

Ajyal Film Festival 2024 to Open with ‘Sudan, Remember Us’ Marking Resilience and Humanity Through Cinema

- *A tribute to the power of youth to make a positive difference, "Sudan, Remember Us" by Hind Meddeb premiered at the 2024 Venice Film Festival*

Doha, Qatar – [November 2024] Doha Film Institute (DFI) will proudly open Ajyal Film Festival on November 16th 2024 with *Sudan, Remember Us* (Tunisia, France, Qatar) by Hind Meddeb, a powerful and timely documentary marking resilience and humanity through cinema, at Qatar’s much-anticipated annual gathering of global cinema, creativity, and cultural storytelling. Ajyal attendees will have the opportunity to witness firsthand the powerful role that storytelling and cinema play in bridging cultures and inspiring empathy across borders.

A Doha Film Institute supported film, ‘*Sudan, Remember Us*’ directed by emerging female director Hind Meddeb is a masterful depiction of compelling young activists in their fight for freedom using words, poems, and chants. The inspiring documentary delves deep into the untold stories of Sudan, bringing forward young voices of resilience, dignity, and hope in the face of turmoil, and highlights the strength of the Sudanese people in their struggle for peace and unity. The film premiered at the Venice Film Festival earlier this year, and aptly conveys the power of dreams, hope, and creativity to challenge oppressive forces.

“Opening Ajyal with ‘*Sudan, Remember Us*’ reflects our commitment to bring light to regions often overlooked and amplify voices that embody the resilience and strength of the human spirit,” said Fatma Hassan Alremaihi, CEO of Doha Film Institute and Ajyal Festival Director. “Ajyal is a festival that honours hope, courage, and shared humanity, and this documentary epitomizes those values, reminding us all of the power of cinema to raise awareness, inspire compassion, and foster unity.”

Ajyal Film Festival is known for bringing together global artists and film lovers to engage in meaningful dialogue, explore new perspectives, and celebrate the transformative power of storytelling. This year’s edition promises a diverse programme that will resonate with audiences of all ages, bring communities together to experience the many inspiring and thought-provoking stories that await.

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About Doha Film Institute

Doha Film Institute is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation. It supports the growth of the Arab film community through cultivating film appreciation, enhancing industry knowledge and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar and the region. The Institute’s platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films; skills-sharing and mentorship programmes; film screenings; the Ajyal Film Festival; and Qumra. With culture, community, learning and entertainment at its foundation, the Institute is committed to supporting Qatar’s 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge-based economy.

About Ajyal Film Festival

Ajyal Film Festival is an annual celebration of film designed to nurture young minds and support the development of mindful global citizens and thoughtful future leaders. 'Ajyal', Arabic for 'generations', builds on the Institute's history of community-based programming, and brings people of all ages together through screenings and events that inspire creative interaction and stimulate cinematic dialogue. Through its' jury programme, youth between the ages of 8 and 25 are given an opportunity to watch, analyse and discuss global cinema and culture, developing self-confidence, independent critical thinking skills, self-expression, and an appreciation of cinema, while making new friends and discovering global cultures.

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