



Acclaimed film 'Take Shelter' Screens for First Time in Gulf

Doha, April 26, 2012: Katara and Doha Film Institute (DFI) will present a one-week theatrical release of *'Take Shelter'*, the highly acclaimed 'indie' dramatic thriller. Never previously screened in the Gulf, the film swept multiple festival awards in 2011, including the Grand Prize at the Cannes Critics Week.

Independent director Jeff Nichols' *'Take Shelter'* taps into the wave of generalized anxiety that currently runs through American life: the economy, unstable weather patterns, crime and social breakdown, conspire to drive devoted father and husband Curtis to extreme measures. Oscar nominee[®] Michael Shannon (*Boardwalk Empire*, *Revolutionary Road*) plays the male lead, alongside rising star and Oscar[®] nominee Jessica Chastain (*The Help*, *Tree of Life*). Jeff Nichols' latest feature film, *'Mud'* starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon, is one of 22 films vying for the Palme d'Or in the 2012 Cannes Film Festival's main competition.

Screenings of *Take Shelter* will take place daily from May 8 to 14 at the Katara Cultural Village Drama Theatre (Building 16). This release is supported by the film's Middle East distributor, Italia Film. For show timings and ticket details, please consult the DFI website: www.dohafilminstitute.com and Katara website www.katara.net or DFI box office located in Katara, building 26.

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