

PROGRAMME GUIDE

20-28 November 2025

Doha
Film
Festival

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How to Use this Guide

To make it easier to navigate our programme, look for these icons throughout the guide. They highlight special screenings, events, and age ratings.



Red Carpet Screening



Q&A Session



Free Outdoor Screening –
no ticket required



Music Event



General Audience. Suitable for
audiences ages 4 and up.



Parental guidance is advised. Some
material may be inappropriate for young
children.



Parental guidance is advised for viewers
under the age of 13.
Individuals under the age of 13 are
not admitted into cinemas unless
accompanied by an individual over the
age of 18.



Parental guidance is advised for viewers
under the age of 15.
Individuals under the age of 15 are
not admitted into cinemas unless
accompanied by an individual over the
age of 18.



Mature subject matter. May not be
suitable for minors.
Individuals under the age of 15 are not
admitted into cinemas.



Mature subject matter. May not be
suitable for minors under 16.



Mature subject matter. Not suitable for
minors.
Individuals under the age of 18 are not
admitted into cinemas.

Festival Venues

For easy reference, we have given each venue a short code which you can match up with any of the screenings and events in this guide.

Katara Opera House (K16–OH)
Katara Drama Theatre (K16–DT)
Katara Building 12, Frame 1 (K12–F1)
Katara Building 12, Frame 2 (K12–F2)

Lusail Boulevard, Geekdom (L–GKN)
Lusail Boulevard, Geekdom Outdoors / Headliners Stage (LB–OS)

Museum of Islamic Art, MIA Auditorium (MIA–AUD)

Msheireb Downtown, RKN store (MD–RKN–ROOTS 1)
Msheireb Downtown, Presented By (MD–PRST BY–ROOTS 2)
Msheireb Museums - Bin Jelmood House (BJH–H)

VOX Cinemas, Doha Festival City, Screen 4 (VOX–S4)
VOX Cinemas, Doha Festival City, Screen 6 (VOX–S6)

QNCC, Auditorium-3 (QNCC)

West Bay Beach - Cinema by the Sea (WBB–CBS)
'Cinema by the Sea' screenings will take place at West Bay Beach. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of tickets will be available for collection 45 minutes before the screening time.

Museum of Islamic Art Park - Cinema Under the Stars (MIA–CUS)
'Cinema Under the Stars' screenings will take place at the Museum of Islamic Art Park. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Subtitles and Interpretation

Unless otherwise noted, all films are shown in their original language with English and Arabic subtitles as necessary. Interpreters will be on site for all panels and Q&A sessions.



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DFF Competition Screenings

Renoir



At the heart of DFF is a dynamic official selection that champions bold storytelling and cultural exchange with four main competitions: International Feature, International Short, Ajyal and Made in Qatar.

Cotton Queen

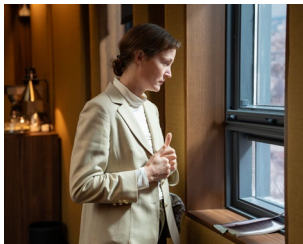


Special Screenings



Sa3oud Wainah?

Beyond competition, the festival offers gala premieres, open-air outdoor family-friendly screenings, youth-focused programmes, and events designed to transform Doha into a vibrant cinematic hub.



Re-Creation



Shoot The People

Geekdom



18–22 November 2025
3:00–11:00 PM
Geekdom Building,
Lusail Boulevard

Doha's largest pop culture event is a celebration of fandom in all its forms. Geekdom 2025 will bring together gaming, cosplay, anime, art, music, screenings and more, while championing Qatar's creative community and offering emerging talent a platform to shine.

For more information and event schedule, visit our website www.dohafilm.com



DFF Music

Yaslin Bey



Our concert series connects global sounds with regional voices in a programme of live performances featuring acclaimed regional and international artists

Dana Al Meer



Saint Levant



DFF Talks

DFF Talks brings you face-to-face with filmmakers, artists, cultural leaders, and activists who are helping change the world around us. To view our full schedule, please visit our website www.dohafilm.com



Dana Al Fardan



Mehdi Hasan



Rahma Zein



Thursday

20 November

8.00 PM

(K16-DT)

The Voice of Hind Rajab (89 min)

Directed by Kaouther Ben Hania

The profound film captures the final moments of an innocent child, Hind Rajab, whose voice shook the conscience of the world.

[MENA Premiere](#)









18+















My Father and Qaddafi

Friday

21 November






3.00 PM	(K16-DT)	The Voice of Hind Rajab (89 min) Directed by Kaouthar Ben Hania The profound film captures the final moments of an innocent child, Hind Rajab, whose voice shook the conscience of the world.	 
5.00 PM	(MD-RKN-ROOTS 1)	DFF Music: Sounds of Sudan With Sammany Hajo • Karet Safar	 
5.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	YOC: Made in Argentina & Chile (103 mins) Short film screenings in collaboration with Years of Culture and Qatar Museums MENA Premiere	 







5.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	Olivia and the Invisible Earthquake (71 mins) Directed by Irene Iborra Rizo Olivia, navigates through her tumultuous life after her family's facing eviction from their apartment. MENA Premiere	 
5.30 PM	(K12-F1)	Blue Heron (91 mins) Directed by Sophy Romvari An immigrant family settles into their new home as internal dynamics are slowly revealed through the eyes of their youngest child. MENA Premiere	 
6.30 PM	(K16-DT)	My Father and Qaddafi (88 mins) Directed by Jihan A daughter's quest to uncover the truth behind the disappearance of her father, as she pieces together her mother's 19-year search for him. MENA Premiere	 
7.00 PM	(MD-RKN-ROOTS 1)	DFF Music: Sounds of Sudan With Oddisee	 
8.00 PM	(K16-OH)	The Christophers (100 mins) Directed by Steven Soderbergh Estranged children of a once-famous artist hire a forger to complete his unfinished works so they can be sold after his death. MENA Premiere	 
8.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	When the Camera Froze: Film & Panel In collaboration with AJ360 Directed by Belal Khaled Special Screening & Panel Free ticketed event World Premiere	 

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Saturday 22 November

11.00 AM	(K16-DT)	Bariq Short Film Programme & Cine-Concert: Wonderful Explorations (57 mins)	PG
3.15 PM	(K16-DT)	DFI Inclusive Cinema Screening: Sudan, Remember Us (75 mins) In collaboration with CHSS and Katara Studios <i>Directed by Hind Meddeb</i> A documentary following young Sudanese artists and activists who turn creativity into courage, and resistance into hope. Free ticketed event	 15+
5.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	International Short Film Programme 1: Ways to Weather (88 mins) MENA Premiere	 15+
5.00 PM	(RKN-MSB)	DFF Music: Sounds of Sudan With Gaidaa	 16+
5.30 PM	(K12-F1)	The Reserve (92 mins) <i>Directed by Pablo Pérez Lombardini</i> A park ranger convinces her community to expel a group of invaders from their natural reserve, provoking a far greater threat. MENA Premiere	  18+
5.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	Fantastique (71 mins) <i>Directed by Marjolijn Prins</i> A 14-year-old contortionist in Guinea balances caring for her ill mother and school with her dream of touring with a circus. MENA Premiere	PG

6.00 PM	(K12-F2)	My Story In collaboration with AJ360 <i>Directed by Yasser Ashour</i> A documentary tracing the journey of acclaimed Syrian actor and political figure Jamal Soliman, weaving archival footage with present-day reflections on exile, art, and activism. Special Screening & Panel Free ticketed event World Premiere	 PG-13
6.30 PM	(K16-OH)	Re-Creation (89 mins) <i>Directed by Jim Sheridan and David Merriman</i> A fictionalised courtroom trial exploring the murder of Sophie Toscan du Plantier, questioning facts and debating the innocence of her convicted murderer, Ian Bailey. MENA Premiere	 18+
7.00 PM	(RKN-MSB)	DFF Music: Sounds of Saudi With Jara • DJ Mubarak • Asayel	 16+
8.00 PM	(K16-DT)	With Hasan in Gaza (106 mins) <i>Directed by Kamal Aljafari</i> A reflection on memory, loss, and the passage of time, capturing a Gaza of the past and lives that may never be found again. MENA Premiere	  18+
8.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	Writing Hawa (85 mins) <i>Directed by Najiba Noori</i> A story of three generations of Afghan women as the U.S. withdraws and their hopes for the future are overshadowed by politics. MENA Premiere	 15+

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The President's Cake

Sunday

23 November

5.30 PM	(K16-DT)	The President's Cake (105 mins) Directed by Hasan Hadi Nine-year-old Lamia must use her wits to gather ingredients for the mandatory cake to celebrate President Saddam Hussein's birthday. MENA Premiere	
6.30 PM	(K16-OH)	Sa3oud Wainah? (90 mins) Directed by Mohammed Al Ibrahim A mystery thriller about a magic trick gone wrong between two brothers, where Sa3oud disappears but does not reappear, as strange events unfold. World Premiere	
8.00 PM	(K12-F1)	Renoir (119 mins) Directed by Chie Hayakawa A quirky 11-year-old girl navigates a summer in 1987 Tokyo with her terminally ill father and working mother, each of them thirsting for human connection. MENA Premiere	
8.00 PM	(MD-PRST BY-ROOTS 2)	DDF Music: Nooriyah	
8.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	My Father and Qaddafi (88 mins) Directed by Jihan A daughter's quest to uncover the truth behind the disappearance of her father, as she pieces together her mother's 19-year search for him.	

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The Lions by the River Tigris

Monday

24 November

5.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	International Short Film Programme 2: Traces That Remain (81 mins) MENA Premiere	18+
5.30 PM	(K16-DT)	Khartoum (81 mins) Directed by Ibrahim Snoopy Ahmad, Timeea Mohamed, Rawia Alhag, Philip Cox, Anas Saeed Documents survival and the quest for freedom through the dreams of five Khartoum residents displaced by the war. MENA Premiere	 15+
6.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	The Lions by the River Tigris (92 mins) Directed by Zaradasht Ahmed In Mosul, devastated by war, the struggle to heal and preserve the city's identity, culture, and art continues. Middle East Premiere	 PG-15
8.00 PM	(K12-F1)	Sleepless City (105 mins) Directed by Guillermo Galoe In Madrid, Tonino's world unravels as his best friend prepares to leave, challenging his understanding of home, friendship, and the legends that shaped his childhood. MENA Premiere	 18+
8.00 PM	(LB-OS)	DFF Music: Saint Levant, opening sets by Nooriyah and Nemahsis	 16+
8.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	With Hasan in Gaza (106 mins) Directed by Kamal Aljafari A reflection on memory, loss, and the passage of time, capturing a Gaza of the past and lives that may never be found again.	 18+






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Sa3oud Wainah?

Tuesday

25 November

5.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	International Short Film Programme 3: Wings of Silence (87 mins)	 
5.30 PM	(K16-DT)	Once Upon a Time in Gaza (90 mins) Directed by Tarzan Nasser and Arab Nasser Set in Gaza in 2007, a young student, a charismatic dealer, and a corrupt cop collide in a story of violence, revenge, and inevitable tragedy. Middle East Premiere	  

6.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	The Reserve (92 mins) Directed by Pablo Pérez Lombardini A park ranger convinces her community to expel a group of invaders from their natural reserve, provoking a far greater threat.	 
6.30 PM	(K16-OH)	Shoot the People (96 mins) Directed by Andy Mundy-Castle Follows acclaimed photographer Misan Harriman as he documents protest movements across the globe and questions whether activism can deliver social change. MENA Premiere	  
7.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	Sa3oud Wainah? (90 mins) Directed by Mohammed Al Ibrahim A mystery thriller about a magic trick gone wrong between two brothers, where Sa3oud disappears but does not reappear, as strange events unfold.	 
8.00 PM	(K12-F1)	Divine Comedy (96 mins) Directed by Ali Asgari A filmmaker embarks on an underground mission to showcase his film, dodging bureaucracy and his own self-doubts. MENA Premiere	  
8.00 PM	(LB-OS)	DFF Music: Yasiin Bey, with opening set by Zeyne	 
8.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	The President's Cake (105 mins) Directed by Hasan Hadi Nine-year-old Lamia must use her wits to gather ingredients for the mandatory cake to celebrate President Saddam Hussein's birthday.	 






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Cotton Queen

Wednesday

26 November

5.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	International Short Film Programme 4: By Reflected Light (86 mins)	 
5.30 PM	(K16-DT)	Cotton Queen (93 mins) Directed by Suzannah Mirghani Teenage Nafisa becomes the centre of a power struggle to determine the future of her village, blending ecological critique with coming-of-age drama. MENA Premiere	  

6.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	Khartoum (81 mins) Directed by Ibrahim Snoopy Ahmad, Timeea Mohamed, Rawia Alhag, Philip Cox, Anas Saeed Documents survival and the quest for freedom through the dreams of five Khartoum residents displaced by the war.	 
7.00 PM	(VOX-S4)	Blue Heron (91 mins) Directed by Sophy Romvari An immigrant family settles into their new home as internal dynamics are slowly revealed through the eyes of their youngest child.	
8.00 PM	(K12-F1)	The Last Shore (71 mins) Directed by Jean-François Ravagnan The tragic story of Pateh Sabally, a young Gambian man whose drowning in Venice's Grand Canal in 2017 went viral. MENA Premiere	  
8.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	Ajyal Short Films Programme 1: Belonging (100 mins)	 
8.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	Renoir (119 mins) Directed by Chie Hayakawa A quirky 11-year-old girl navigates a summer in 1987 Tokyo with her terminally ill father and working mother, each of them thirsting for human connection.	 

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Thursday 27 November

5.00 PM	(K12-F1)	Sleepless City (105 mins) Directed by Guillermo Galoe In Madrid, Tonino's world unravels as his best friend prepares to leave, challenging his understanding of home, friendship, and the legends that shaped his childhood.	18+
5.30 PM	(K16-DT)	Made in Qatar (109 mins) Dedicated to films by Qatari and Qatar-based filmmakers, this selection reflects the country's growing artistic identity and the shared experiences of its dynamic, multicultural community. Home Premiere	15+
6.00 PM	(VOX-S6)	ChaO (90 mins) Directed by Yasuhiro Aoki In a world where humans and mermaids co-exist, Princess Chao gets engaged to Stephen. What will become of their romance? MENA Premiere	PG-13
6.30 PM	(WBB-CBS)	Monkey King: Hero is Back (89 mins) Directed by Xiaopeng Tian Freed after 500 years, the all-powerful Monkey King teams up with a young boy to rescue kidnapped children and confront a monstrous foe.	PG
7.30 PM	(MIA-CUS)	Time Hoppers: The Silk Road (80 mins) Directed by Flordeliza Dayrit Set in 2050, four gifted students discover time travel and race along the Silk Road to protect great scientists from a mysterious time-bending alchemist.	PG

8.00 PM	(K12-F1)	Hair, Paper, Water... (71 mins) Directed by Nicolas Graux, Tru'o'ng Minh Quy A documentary following an elderly Vietnamese woman as she passes on her endangered language, and memories of her cave home. MENA Premiere	PG-13
8.00 PM	(MIA-AUD)	Ajyal Short Films Programme 2: Beginnings (86 mins) Middle East Premiere	15+
8.00 PM	(VOX-S4)	The Fin (85 mins) Directed by Syeyoung Park In a post-war, ecologically ravaged Korea, mutants toil as cheap labour until a young official begins to doubt the state while pursuing a mutant in hiding. MENA Premiere	
8.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	Cotton Queen (93 mins) Directed by Suzannah Mirghani Teenage Nafisa becomes the centre of a power struggle to determine the future of her village, blending ecological critique with coming-of-age drama.	PG-13
8.30 PM	(QNCC)	DFF Music: Gustavo Santaolalla with Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra Part of Qatar Argentina and Chile 2025 Year of Culture	PG
8.30 PM	(K16-DT)	Once Upon a Time in Gaza (90 mins) Directed by Tarzan Nasser and Arab Nasser Set in Gaza in 2007, a young student, a charismatic dealer, and a corrupt cop collide in a story of violence, revenge, and inevitable tragedy.	18+
9.00 PM	(K12-F2)	Divine Comedy (96 mins) Directed by Ali Asgari A filmmaker embarks on an underground mission to showcase his film, dodging bureaucracy and his own self-doubts.	18+











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The Last Shore

Friday

28 November

3.00 PM	(K12-F2)	Made in Qatar (109 mins) Dedicated to films by Qatari or Qatar-based filmmakers, this selection reflects the country's growing artistic identity and the shared experiences of its dynamic, multicultural community.	 
3.00 PM	(VOX-S4)	Hair, Paper, Water... (71 mins) Directed by Nicolas Graux, Tru'o'ng Minh Quý A documentary following an elderly Vietnamese woman as she passes on her endangered language, and memories of her cave home.	
3.30 PM	(VOX-S6)	The Last Shore (71 mins) Directed by Jean-François Ravagnan Delves into the tragic story of Pateh Sabally, a young Gambian man whose drowning in Venice's Grand Canal in 2017 went viral, and the aftermath experienced by his family.	
6.30 PM	(WBB-CBS)	Home (94 mins) Directed by Tim Johnson Oh, an alien, runs away from his planet and takes shelter on Earth, where he befriends Tip, an adventurous young girl who is on a quest to find her displaced mother Lucy.	 
7.30 PM	(MIA-CUS)	Monkey King: Hero is Back (89 mins) Directed by Xiaopeng Tian Freed after 500 years, the all-powerful Monkey King teams up with a young boy to rescue kidnapped children and confront a monstrous foe.	 
9.00 PM	(LB-OS)	DFF Music: Elyanna, with a special performance by Dana Al Meer Part of Qatar Argentina and Chile 2025 Year of Culture	 

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Ticket Information

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, 5 November at 12:00 PM,
Doha Local Time at www.dohafilmm.com.

Ticket Prices

A physical ticket is required to gain entry to all ticketed screenings and events:

Films

Opening Film Screening – Katara Drama Theatre	QR 100
General Film Screenings	QR 40–50
Short Film Programmes at Museum of Islamic Art	QR 30

Cinema by the Sea, West Bay Beach	Free
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First-come, first-served. Limited capacity.
Tickets will be distributed at the entrance 45 minutes before the screening.

Cinema Under the Stars, Museum of Islamic Art Park	Free
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First-come, first-served. Limited seating capacity. No tickets are required.

Music

QR 100–300

Customers may purchase a maximum of six (6) tickets per event per order.
All sales are final. No Refunds. No Exchanges. No Reprints.

Ticket Outlet Locations and Timings

For all Doha Film Festival events tickets can be purchased online
at www.dohafilmm.com or in person at:

DFF Katara Box Office, Al Hikmah Courtyard

15–19 November
16:00 – 21:00

20–28 November
14:00 – 22:00

DFF MIA Box Office, Museum of Islamic Art

21–28 November
Opens approximately one hour prior to an event's start time.

DFF Box Office, VOX Cinemas, Doha Festival City

21–28 November
Opens approximately one hour prior to an event's start time.

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