**Local filmmakers showcased through Doha Film Institute’s participation in “I’m Reading” Carnival**

**Doha, March 2, 2014:** Doha Film Institute participated in “I’m Reading” Carnival organised by the Childhood Cultural Centre with a “Made in Qatar” screening programme. The festival was held at the Museum of Islamic Art Park from February 27th to March 1st. More than 500 viewers enjoyed 12 different locally made films through the three-day’s festivities. The films included the winner of the “Made in Qatar” award at the Ajyal Youth Film Festival 2013, ***‘My Hero’*** By Nora Al-Subai.

Fatma Al Remaihi, Director of Ajyal Youth Film Festival & Programmes at the Doha Film Institute said: “At the Doha Film Institute we are always eager to participate in local educational and cultural events such as the “I’m Reading” Carnival. It is a great opportunity to connect with local audiences, to provide an additional platform for the ‘Made in Qatar’ films, and to share the work of our upcoming talents with the community. We extend our thanks to the Childhood Cultural Centre for organising this successful event and look forward to participating in future editions.”

The “Made in Qatar” programme also included, ***‘Al-Kora’*** by Amal Al-Muftah**,** ‘***One in Five’*** by Jawaher Al Khater**,** ‘***Bader’*** by Sara Al-Saadi**,** Maaria Assami and Latifa Al-Darwish, ‘***Al Muqana3’*** by Tarek Abu-Esber, ‘***Hero and the Message’ (Batal wa Resalah)*** by Pawel Borowski an Al Rayyan Productions*,* ***‘His Name’*** by Hend Fakhroo*, ‘****Rain’*** by Rahab Elewaly*, ‘****Razfa’*** by Ali Al Mehdi*, ‘****Tooth Fairy’*** by Shaikha Ali*, ‘****Sweet Violence’*** by Dana An Natshehand *‘****Pencil’ (Qalam Al Rasas)*** by Naqaa Al- Azzawi.

Doha Film Institute showcases the work of local filmmakers under the ‘Made in Qatar’ banner at various year-round platforms including local screenings, regional events and international industry markets and festivals.

The “I’m Reading” Carnival was filled with educational activities for kids and families who took part in, such as writing and storytelling competitions, international folklore shows, craft making, cookery and baking workshops for children and their families.

**NOTES TO EDITOR**

**About Doha Film Institute:**

Doha Film Institute is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation established in 2010. It organically supports 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.

Doha Film Institute’s platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films, educational programmes, film screenings, the Ajyal Youth Film Festival and the Qumra Doha Film Festival.

With culture, community, education and entertainment at its foundation, the Doha Film Institute serves as an all-encompassing film hub in Doha, as well as a resource for the region and the rest of the world.

Doha Film Institute is committed to supporting Qatar’s 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge-based economy.

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