

## Ajyal Film Festival Presents 'ARC' Storytelling Exhibition

- *Interactive art exhibit at Ajyal Creativity Hub in Katara is free for the public*
- *Audiences can enjoy live discussion panels with the artists*

**Doha, Qatar; 17 November 2019:** The Doha Film Institute's 7<sup>th</sup> Ajyal Film Festival, the annual cinema event held from 18-23 November at Karata Cultural Village, is celebrating the art of storytelling with **ARC** – a multimedia exhibition featuring eclectic artworks as part of the Ajyal Creativity Hub. Together with Qatar's largest pop culture event Geekdom and the musical programme Ajyal Tunes, ARC represents some of the varied forms of creative expression featured at Ajyal 2019.

Showcasing new works by 19 of Qatar's most promising artists and creative talents, ARC will be open to the public from 10 AM to 10 PM on 19-21 November and 2 PM to 10 PM on 22 November in Katara Building 19, Gallery 1. The exhibition invites visitors to follow the chronological path of narrative through multimedia art pieces divided into three distinct parts— Setup, Confrontation, and Resolution.

Fatma Hassan Alremaihi, Festival Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Doha Film Institute, said: "The art of storytelling is a fundamental aspect of human nature, and Ajyal 2019 presents the work of local artists in storytelling through an immersive experience that gives our audiences insights to expressions from around the world."

The exhibition pays tribute to the determination and dedication of Qatar's thriving creative communities in media and visual artforms, exposing audiences to unique new forms of expression and reflection on cultural identity and storytelling perspectives.

"Building on the success of the LeBlockade and Re-Action art exhibits of previous festival editions, ARC fully integrates a broad spectrum of narrative techniques to convey the vast possibilities for creative storytelling," said Khalifa Bin Abdulla Al-Thani, ARC Curator. "We are proud to continue to move outside the boundaries of traditional exhibition with a diverse range of mediums that Qatar's most exciting emerging artists are using in their expressions of identity and culture."

ARC will host two exclusive panel discussions where artists will share with audiences the unique insight and creative foundations of their works. Moderated by Abdulaziz Yousef and featuring Qatari artists Ibrahim Al-Baker, Buthaina Al-Zaman and Roda Ahmad Al-Thani, "**Storytelling & The Qatari Identity**" will take place at 6 PM on 19 November. "**Creativity Beyond Borders: The Yemeni Identity**" at 6 PM on 21 November will be moderated by Sana Uqba and featuring Yemeni artists Shaima Al-Tamimi and Ammar Al-Qamash. Both discussions will be open to the public at Katara Building 19, Gallery 1.

Participating artist include: Majid Al-Remaihi, Kholood Al-Ali, Abdulaziz Yousef, Shaima Al-Tamimi, Anfal Al-Kandari, Noor Al-Nasr, Fatima Moussa, Roda Ahmad Al-Thani, Ibrahim Al-Baker, Maria Ovsyannikova, Abrar Jenahi, Haytham Sharrouf, Alaa Bata, Ammar Al-Qamash, Maryam Al-Homaid, Abeer Al-Kuwari, Ashma Guiamadin, Hayyan Omar, and Bothayna Al-Zaman.

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Just as every great narrative path is shaped by an arc, this exhibition traverses the various points in each artist's story through the visual expressions of our unique trajectories, ideas and experiences.

Tickets for the 7th Ajyal Film Festival are available for purchase at the Ajyal Main Box Office located in Katara Building 10; at the Ajyal Box Office at VOX Cinemas Doha Festival City for screenings taking place at VOX Cinemas; and from the Novo Cinemas Box Office for screenings at Novo Cinemas, the Pearl. For ticket purchase and up-to-date information on the Ajyal Film Festival, please visit:

<https://www.dohafilminstitute.com/filmfestival/ticketinformation>

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