



Doha Film Institute to Unveil New Film Festival Format at Cannes 2013

30 April 2013, Doha-Qatar: Doha Film Institute (DFI), and Tribeca Enterprises, a diversified global media company based in New York City, released the following statements today, announcing the conclusion of DFI's successful cultural partnership with Tribeca Enterprises.

STATEMENT FROM THE DOHA FILM INSTITUTE ON THE DOHA TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

DFI CEO Abdulaziz Al-Khater said: *"Through the past four editions of the Doha Tribeca Film Festival, which were organised in cultural partnership with Tribeca Enterprises, we achieved our fundamental goals of creating a vibrant grassroots film industry in Qatar. We are thankful to them for their invaluable insights that helped elevate the film festival initiative of DFI to a truly global level. It was a rewarding experience to work with Tribeca Enterprises, and we will draw on this rich learning to create a new format for DFI's film festival initiatives starting this year".*

He added: *"With DFI having successfully formed strong community and industry bonds, the new festival format will build on the passion for filmmaking from talent in the region and around the world. We are defining a new niche for the film festival, which will serve as a platform for strengthening a home-grown film industry as well as continuing to build our international relationships to promote Qatar as a cultural hub."*

STATEMENT FROM TRIBECA ENTERPRISES ON THE DOHA TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

"We partnered with Doha Film Institute to help launch an event that would create a sustainable foundation for the growth of a film community and industry in Qatar and the Middle East. As exemplified by DTFF, we share a common goal with DFI: to engage, entertain and inspire in equal measure in a region with a profound and growing interest in film. After four years of successful cultural partnership, the festival has grown immensely and reflects our mutual vision for an event to promote cultural understanding and community through film and education. We are proud of everything DFI and Tribeca have achieved together, and we wish DFI the very best as they move forward with their festival and year-round initiatives."

Further announcements will be made from Doha Film Institute regarding the new format for the film festival at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival in May.

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About Doha Film Institute:

Doha Film Institute (DFI) is an independent cultural organisation established in 2010 to incorporate Qatar's film initiatives under one banner; organically supporting the growth of the local film community by enhancing industry knowledge, cultivating film appreciation and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar. DFI's year-round platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films, educational programmes and film screenings.

With culture, community, education and entertainment at its foundation, DFI serves as an all-encompassing film hub in Doha, as well as a resource for the region and the rest of the world. DFI is committed to supporting Qatar's 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge based economy.