

5 WEEKS FILM WORKSHOP IN PARIS

THE GULF SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN NUMBER 1 FRENCH FILM SCHOOL **LA FÉMIS**

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Over the last 3 years, La Fémis has offered a summer training programme for young aspiring filmmakers from the Gulf Region. The programme has been supported in 2016 by various local financial sponsors (the Doha Film Institute in Qatar, the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in Kuwait, Total in the UAE, private sponsors in Bahrain such as Dadabhai Travel, Garmco) as well as the French Embassies, French Institutes and Alliances in the GCC region, all providing scholarships and living expenses for participants.

After the success of the previous editions, La Fémis will renew the training programme in summer 2017. It will run for 5 weeks and will include week-long intensive classes. Trainees will explore filmmaking crafts, discover contemporary French cinema (through the study of major French directors) and direct a 5-minute fiction film adapted from an existing screenplay. Theoretical and practical classes will be offered by French film industry professionals.

This programme is seeking out 9 highly motivated filmmakers, natives from the Gulf States, who wish to develop their practical and theoretical knowledge of filmmaking in Paris, the birthplace of cinema.

Information on La Fémis' website:
www.femis.fr/gulf-summer-university-601

La Fémis was created in 1986 as the successor school to l'IDHEC. Chaired since 2010 by international award winning director Raoul Peck, and supported by the French Ministry of Culture and Media, La Fémis is the French national film school and trains 50 students every year for careers as directors, screenwriters, producers, editors, directors of photography, sound designers, production designers, continuity supervisors, film distributors and exhibitors. 50 students are selected each year from amongst 1.200 applicants, around the criteria of artistic potential.

La Fémis has inaugurated the careers of some of the world's most awarded filmmakers - French and international - and is consistently ranked as one of the world's best schools by *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Over thirty years of work, students at La Fémis have produced more than 2.500 short films, both fiction and documentary. Often, these are much more than learning exercises and many are selected each year at international festivals including Cannes, Berlin, Clermont Ferrand, Venice, Locarno, etc...

La Fémis is located in the historic Pathé Studios, the world's largest film equipment and production company in the early 1900s in the 18th district of Paris.

