



## DFI OPENS FIRST SERIES OF 'HEKAYAT KHALEEJIA' WITH SCREENING OF 'SEA SHADOW' AT MIA

**Doha 19 January, 2013:** Doha Film Institute (DFI) screened the first installment of 'Hekayat Khaleejia' (Khaleeji Stories), with the screening of 'Sea Shadow' at the Museum of Islamic Arts (MIA) Thursday. This new initiative is DFI's latest year-round film appreciation programme showcasing Khaleeji films to the Doha community every three months.

The screening was attended by a mixture of guests and audiences enjoyed the extended Q&A session with director Nawaf Al-Janahi and screenwriter Mohammed Hassan Ahmed about their acclaimed film.

'Sea Shadow' is set in a small seaside neighborhood in the United Arab Emirates, '*Sea Shadow*' follows teenagers Mansour and Kaltham as they struggle with tradition in their journey towards adulthood. Bound by family conventions and deep-rooted values, the pair must find the courage to forge their own paths.

Audiences enjoyed the first screening of the series, but if you missed out, stay tuned and watch out for the next installment of 'Hekayat Khaleejiya' in April. If you can't wait that long before the next special screening, you can book your tickets now for the showing of 'Beasts of the Southern Wild', part of the Katara DFI Cinema programme, which opens daily from 24-30 January at the Katara Drama Theatre, Building 16. For more information and ticket sales, please log to [www.dohafilminstitute.com](http://www.dohafilminstitute.com)

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### 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; organically supporting 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, film screenings, and the annual Doha Tribeca Film Festival (DTFF).

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.

DFI has established a number of strategic cultural partnerships with leading local and international organisations including Tribeca Enterprises, World Cinema Foundation, Maisha Film Lab, Katara Cultural Village and Giffoni Film Festival.

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