

## Submissions now open for Doha Film Institute's Youth Animation Workshop

*To be held from May 7 to 18, the workshop will help young participants create stop-motion animated films*

**Doha, Qatar; May 2, 2017:** The Doha Film Institute is inviting submissions to the 'Youth Animation Workshop' that will prepare young participants interested in stop-motion animation to create professional films.

To be held from May 7 to 18, 2017, the Youth Animation Workshop is open for 15 beginners, in the age group of 8 to 14, assuring that each participant gets individual attention.

The workshop will be led by Qatari artist Mohammed Al-Suwaidi. A professional animator, character developer and graphic designer, Mohammed has worked on several notable national projects, such as *Wathiq*, an online platform for storytelling and heritage preservation backed by Qatar Museums.

He has also worked on the short-animated film *Rain* produced by the Doha Film Institute; and the television series *Mandoos*, for which he served as the character developer. Currently, Al-Suwaidi is working on a short-animated film.

The areas covered in the two-week long workshop include filming and editing animation, writing a script and storyboard, as well as finding sound and audio for film. The scripts will be presented to a screening committee and four animated films will be produced over the course of the workshop.

Participants will work in groups, based on their interests, and will develop teamworking skills as they work on start- and end-credits, story-writing and development, storyboarding, set building, model making, recording and editing. The sessions will be held on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays over the two-week period from 5 to 7 PM in both Arabic and English.

To participate in the workshop or inquire further, email [youth@dohafilminstitute.com](mailto:youth@dohafilminstitute.com) by May 05, 2017.

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### **Note to Editors:**

#### **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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