



## DFI UK Cinema Showcase Announces Screenings for April and May

*Award-Winning Films from Celebrated British Filmmakers to Entertain Doha Audiences*

**Doha, Qatar, 24 April, 2013:** DFI UK Cinema Showcase continues to bring the best of British Cinema for discerning audiences in Doha through its scheduled screenings in April and May. The screenings will start with Mike Leigh's 1996 Cannes Palme D'or winner *'Secrets & Lies'*, on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April, followed by Ken Loach's double BAFTA-award-winning film, *'Kes'* on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

*'Secrets & Lies'* features a tour-de-force performance by Brenda Blethyn (winner of Best Actress awards at BAFTA, Golden Globe and Cannes). Mike Leigh's Palme d'Or-winning film tells the story of the reunion of a mother and the daughter she gave up at birth. Revelations and new beginnings abound in this moving celebration of the power and strength of blood ties. The British Film Institute included the film in its list of the top 100 British films of all time.

*'Kes'* is the poignant coming-of-age portrait of 15-year-old Billy, a miner's son, and the close bond he develops with a wild kestrel that allows him to escape the spiritual bonds of a dead-end life in bleak Northern England. Ken Loach uses non-professional actors and real locations, bringing the British angry young man film to a new level of authenticity. The British Film Institute named *'Kes'* one of the top ten British films of the 20th century in 1999.

DFI UK Cinema Showcase will return on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May with Joe Cornish's *'Attack the Block'*, and three of Nick Park's very popular *'Wallace & Gromit'* short films (*'The Wrong Trousers'*; *'A Close Shave'*; *'A Matter of Loaf and Death'*) will conclude the May screenings on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Tickets are now on sale at [www.dohafilminstitute.com](http://www.dohafilminstitute.com) and also available from the DFI Ticket Outlet located at the Museum of Islamic Arts (check the website for opening hours and location). 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, 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. The showcase will run monthly until Fall 2013.

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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. It organically supported 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, festivals and year-round film screenings.

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.

### **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.

[www.qataruk2013.com](http://www.qataruk2013.com)

### **About the British Council**

The British Council is the UK's organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We create international opportunities for people of the UK and other countries and work to build trust between them.

We operate in 110 countries and every year we help to create some form of personal contact with the UK for 16 million people around the world. We also connect people through international visits, student exchange programmes, English language teaching, examination services and many arts and cultural events.

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