



## **ACTING AND DIRECTING MASTERCLASS WITH FILMMAKER AND CAST OF AWARD-WINNING FILM 'TORA BORA'**

### ***Kuwaiti Director Walid Alawadi and Actor Saad Al Faraj Share Skills on How to Create Compelling On-Screen Performances***

**Doha, 2 July, 2013:** Doha Film Institute's (DFI) Gulf Film Development will be hosting a special three hour acting and directing masterclass following the screening of the award-winning film **'Tora Bora'**, with the director Walid Alawadi and lead actor Saad Al Faraj, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Qatar Theater Group.

The masterclass, which is open to all aspiring filmmakers, including those that have a passion for theatre and dramatic arts, and the new generation of filmmakers and actors, will address key issues on how directors and actors work together to create compelling performances on screen.

Kuwaiti born director of the box office hit **'Tora Bora'**, Walid Alawadi and the renowned actor Saad Al Faraj, whose remarkable performance earned him Best Actor at the 2012 Cairo International Film Festival, both have a great deal of experience in their fields, are highly respected Gulf filmmakers and promise to share with participants a number of key skills to help build convincing performances for the big screen.

Mahdi Ali Ali, Gulf Film Development Manager, said: "Part of DFI's all-round education and training strategy is to create the beginnings of a skilled work force with each skillset interconnecting. This acting and directing masterclass will help build the skills of all local aspiring filmmakers, encouraging them to play a part in the fast-growing film industry especially with the assistance of talented artists like Walid Alawadi and Saad Al Faraj. This is a great opportunity for aspiring filmmakers locally and across the GCC to gain an in-depth understanding on how to develop skills for film and on-screen performances and take notes from two very experienced artists."

Spaces are limited so to reserve your seat on this special masterclass please RSVP to [gulffilmdevelopment@dohafilminstitute.com](mailto:gulffilmdevelopment@dohafilminstitute.com) or call this number 44200690 before 5pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2013. The masterclass will be held at Qatar Theater Group located behind Lulu Hypermarket, D Ring Road on Ahmed Bin Hanbal Street and commences at 7:00pm sharp until 10:00pm. For further details and directions please log on to [www.dohafilminstitute.com/education](http://www.dohafilminstitute.com/education)

DFI's training and initiatives, run by GFD, observe the guidelines set out by the Qatar National Development strategy 2011 – 2016 (NDS). For more information you can download the PDF online for more information: [http://www.gsdp.gov.qa/gsdp\\_vision/docs/NDS\\_EN.pdf](http://www.gsdp.gov.qa/gsdp_vision/docs/NDS_EN.pdf)

DFI is committed to nurturing and developing a strong film industry in the region through various initiatives including film appreciation, education, finance and outreach.

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Notes to Editors:

**About Doha Film Institute:**

Doha Film Institute (DFI) is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation established in 2010. It organically supports 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.

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