

‘Made in Qatar’ Opens at Ajyal Film Festival’s First Drive-In Cinema at Lusail

Doha, Qatar; November 20, 2020: A cinematic celebration of the exciting state of filmmaking in the country, **Made in Qatar** presented by Ooredoo, opened with a red carpet event in the presence of H.H the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, and H.E Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairperson of the Doha Film Institute, as part of the Doha Film Institute’s (DFI) 8th Ajyal Film Festival at Lusail’s first-ever Drive-In Cinema last night.

Shining a light on emerging Qatari directors and Qatar-based filmmakers, the programme returns with 16 inspiring short form narratives and documentaries to delight audiences of all ages and capture the diverse stories of our community.

DFI is proud to have supported 12 participating shorts, including **Stranger**, **Under the Lemon Tree**, **Andar**, and **Al Tabbab**, which will vie for the Made in Qatar Awards, chosen by a jury that includes filmmaker Kamal Aljafari, composer Dana Al Fardan, and producer Marie Balducchi.

Last night’s screening featured eight films from **Made in Qatar Programme 1** by: Abdulla Mohammed Al-Janahi (**Hope**), Meriem Mesraoua (**Under Her Skin**), Hassan Al-Jahni (**Emsahar**), Yasser Mustafa and Christophe Buffet (**Stranger**), Suzannah Mirghani (**Al-Sit**), Obada Yousef Jarbi (**Woman of Steel**), Abdulaziz Yousif and Latifa Al-Darwish (**Ya Hoota**), and Khalifa Al Mana (**Al Tabbab**).

Made in Qatar Programme 2 will premiere at Lusail’s Drive-In Cinema at 6.30 PM on 21 November. It includes eight inspiring shorts by: Alessandra El Chanti (**Watar El Ghurbeh**), Ibrahim Albuainain (**Smile You Deserve It**), Hissa G. Al-Mannai (**Beyond Broken Walls**), Alina Mustafina (**Andar**), Muhammed Noufal (**Shringar**), Maysaa Almumin (**J’ai Le Cafard**), Mariam Al-Dhubhan (**No Words**), and Noor Al-Asswad (**Under the Lemon Tree**).

To access the full **Made in Qatar** programme from the comfort of your own home, visit ajyalfilm.com between 19-23 November.

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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Note to Editors:

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

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