

Ajyal Film Festival Opens Up the World of Cinema for People of All Abilities

Doha, Qatar; 23 November 2019: Delivering the magic of cinema to all audiences, the 7th Ajyal Film Festival, the Doha Film Institute's (DFI) annual celebration of film, screened the exciting **Made in Qatar: An Inclusive Experience** programme on 21 November.

Presented in partnership with the Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII) of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Hamad bin Khalifa University, Ajyal's inclusive programme screened for the fifth year, featuring a hand-picked selection of compelling works by local filmmakers.

The five films were specially curated to reflect the theme of the festival and make film accessible to all, regardless of physical obstacles, to create a more inclusive environment that breaks down hidden barriers and to provide equal access to the magical world of cinema.

One of the most unique cinema experiences in the world, the programme included: Rawan Al-Nassiri and Nada Bedair's *Treasures of the Past* (2017), *1001 Days* (2017) by Aisha Al-Jaidah, *Amer: An Arabian Legend* (2016) by Jassim Al-Rumaihi, *Fragile* (2019) by Kholood Al-Ali, and *Sh'hab* (2018) by Amal Al-Muftah.

Tickets for the 7th Ajyal Film Festival are available for purchase at the Ajyal Main Box Office located in Katara Building 10; at the Ajyal Box Office at VOX Cinemas Doha Festival City for screenings taking place at VOX Cinemas; and from the Novo Cinemas Box Office for screenings at Novo Cinemas, the Pearl. For ticket purchase and up-to-date information on the Ajyal Film Festival, please visit:

<https://www.dohafilminstitute.com/filmfestival/ticketinformation>

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2019 Ajyal Film Festival's Official Partners include: **Katara Cultural Village** – Cultural Partner; **Qatar National Tourism Council** – Principal Partner; **Novo Cinemas, Ooredoo** – Strategic Partner, **St. Regis Doha** - Signature Partner.

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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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