

Doha Film Institute Announces Qumra 2025 Local and Global Cultural and Corporate Partners

Doha, Qatar; March 26, 2025: The 11th edition of Qumra, Doha Film Institute's (DFI) annual talent incubator for Arab and international cinema, has announced leading global and national cultural, corporate and media partners for 2025.

To be held in-person from April 4 to 9 and online from April 12 to 14, Qumra 2025 will mentor 49 projects by filmmakers from 23 countries. A highlight of Qumra are the masterclasses and skills development sessions by Qumra Masters **Lav Diaz, Darius Khondji, Walter Salles, Anna Terrazas** and **Johnnie To** and other industry experts.

The support of the various cultural, industry and media partners underlines the importance of Qumra as a compelling platform for nurturing emerging film talent. Several of them are returning supporters of Qumra.

Fatma Hassan Alremaihi, Chief Executive Officer of Doha Film Institute, said: " Qumra serves as a defining platform for emerging filmmakers to hone their skills and advance their projects under the guidance of accomplished filmmakers and industry experts. These bold voices bring to the world stories that matter to promote a deeper understanding of humanity and our shared values. We are thankful to all our partners for their commitment to supporting emerging talent and the development of Doha's creative ecosystem."

Qatar Museums and **Museum of Islamic Art** are Cultural Partners of the 11th Qumra, **Qatar Airways** is the Official Airline Sponsor, **MATAR, the Qatar Company for Airports Operation and Management** is a sponsor. The event is supported by **Alwadi Hotel Doha- MGallery Collection, I Love Qatar** and **Aldo Coppola**, while **Sarajevo Film Festival** returns as a Friend of Qumra. The event is promoted by Social Media Partner **Qommunication**, with **Screen International** and **Deadline** as Media Partners.

Qumra projects include recipients of DFI's Grants Programme and several films by graduates of DFI's year-round training initiatives including Feature Script Lab, Filmmaking Lab with Rithy Panh, Producers Lab, and Series Lab.

Selected projects will receive hands-on guidance on all aspects of filmmaking script and budget consultation, co-production strategy to marketing and packaging, project positioning, festival and distribution strategies, pitching and matchmaking.

The public can gain the full Qumra experience with a Qumra Pass, which gives access to Qumra Masterclasses led by internationally renowned filmmakers and creative visionaries, and to Qumra Screenings featuring a remarkable selection of Doha Film Institute supported feature-

length films from the region and around the world. Tickets to individual screenings and masterclasses are available at www.dohafilminstitute.com.

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