



DFI UK Cinema Showcase Returns to MIA with *“The Third Man”*

Doha, Qatar, March 18, 2013: DFI UK Cinema Showcase returns to the Museum of Islamic Art on 28th and 29th of March with screenings of the British Classic ‘The Third Man’ (1949; dir. Carol Reed), winner of one Academy Award® and the Grand Prix from the Cannes Film Festival.

Shortly after World War II, ‘*The Third Man*’ follows the novelist Holly Martins (Joseph Cotten) as he visits Vienna while it is under international control and rife with corruption. Holly soon finds himself investigating the suspicious death of his old friend, the black marketeer Harry Lime (Orson Welles), and so begins this celebrated tale of love and murder. Carol Reed’s acknowledged noir masterpiece, ‘*The Third Man*’ features brilliant performances by Cotten, Welles, Alida Valli and Trevor Howard in a finely honed, masterful script by Graham Greene.

In partnership with the British Council and the Qatar Museums Authority to celebrate Qatar UK 2013, DFI UK Cinema Showcase brings iconic British films to audiences in Doha. There will be three screenings of ‘*The Third Man*’ at the MIA Auditorium. The first screening will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, 28th March followed by the others on Friday, 29th March at 4:00pm and at 7:00pm.

Tickets for ‘*The Third Man*’ are now on sale at www.dohafilminstitute.com and available from the MIA DFI Ticket Outlet (check the website for opening hours and location) from Saturday 23rd March. Tickets are priced at QAR 35 for the general public and a special discounted rate of QAR 25 for students.

DFI UK Cinema Showcase launched in February with ‘*The Red Shoes*’ by Powell and Pressburger, and will run monthly until Fall 2013. April will feature screenings of ‘*Secrets & Lies*’ (1996; dir. Mike Leigh) on 25th and 26th and ‘*Kes*’ (1969; dir. Ken Loach) on 26th and 27th, with tickets available from 28th March.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Doha Film Institute:

Doha Film Institute (DFI) is an independent cultural organisation established in 2010 to incorporate Qatar's film initiatives under one banner; organically supporting the growth of the local film community by enhancing industry knowledge, cultivating film appreciation and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar. DFI's year-round platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films, educational programmes, film screenings, and the annual Doha Tribeca Film Festival (DTFF).

With culture, community, education and entertainment at its foundation, DFI serves as an all-encompassing film hub in Doha, as well as a resource for the region and the rest of the world. DFI is committed to supporting Qatar's 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge based economy.

DFI has established a number of strategic cultural partnerships with leading local and international organisations including Tribeca Enterprises, World Cinema Foundation, Maisha Film Lab, Katara Cultural Village and Giffoni Film Festival.

About Qatar UK 2013

Qatar UK 2013 is a year of events to celebrate and develop the partnership between Qatar and the United Kingdom. The year aims to increase engagement between the people of both countries in the spirit of innovation, openness and learning.

Events are taking place throughout the year in Qatar and the UK in the arts, culture, education, sport and science. Qatar Museums Authority and the British Council are coordinating the events programme, in association with several other partners.

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About the British Council

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