

**Press Release**

## **Doha Film Institute sponsors free online animation workshop by California Institute of the Arts**

***Open to all Qatar residents; applications deadline is June 14***

**Doha, Qatar; June 1, 2015:** The Doha Film Institute is sponsoring an online intensive workshop for aspiring animators to be conducted by the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) from June 28 to August 28, 2015. The Institute will cover the tuition fees and handle the registration process for up to 10 applicants as part of its commitment to nurture Qatari talent in the filmmaking industry.

The eight-week Animation Portfolio Development workshop by CalArts is designed to help students explore concept design and visual development for animation and enhance their application portfolio for college animation programmes.

Fatma Al Remaihi, CEO of the Doha Film Institute, said: “We are delighted to support Qatari talent in joining one of the most in-demand animation workshops offered by the California Institute of the Arts. It underlines our focus on nurturing the talents of our emerging filmmakers in diverse disciplines associated with cinema, including animation.”

Only limited spaces are available for this international online workshop conducted by John Mahoney, who worked as a visual development artist for Disney Feature Animation on films such as ‘**Atlantis: The Lost Empire**,’ ‘**Treasure Planet**’ and ‘**The Emperor’s New Groove**.’

Applications must be submitted to [animation@dohafilminstitute.com](mailto:animation@dohafilminstitute.com) no later than June 14. More details are available at <https://calarts.edu/extended-studies/pdw/animation>. Acceptance will be subject to evaluation and approval by the CalArts team.

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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 Youth 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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