



DFI UK Cinema Showcase Screens “*Oliver!* and “*Four Weddings and a Funeral*” This Week at MIA

Doha, 23 September, 2013: This coming weekend, DFI UK Cinema Showcase will feature ‘*Oliver!*’ the six time Academy Award® winning musical, on 26th, 27th and 28th September, followed by the BAFTA and Golden Globe award winning film, ‘*Four Weddings and a Funeral*’ on 27th and 28th September, at the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) Auditorium.

The musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic ‘*Oliver Twist*’ tells the adventures of young Oliver, who escapes an orphanage and takes up with a group of pickpocketing street urchins in the mean streets of 19th-century London. It features exuberant choreography, memorable songs and inspired performances.

‘*Four Weddings and a Funeral*’, featuring Hugh Grant in a Golden Globe-winning performance, is a hilarious and charming story of hopeless romance. When Charles (Grant) and his coterie of friends attend the first of a series of friends’ weddings (to which he invariably arrives late), he finds himself smitten with the striking American Carrie (Andie McDowell), but soon finds that the road to love is a bumpy, if often hilarious, one. The film was the highest-grossing British film in history at the time of its release and won the César for Best Foreign Film.

For Tickets, box office hours or any additional information, please log in to www.dohafilminstitute.com or visit the Museum of Islamic Art DFI Ticket Outlet (across from the MIA Auditorium). Tickets are priced at QAR 35 for the general public and a special discounted rate of QAR 25 for students. (Students must present a valid student ID to receive a discount. There is a maximum of two discounted tickets per person. Discounts are only available at ticket outlet locations).

DFI UK Cinema Showcase launched in February, in partnership with the British Council and the Qatar Museums Authority, to celebrate Qatar UK 2013 Year of Culture. DFI UK Cinema Showcase brings iconic British films to audiences in Doha. The showcase will run monthly until October 2013.

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About Doha Film Institute:

Doha Film Institute (DFI) 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.

DFI'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, 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.

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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.

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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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