

AJYAL FILM FESTIVAL 2020

مهرجان أجيال السينمائي ٢٠٢٠

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Qatar's Premier Pop-Culture Event Geekdom and Ajyal Tunes Concerts Back in Hybrid Format at 8th Ajyal Film Festival

- *Programme of film screening, talks, video game tournaments and themed music concerts will take place both online and in-person to provide for a safe experience*
- *Two exclusive anime screenings delight audiences at VOX Cinemas, Doha Festival City, and Ajyal Drive-In Cinema in Lusail*
- *Themed Ajyal Tunes concerts at Drive-In Cinema in Lusail cater to the pop-culture buff in all of us*

Doha, Qatar; November 16 2020: Qatar's largest pop-culture event **Geekdom** returns to the 8th Ajyal Film Festival with fantastic online and in-person events. Presented by the Doha Film Institute (DFI) in partnership with Qatar National Tourism Council, the event will feature controller-crunching video game tournaments, an online version of the fan-favourite cosplay competition, and special film screenings as part of the lively Ajyal Creativity Hub.

Digimon Adventure: Last Evolution Kizuna (Japan/2020) by Tomohisa Taguchi in which Tai and Agumon are forced to risk everything in their epic final adventure will screen at 8.30 PM on Saturday, 21 November at VOX Cinemas, Doha Festival City. At 7 PM on Sunday, 22 November, audiences at Ajyal Drive-in Cinema in Lusail will be treated to the MENA premiere of ***Lupin III. The First*** (Japan/2020) by Takashi Yamazaki, which follows the 'gentleman thief' and his colourful underworld companions as they race to uncover the secrets of the mysterious Bresson Diary before it falls into the hands of a dark cabal. Both films will also be available online from 19 to 23 November.

The Geekdom Tournaments sponsored by Qatar Gaming Community, a multi-videogame showdown that brings gaming communities and enthusiasts together in friendly competition, will take place online from 12 to 16 November. The winners of the online tournament come together for an in-person face off in Building 19 Katara from November 19. In another exciting new addition, Geekdom loyalists will be able to connect virtually to participate in all activities via live stream from 19 to 23 November between 5-8 PM every day, including talks with local talent and parts of the gaming tournaments.

The Ajyal Tunes concert series invites audiences to explore the mesmerizing power of melody at the Ajyal Drive-In Cinema in Lusail. **Tunes Concert 1 (Feel the Beat)** explores the duality of music's energy-giving and relaxing properties, taking place at 9.30 PM on Friday, 20 November. **Ajyal Tunes Concert 2 (Music of the Heart)**, taking place at 9.30 PM on Saturday, 21 November, examines emotional expression through music. **Ajyal Tunes Concert 3 (Geekdom Closing Concert)** at 9 PM on Monday, 23 November, caps off the series with a special Geekdom concert that will delight the anime and cartoon fan in all of us. All concerts are priced at 50 QAR per car at Lusail.

Tickets and up-to-date screening schedules are available at ajyalfilm.com.

2020 Ajyal Film Festival's Official Partners include: **Katara Cultural Village Foundation** – Cultural Partner; **Qatar National Tourism Council** – Principal Partner; **Novo Cinemas, Ooredoo** – Strategic Partner, **Msheireb Properties, Lusail, Qatari Diar** – Signature Sponsors.

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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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