

‘Outbreak’ Art Exhibition Celebrates Modern-Day Heroes and Interprets Life Amidst a Pandemic at 8th Ajyal Film Festival

- 24 local artists creatively represent the unique trials of this year to honour global action and solidarity
- Inspiring multi-media exhibit at Sikkat Wadi Msheireb in Msheireb Downtown Doha as part of Ajyal Creativity Hub is free to the public

Doha, Qatar; November 10 2020: Exploring the world’s altered reality through artistic interaction, the Doha Film Institute’s (DFI) 8th Ajyal Film Festival is presenting the ‘**Outbreak**’ art exhibition in Msheireb Downtown Doha, the flagship project of Msheireb Properties.

Featuring inspiring works of art from 24 local talents, the selected artworks reflect the new reality of our world as it faces a period of instability and uncertainty, and pays tribute to the brave frontline workers and modern-day heroes who sacrifice their lives daily for our safety.

Building on the success of the past three exhibitions, this year’s Ajyal exhibition welcomes visitors from 19th November to 10th December, Saturday to Thursday from 10 AM – 10 PM, and Friday from 2 PM – 10 PM at Sikkat Wadi Msheireb as part of the Festival’s initiative to expand audience access to innovative multidisciplinary creative programmes to inspire and unite the community.

As a much-anticipated in-person event of the first-ever hybrid edition of the 8th Ajyal Film Festival, ‘**Outbreak**’ is presented in line with government guidelines and with the health of all visitors as the top priority.

Fatma Hassan Alremaihi, Festival Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Doha Film Institute, said: “This year’s thought-provoking multimedia exhibition ‘**Outbreak**’ demonstrates the powerful rise of creativity and innovation out of adversity, challenging us to consider the many facets of how the current pandemic can affect - and sometimes inspire - our world view. 24 local artists skilfully mix themes and expressions to transform their unique trails of isolation and separation in a global pandemic outbreak into the driving force of a very different kind of outbreak - a uniting one of creative inspiration, hope and potential, reminding us of our innate ability to rise up and triumph over hardships to determine a brighter future.”

Participating artists include: Ali Al-Mannai, Ibrahim Al-Baker, AJ Al-Thani, Shouq Al-Manaa, Hamad Al-Fayhani, Noor Al-Nasr, Mohammed Al-Suwaidi, Saad Al-Muslamani, Roda Al-Thani, Bothayna Al-Zaman, Anfal Al-Kandari, Maryam Al-Homaid, Mohammed Al-Hammadi, Marsya Abdulghani, Elie Fahed, Abdulaziz Yousef, Maryam Al-Suwaidi, Adriane De Souza, Paul Valentine, Sharefa Al-Mannai, Reem Al-Haddad, Maha Al-Subaey, Nasser Al-Kubaisi, and Ghada Al-Khater.

Tickets for the 8th Ajyal Film Festival are now available for online purchase. For up-to-date information and ticket purchase please visit: www.dohafilminstitute.com/festival.

2020 Ajyal Film Festival’s Official Partners include: **Katara Cultural Village Foundation** – Cultural Partner; **Qatar National Tourism Council** – Principal Partner; **Novo Cinemas**, **Ooredoo** – Strategic Partner, **Msheireb Properties**, **Lusail**, **Qatari Diar** – Signature Sponsors.

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Note to Editors:

About Doha Film Institute:

Doha Film Institute is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation. It supports the growth of the local film community through cultivating film appreciation, enhancing industry knowledge and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar. 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.

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About Msheireb Downtown Doha:

Qatar's latest sustainable and walkable city district and destination for living, leisure, and business. Located in a prime location, it offers retail, commercial, residential and civic services, that will make Msheireb once more the heart of Doha.

Msheireb Downtown Doha is, also, the world's first fully-built SMART and sustainable city district. With all buildings either Gold or Platinum LEED-certified, the district adheres to the highest standards in green building and SMART services. It revives the old commercial centre at the heart of the capital city, aiming to reverse the western pattern of urban development and to substitute it with walkable, friendly neighbourhoods. Blending the best of Qatar's architectural heritage with modern design, Msheireb Downtown Doha is the new social hub— a place where it is enjoyable to live, work, shop, visit, and spend time with family and friends.

Msheireb Downtown Doha is home for Msheireb Museums, the first residential Mandarin Oriental Hotel in the Middle East, Al Wadi Hotel -MGallery by AccorHotels, Park Hyatt Hotel, Boutique Hotel, and Barahat Msheireb- the biggest open-air covered pedestrian square in the region. The district also has 800 modern fully-furnished residential units for rent, in addition to a range of mixed-use and commercial buildings that offer a wide array of retail and business services for the people of Qatar.