Nafisi says, “Imagination and thought have the power to transcend the boundaries of nationality, religion, ethnicity, gender, and race; they connect us one to the other, reminding us not just of our differences but of how much we have in common... We need to remember that al-Mutanabbi Street now belongs not just to the Iraqi people but to us all, a tribute to our common cultural heritage, our common humanity.” Following the talk, Nafisi’s books will be available for purchase and signing.

This program is presented alongside the exhibition, *Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here*, on view in the Corcoran’s Gallery 31, July 7–31. An opening reception will be held on **Thursday, July 7 from 6–8 p.m.**, open to the public, with a poetry reading at 7 p.m. For more information on the exhibition, please visit <http://getinvolved.corcoran.org/>

**WHERE:** **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design**  
500 Seventeenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, July 13; 7:00 p.m.**

**TICKETS:** Admission is \$15 for members of the public; \$12 for Corcoran Members. Students receive half-off the public price (phone or door only). Tickets are available online at <https://getinvolved.corcoran.org/azarnafisi> or by calling (202) 639-1774.

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