



Over 550 young Ajyal Jurors from 10 countries meet in Doha to watch, discuss and learn from films

Doha, Qatar; November 30, 2016: Fatma Al Remaihi, Festival Director and Chief Executive Officer of Doha Film Institute, welcomed over 550 young people from over 10 countries at the fourth Ajyal Youth Film Festival, opening doors for them to the magical world of films and urging them to learn from the diverse cinematic experiences to contribute to positive change.

The Ajyal Jurors, aged 8 to 21, are the heart of the Ajyal Youth Film Festival that commenced on Wednesday, with 70 thought-provoking films that will inspire the youth and stimulate discussions about real and relevant issues that affect them globally. This year, there are 24 international jurors.

Underlining Doha Film Institute's commitment to nurturing youth talent and strengthening awareness on meaningful cinema in young people, the Ajyal Jurors will watch and evaluate films in three categories for the Ajyal Competition.

The Mohaq jury comprises the youngest of Ajyal Jurors, who are aged 8 to 12 years. There are 200 jurors in this segment, who will watch one programme of short films and four feature length films. Hilal jurors are aged 13 to 17 and form the largest segment this year with 250 young people. They will watch five feature films and a programme of shorts. The most mature of Ajyal's juries is Bader, with jurors aged 18 to 21. There are 100 young people who will select their favourite film from five features and two programmes of short films. Each of the Ajyal juries will award a Best Film prize to their favourite short and feature-length films for a total of six awards.

In addition to regular screenings, the Festival also features Special Screenings, Thematic Tributes, Cinema Under the Stars, Family Weekend activities and a Creativity Hub.

Tickets are priced QR25 for general screening, and are available for purchase 24 hours a day at ajyalfilm.com or from the Ajyal Katara Main Box Office in Katara Building 12 or Ajyal FNAC Ticket Outlet, FNAC Qatar (at Lagoona Mall).

Katara is the Cultural Partner and Oxy Qatar is the Principal Partner for the 2016 edition. Qatar Tourism Authority is the Signature Partner of the festival this year. For more details on the Ajyal Youth Film Festival, please visit www.dohafilminstitute.com/filmfestival

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Fatma Al Remaihi, Festival Director and Chief Executive Officer of Doha Film Institute, with the Ajyal Jurors.

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 Youth Film Festival; and Qumra. With culture, community, learning and entertainment at its foundation, the Institute is committed to supporting Qatar's 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge-based economy.

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