

Regional features and international shorts tomorrow (Sunday) at the 5th Ajyal Youth Film Festival

*Last screening of Franco-Qatari cine-concert collaboration for kids, **My Little Beasts**.*

Doha, Qatar; Dec 2, 2017: Tomorrow (Sunday Dec 3) the fifth Ajyal Youth Film Festival, presented by the Doha Film Institute, continues its tradition of exploring universal themes within a local context, with films that educate, surprise and delight.

Directed by Tala Hadid, ***House in the Fields (Morocco, Qatar / 2017)*** is a privileged look at the fast-disappearing world of the Amazigh bards and storytellers of the isolated rural communities of the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. Guardians of their community history and responsible for its transmission down the generations, they now find their ancient vocation threatened by technology and migration. **The film screens at 7:45 PM.**

A mix of animation, documentary and film, **Abstract Visions** is a programme of international short films showcasing some of the most unique, daring and original voices in cinema today and will take viewers from the deserts of Qatar, to the refugees crisis in France, via a tussle between a lumberjack and Nature and a young boy forced to look after his grandfather when they are both left behind by the truck in which they have been travelling. **The program screens at 8:00 PM.**

Home is a programme of international short films that sets out to question the concept of the 'home' in all its forms, physical, emotional, environmental and cultural, exploring its relevance to our lives today. **The film screens at 8:30 PM.**

Last chance to see **My Little Beasts**, a world-premiere cine-concert collaboration with the Forum des Images, which combines the power of film with the magic of live music, in a series of short films that will appeal to children and adults alike. **The film screens at 6:30 and 7:30 PM.**

Head to Katara Drama Theatre at 6 PM for the third of the **Ajyal Talks** to hear acclaimed visual artist and filmmaker, Shirin Neshat, whose latest film, ***Looking for Oum Kulthum*** will be shown again tomorrow (Monday Dec. 4) at an Ajyal Special Screening, discussing her life and art in conversation with Fatma Al Sehlawi.

From 10 AM to 10 PM, you can also enjoy **Geekdom**, a pop culture feast of comics, cosplay, movies, TV series and video games and **LeBlockade**, a multimedia celebration of Qatar's cultural resilience at Katara Buildings 18 and 19.

Tickets are priced QR25 for general screening and are available for purchase 24 hours a day at ajyalfilm.com or from the Ajyal Katara Main Box Office in Katara Building 12 or Ajyal FNAC Ticket Outlet, FNAC Qatar at Doha Festival City.

The Ajyal Youth Film Festival is made possible thanks to its partners: Katara Cultural Village as its Cultural Partner; Qatar Tourism Authority is the Strategic Partner, and Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Ooredoo are the Principal Partners. For more details on the Ajyal Youth Film Festival, please visit www.dohafilminstitute.com/filmfestival

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