

Press Release

## Doha Film Institute curates an exceptional cultural showcase of creativity with the Doha Film Experience

- *The Doha Film Experience is an unmissable public showcase presenting the very best in Arab and international filmmaking, pop culture and art taking place over four action-packed weeks*
- *To be held from November 24 to December 17 across multiple venues, Doha Film Experience is a creative tribute to the nation as it hosts the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™*
- *Highlights include diverse activities at Qatar Foundation's D'reesha Performing Arts Festival 2022, outdoor screenings at Heenat Salma Farm and M7's Sky Theatre, screenings at VOX Cinemas Doha Festival City, multimedia exhibition Intaj at Sikkat Wadi Msheireb, Geekdom and Ajyal Tunes will delight all*
- *Special screenings to celebrate the Qatar MENASA Year of Culture 2022*

**Doha, Qatar; November 2, 2022:** The Doha Film Institute has unveiled a spectacular cultural showcase of events to mark the Doha Film Experience, an unmissable festival of creativity, to be held across the city from November 24 to December 17

Taking place over four action-packed weeks, the Doha Film Experience is a rich cultural showcase that pays tribute to the nation as it hosts the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, welcoming residents and visitors to an unprecedented showcase of cinema and fun activities to entertain all members of the family.

Celebrating the very best in local and international filmmaking, creativity and art, the Doha Film Experience will redefine the art of celebration with an extensive programme of compelling screenings, a captivating multimedia exhibition, Qatar's largest pop culture event and a series of exciting live concerts.

The Doha Film Experience will be held across several key venues in the city including M7's Sky Theatre, Qatar Foundation's Oxygen Park and the venues of the D'reesha Performing Arts Festival 2022, the Museum of Islamic Art, Heenat Salma Farm, Sikkat Wadi Msheireb and Vox Cinemas Doha Festival City.

Fatma Hassan Alremaihi, Chief Executive Office of the Doha Film Institute, said: "This is a magical time when the world's eyes are on Qatar. As the world journeys to our nation to celebrate the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, we give our community and visitors a very special opportunity to also celebrate our thriving film, art and music culture in an amazing lineup of experiences. This is our tribute to our nation, leadership and the community, as we engage and delight every resident and visitor with something exciting for everyone in the entire family."

“In a year of unprecedented excitement in the country, we are honoured to contribute by sharing our nation’s rich cultural diversity with the world and progress our efforts to build a vibrant grassroots cinematic ecosystem,” added Alremaihi.

M7’s Sky Theatre and Qatar Foundation’s Oxygen Park, as part of the D’reesha Performing Arts Festival 2022, are home to a series of internationally acclaimed and awarded short films by Qatar-based filmmakers from DFI’s ever-popular ***Made in Qatar*** programme. D’reesha Performing Arts Festival is also hosting the ***Cinema Under the Stars*** programme, featuring critically-acclaimed titles from around the world and a compelling shorts programme from Palestine as part of the Qatar-MENASA Year of Culture activities.

A celebration of the landmark Qatar-MENASA Year of Culture 2022, the Doha Film Experience’s gripping feature series, ***‘Making the Iraqi New Wave’***, will be held at the Museum of Islamic Art alongside the thought-provoking *‘Baghdad: Eye’s Delight’* exhibition. The films present new context around Iraqi cinematic history and the unique experiences that have formed today’s common reality in Iraq; and a captivating selection of short and feature films from the latest and greatest voices in MENASA independent cinema.

Film lovers can enjoy a unique outdoor cinema experience at the pastoral Heenat Salma Farm, where a delightful programme of classic, family, and football-inspired films will be screened. Indoor screenings of an irresistible slate of contemporary shorts will take place at VOX Cinemas Doha Festival City.

Sikkat Wadi Msheireb plays host to a fascinating multimedia exhibition, ***‘Intaj’***, which traces the remarkable origin’s of Qatar’s film, television, and theatre movements and influence on contemporary culture. Qatar’s largest pop culture event, **Geekdom**, has moved its celebration of all things nerdy to brain-central this year—Education City, Doha. The exciting live concert series ***Ajyal Tunes*** also returns and forms part of the D’reesha Performing Arts Festival to round off a truly unforgettable programme of creativity and culture this winter.

More details of the individual programmes will be announced shortly. For more information and to book your tickets now, visit [www.dohafilminstitute.com](http://www.dohafilminstitute.com)

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