

QIAF 2026

QATAR INTERNATIONAL ART FESTIVAL
مهرجان قطر الدولي للفنون

ART REIMAGINED

Culture. Civilizations. Contemporary Expression.

7 – 12 December 2026

Katara Hall, Katara Cultural Village, Qatar

8th Edition

— www.qiaf.net —

We Are QIAF.

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مهرجان قطر الدولي للفنون | Qatar International Art Festival

Art is no longer confined to canvas, culture, or convention.
It evolves across borders, disciplines, and generations.

Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) stands as a global platform where
creativity meets dialogue, tradition meets innovation,
and artists from around the world come together to reimagine expression.

From contemporary practices to cultural narratives,
from emerging voices to established masters
QIAF is a living, evolving celebration of art in all its forms.

ART REIMAGINED

is not just a theme.
It is a **movement**.

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Founder's Message

Qatar International Art Festival | مهرجان قطر الدولي للفنون

At the heart of every meaningful cultural movement lies a vision, a belief that creativity has the power to connect, transform, and inspire.

When we founded the Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) in 2018, the intention was both simple and purposeful: to create a global platform where artists, cultures, and ideas come together in a spirit of dialogue and collaboration.

Over the years, QIAF has grown into a distinctive presence within regional and international cultural exchange, bringing together diverse voices across continents and disciplines. It is a space where heritage engages with contemporary expression, and where art becomes a shared global language.

As we look ahead, QIAF continues to evolve with a deeper focus on meaningful engagement, thoughtful curation, and the exchange of ideas that extend beyond the visual experience. This ongoing refinement reflects our commitment to creating a platform that is both culturally enriching and globally relevant.

As we present the 8th Edition under the theme ART REIMAGINED, we invite the world to explore new perspectives where culture, civilizations, and contemporary expression converge.

QIAF today stands not only as a festival, but as a growing movement of creativity, collaboration, and cultural connection.

With warm regards,

Rashmi Agarwal

Rashmi Agarwal

Founder and CEO

Qatar International Art Festival

MAPS International W.L.L

مع أطيب التحيات



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About QIAF

Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) is a prominent cultural platform that celebrates creativity, diversity, and artistic excellence on a global scale.

Founded with the vision of bringing together artists, art enthusiasts, and cultural leaders from around the world, QIAF serves as a meeting point for ideas, inspiration, and meaningful dialogue.

Through exhibitions, workshops, performances, and collaborative projects, the festival promotes cross-cultural exchange and supports the growth of the global art community. QIAF is more than a festival — it is a movement that believes in the power of art to connect, transform, and inspire.



GLOBAL PLATFORM

Uniting artists and cultures from over 80 countries.



CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Fostering dialogue, understanding, and creative collaboration.



HERITAGE & INNOVATION

Honouring traditions while embracing contemporary ideas.



MAKING AN IMPACT

Inspiring communities and empowering future generations.

Celebrating Creativity. Connecting Cultures.

نحتفي بالإبداع .. نربط الثقافات



QIAF at a Glance

A global convergence of art, culture,
and creative dialogue



5000+

VISITORS



500+

ARTISTS

From 80+ Countries



2000+

ARTWORKS SHOWCASED

Painting & Sculpture



75+

GALLERIES

From around the world



50+

COUNTRY PAVILIONS

Celebrating diverse
cultures and creativity



15+

CURATED EVENTS

Exhibitions, Art Conferences,
Art talk and panel Discussions,
Workshops, Master Classes,
Artistic Fashion Show, Cultural Tours,
Cultural Evening, Networking,
Awards & Felicitations.



10+

SPEAKERS &
THOUGHT LEADERS

Inspiring conversations
that shape perspectives



GLOBAL
ENGAGEMENT

Artists, Curators, Collectors,
Institutions, Diplomats,
and Art Enthusiasts



NETWORK.
COLLABORATE.
CREATE.

Building bridges
across cultures
and communities



6 DAYS

OF ART, CULTURE & IDEAS,
CURATED WITHIN ONE DESTINATION



DOHA, QATAR

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Reimagining Art in a Changing World

Art today exists within a rapidly evolving global landscape, shaped by shifting cultures, technologies, and perspectives.

Reimagining art is not about redefining tradition, but about expanding its dialogue. It is about allowing classical narratives to coexist with contemporary interpretations, creating a space where the past and the future continuously inform one another.

In this evolving context, art becomes more than visual expression. It becomes a medium of connection, a reflection of identity, and a catalyst for dialogue across cultures and communities.

At QIAF 2026, this vision unfolds through diverse artistic practices that challenge perception, encourage exploration, and invite audiences to engage beyond observation.



WHERE TRADITION
MEETS TRANSFORMATION

حيث يلتقي التراث بالتحول

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— QIAF 2026 —

ART REIMAGINED

CULTURE. CIVILIZATIONS. CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSION.

In a world of constant transformation, art continues
to redefine its purpose and presence.

ART REIMAGINED reflects a renewed perspective where
tradition and innovation coexist, where cultural narratives evolve,
and where contemporary expression shapes new
dialogues across borders.

It is an exploration of ideas, identities, and interpretations,
where creativity is not confined, but continuously rediscovered.

— A NEW LENS TO EXPERIENCE ART BEYOND BOUNDARIES —

— إعادة تصور الفن —

From Vision to Experience

Where ideas transform into lived moments

The journey of art does not end in thought,
it begins there.

At QIAF 2026, the ideas explored through
ART REIMAGINED take form beyond concept,
unfolding into immersive experiences that engage
the senses, inspire dialogue, and connect communities.

Each moment within the festival is an extension of
this vision, where creativity moves from reflection
into reality.



STEP INTO THE EXPERIENCE OF ART

من الفكرة إلى التجربة

QIAF 2026

The QIAF Experience

Where art comes alive through interaction, expression, and connection

At QIAF, art is not only seen, it is experienced.

Across six days, the festival transforms into a vibrant space of creativity, where artists create in real time, ideas are exchanged, and cultures connect through shared expression.

From immersive exhibitions to live art, from conversations to collaborations, every moment at QIAF is designed to engage, inspire, and connect.



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**AN EXPERIENCE
BEYOND THE CANVAS**

تجربة فنية تتجاوز حدود اللوحة

QIAF 2026

01



Red Carpet VIP Opening

Where the QIAF Experience
Begins



The QIAF journey begins with a spectacular Red Carpet VIP Opening, welcoming artists, dignitaries, partners, and cultural leaders from around the world.



An evening of elegance, celebration, and global presence—setting the tone for an unforgettable festival of art, culture, and connection.



A moment that brings together creativity, prestige, and influence as we officially open the doors to the QIAF experience.

Every masterpiece
has a grand beginning.

كل تحفة فنية
تبدأ بلحظة استثنائية.



PRESTIGE &
ELEGANCE



GLOBAL
GATHERING



CELEBRATING
ART & CULTURE



OPENING TO
NEW POSSIBILITIES


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Art in Motion

Where creativity unfolds in real time

At QIAF, the creative process becomes part of the experience.

Artists bring their work to life in real time, transforming blank canvases into powerful expressions before a live audience. This direct engagement allows visitors to witness not only the final artwork, but the journey of its creation.

Live art at QIAF creates a unique dialogue between artist and audience, where spontaneity, technique, and emotion come together in a shared moment of creation.



WITNESS THE PROCESS.
EXPERIENCE THE CREATION.

حيث يولد الفن أمامك

Painting Exhibitions & Sculpture Installations

A curated world of artistic expression

At the heart of QIAF lies a diverse and thoughtfully curated exhibition experience.

Featuring paintings and sculptures from across the globe, the festival presents a dynamic range of styles, mediums, and narratives that reflect both cultural heritage and contemporary perspectives.

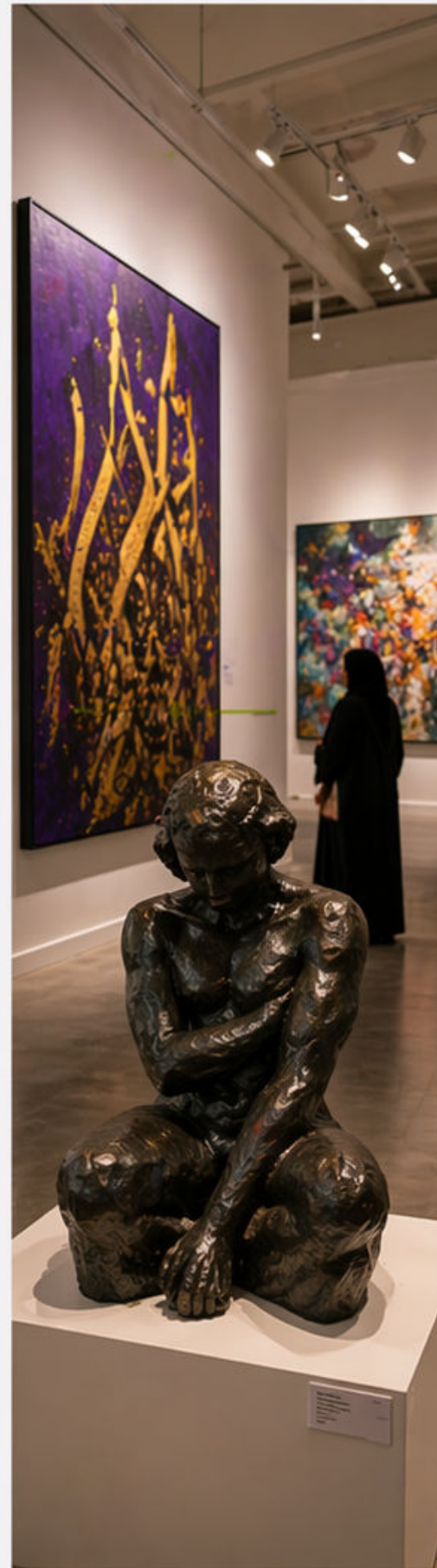
From large-scale installations to intimate gallery displays, each exhibit invites viewers to explore, interpret, and connect with art in meaningful ways.

QIAF's exhibition spaces are designed to encourage discovery, where every corner reveals a new perspective and every artwork contributes to a larger global dialogue.



EXPLORE PERSPECTIVES.
DISCOVER STORIES.

معارض ولوحات ومنحوتات
من مختلف أنحاء العالم





Art Conference & Panel Discussions

Where ideas shape artistic discourse

01



Art Conference

QIAF's art conference brings together artists, curators, and cultural thinkers to explore contemporary ideas shaping the global art landscape.

Through structured sessions and presentations, the conference creates a platform for deeper reflection, connecting artistic practice with broader cultural and intellectual discourse.

02



Talks & Panel Discussions

Interactive talks and panel discussions foster dynamic conversations between speakers and audiences.

These sessions encourage dialogue, exchange of perspectives, and engagement with emerging trends, offering insights that extend beyond the visual experience of art.



DIALOGUE. IDEAS. PERSPECTIVE.

حوار. أفكار. رؤى

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Art Workshops

Interactive spaces of creativity
and exploration



12

DIFFERENT
WORKSHOPS

from artists
around the world

QIAF's art workshops create an open and engaging environment where participants actively explore creativity through hands-on practice.

Guided by artists from diverse backgrounds, the festival presents **12 carefully curated workshops** led by experienced practitioners from around the world. These sessions encourage experimentation with materials, techniques, and ideas in a collaborative setting.

Workshops at QIAF are designed to inspire participation, allowing individuals of all skill levels to experience the process of creation in an accessible and dynamic way.



Create. Explore. Engage.

مساحات تفاعلية للإبداع والتجربة





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16



Masterclasses

Learning from
masters of the craft



12

DIFFERENT
MASTERCLASSES

by veteran artists
from around
the world

QIAF masterclasses offer a more focused and in-depth learning experience led by established artists and experts.

The programme features **12 specialised masterclasses** conducted by distinguished and veteran artists from around the world, providing deeper insights into artistic techniques, concepts, and professional practices.

Masterclasses at QIAF are designed for those seeking to advance their artistic journey through structured learning and direct interaction with leading practitioners.



FOCUSED
LEARNING



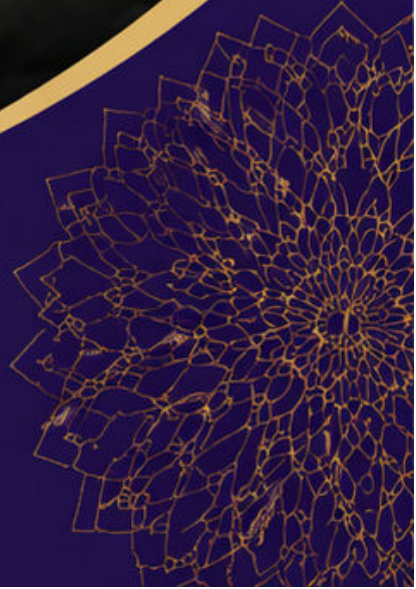
EXPERT
GUIDANCE



EXPAND YOUR
VISION

Refine your craft.
Expand your vision.

تعلم متقدم بإشراف
نخبة من الفنانين





CULTURAL CITY TOURS

Guided explorations of architectural landmarks, heritage districts, and vibrant cultural streets, providing insight into the city's evolving identity.



MUSEUM TOURS

Curated visits to Qatar's world-class institutions, including the National Museum of Qatar (NMOQ), where art, history, and design converge.

Cultural City Tours & Museum Tours

Exploring art and culture beyond the festival space

Discover culture.
Experience Qatar.

جولات المدينة الثقافية
وجولات المتاحف



EXPLORE
HERITAGE



DISCOVER
LANDMARKS



EXPERIENCE
MUSEUMS



CONNECT
WITH CULTURE

QIAF extends its experience beyond the exhibition halls through two distinct cultural journeys across Qatar.

Cultural City Tours offer guided explorations of architectural landmarks, heritage districts, and vibrant cultural streets, providing insight into the city's evolving identity.

Museum Tours present curated visits to Qatar's world-class institutions, including the National Museum of Qatar (NMOQ), where art, history, and design converge.

Together, these experiences create a deeper connection between artistic expression and the cultural context in which it exists, enriching the overall festival journey.



Desert Safari Experience

Sunrise adventure.
Timeless inspiration.



Start your day with an unforgettable sunrise desert safari across Qatar's magnificent dunes, where every horizon inspires.



Experience the thrill of dune driving as the first light paints the desert in golden hues, creating moments of awe and wonder.



More than an adventure, it's a journey of connection, reflection, and creativity in one of the world's most breathtaking landscapes.

Experience the spirit of Qatar

تجربة الصحراء عند شروق الشمس
روح قطر



SUNRISE
VIEWS



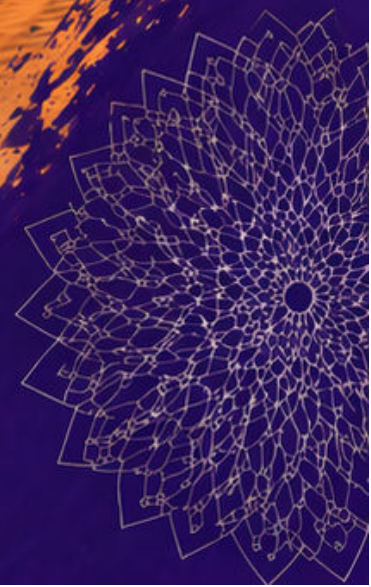
DUNE DRIVE
ADVENTURE



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCE



MEMORIES
THAT LAST



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Cultural Evening

A celebration of art, culture, and expression



QIAF presents a vibrant cultural evening that brings together artistic performances, music, and creative expression in a dynamic and immersive setting.



This curated experience celebrates cultural diversity, offering participants an opportunity to engage with performances that reflect both local traditions and global artistic influences.



Through a blend of visual and performing arts, the cultural evening creates an atmosphere of shared celebration, enriching the festival beyond its formal programme.

Experience culture through performance

أمسية ثقافية تحتفي بالفن والتنوع



LIVE
PERFORMANCES



MUSIC &
TRADITIONS



ARTISTIC
EXPRESSION



CULTURAL
EXCHANGE

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Networking Dinner

Where conversations create opportunities



The QIAF Networking Dinner offers an exclusive setting for artists, collectors, partners, and cultural leaders to connect in a refined and engaging environment.



Designed to encourage meaningful interaction, this gathering provides a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas beyond the formal structure of the festival.



Bringing together a global community of creative and cultural stakeholders, the networking dinner fosters relationships that often lead to future collaborations and lasting partnerships.

Connect
beyond the canvas

مساحة راقية لبناء
العلاقات والتواصل



MEANINGFUL
CONNECTIONS



IDEAS & CULTURAL
EXCHANGE



GLOBAL COMMUNITY
OF LEADERS



COLLABORATIONS
THAT LAST

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Artistic Fashion Show

Where art transforms into wearable expression



One of the most anticipated highlights of QIAF, the Artistic Fashion Show presents a unique fusion of art and fashion.



Designers and artists reinterpret creativity through fabric, form, and movement, transforming the runway into a living canvas of expression.



Showcasing diverse cultural inspirations and contemporary interpretations, this segment celebrates the intersection of visual art and fashion as a powerful medium of storytelling.

**Art in motion.
Fashion reimaged.**

عرض أزياء فني يجسد الإبداع



ART MEETS
FASHION



GLOBAL TALENT
SHOWCASE



CREATIVITY IN
EVERY DETAIL



CULTURE.
STYLE. IMPACT.



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Mannequin Fashion Show

Draping Diversity

A celebration of cultures through form and design



The Mannequin Fashion Show presents a distinctive concept where global cultures are expressed through carefully styled and curated mannequin displays.



Each installation represents a different country, brought to life through traditional and contemporary fashion, thoughtfully designed and draped by artists.



Led by respective country ambassadors, this showcase transforms the stage into a unified cultural canvas — where multiple identities, traditions, and artistic interpretations come together in one powerful visual narrative.



Many cultures. One stage.

تنوع الثقافات في عرض واحد



GLOBAL
REPRESENTATION



CULTURAL
COLLABORATION



LED BY COUNTRY
AMBASSADORS



ART. FASHION.
HERITAGE.



UNITED THROUGH
CREATIVITY

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Awards & Felicitation

Recognising excellence
in artistic expression



QIAF honours artistic excellence through a distinguished awards and felicitation ceremony, celebrating creativity, innovation, and contribution to the global art community.



Artists are recognised across diverse categories, reflecting the richness of styles, mediums, and cultural narratives presented at the festival.



This moment of recognition not only celebrates achievement but also inspires continued artistic exploration, reinforcing QIAF's commitment to supporting and elevating artists worldwide.

Celebrating creativity.
Honouring excellence.

تكریم الإبداع والتميز الفني



RECOGNISING
TALENT



HONOURING
ACHIEVEMENT



INSPIRING
EXCELLENCE



ELEVATING ART
GLOBALLY



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Global Participation

A world united through art

QIAF brings together a truly international community of artists, galleries, and cultural representatives from across the world.

With participation from over 80 countries, the festival creates a dynamic platform where diverse artistic voices, traditions, and contemporary expressions converge in one shared space.

This global presence not only reflects the scale of QIAF but also reinforces its role as a cultural bridge — connecting people, ideas, and artistic practices across borders.

80+ Countries.
One Creative Platform.

أكثر من 80 دولة... منصة إبداعية واحدة



500+
Artists

A global community
of creative minds



80+
Countries

Representing diverse
cultures and traditions



2000+
Artworks

Showcasing a wide range
of styles and disciplines



**Unlimited
Connections**

Building bridges through
creativity and collaboration



Artists & Representation

Voices, visions, and cultures from around the world

At the heart of QIAF is a vibrant and diverse community of artists representing cultures, disciplines, and creative expressions from across the globe.

From emerging talents to internationally recognised masters, each artist brings a unique perspective, contributing to a rich and evolving dialogue that defines the spirit of the festival.

This diversity of representation transforms QIAF into a truly inclusive platform — where individual creativity meets collective cultural exchange, creating meaningful artistic connections beyond borders.

Every artist.
A unique voice.

كل فنان... صوت فريد



Global
Participation
80+ countries



International
Galleries
from around the world



Diverse Artistic
Disciplines
painting, sculpture,
photography & more



Cultural
Exchange
uniting cultures
through art



Meaningful
Connections
inspiring collaboration
beyond borders



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Country Pavilions

A curated showcase of global artistic identities

QIAF presents a distinctive platform through its country pavilions, where nations are represented through curated artistic showcases.

Each pavilion reflects the cultural essence, artistic heritage, and contemporary expressions of its respective country, creating a diverse and immersive exhibition environment.

These pavilions bring together artists, galleries, and cultural representatives, offering visitors a unique opportunity to experience global art narratives within a unified space.

Many nations.
One artistic dialogue.

أجنحة الدول... حوار فني عالمي



80+
Countries

Represented through
national pavilions



Curated
Pavilions

Showcasing cultural identity,
heritage & contemporary art



Diverse
Perspectives

Celebrating artistic
voices from around the world



Meaningful
Connections

Building cultural bridges
through art

QIAF Brand Ambassadors

Extending QIAF Across Continents

A global network of cultural connectors

QIAF's Brand Ambassadors represent a growing global network, extending the festival's presence across countries and continents.

With over 40 ambassadors across five continents, this initiative strengthens international engagement, fosters cultural exchange, and expands the reach of QIAF worldwide.

Each ambassador plays a vital role in connecting artists, institutions, and communities, contributing to the growth of a truly global creative platform.

40+
Brand Ambassadors

5
Continents

One
Vision

أكثر من 40 سفيرًا | عبر 5 قارات | رؤية واحدة



Global Presence

Representing QIAF across the world.



Cultural Exchange

Building bridges between cultures and communities.



Artistic Representation

Showcasing diverse voices and creative expressions.



International Outreach

Expanding connections beyond borders.

ORGANISED BY



MAPS

International W.L.L

Mapping Possibilities. Building Impact.

MAPS International W.L.L is a Qatar-based creative enterprise dedicated to arts, culture, and global cultural exchange.

With a strong portfolio of international projects, MAPS has played a pivotal role in conceptualising and delivering platforms that bring together artists, institutions, and communities from across the world.

As the organiser of QIAF, MAPS International continues to build meaningful cultural initiatives aligned with global dialogue, artistic innovation, and sustainable creative development.



Driving vision.

Creating impact.

تنظيم ورؤية تقود الإبداع



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CULTURAL PARTNER

كتارا
katara

الحي الثقافي - كتارا
katara cultural village

Katara Cultural Village

A hub of culture, creativity, and global dialogue



Katara Cultural Village stands as one of Qatar's most prominent cultural landmarks, fostering artistic expression and cultural exchange at both regional and international levels.



As the cultural partner of QIAF, Katara provides a dynamic and inspiring environment where art, heritage, and innovation come together.



The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to promoting culture, supporting artists, and creating impactful global cultural experiences.



Where culture comes alive

كتارا... ملتقى الثقافة والفنون



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Partners & Global Network

A collaborative ecosystem supporting QIAF

QIAF is supported by a growing network of partners and collaborators across sectors and geographies.

This includes institutional, governmental, diplomatic, and media partners who contribute to the development and global reach of the festival.

Together, these collaborations strengthen QIAF's vision of creating a sustainable and internationally connected creative platform.

Stronger together. Globally connected.

شراكات عالمية ... لرؤية مشتركة

OUR PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

Collaborating with leading institutions, academies, and cultural organizations worldwide.



GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Working with government entities to support cultural development and international cooperation.



EMBASSY COLLABORATIONS

Partnering with embassies and diplomatic missions to foster cross-cultural dialogue and exchange.



MEDIA PARTNERS

Engaging with global media networks to amplify stories, artists, and cultural narratives.



CULTURAL & CREATIVE NETWORKS

Connecting with creative communities and networks to support artists and knowledge exchange.

OUR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE



LEADERSHIP & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Guiding QIAF's vision with expertise, insight, and strategic direction.



REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Representing key regions to drive outreach, partnerships, and local engagement.



GLOBAL COORDINATION TEAMS

Ensuring seamless collaboration, operations, and execution across all levels.

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“Art connects us beyond borders.
Partnerships empower us to create lasting impact.”



The Spirit of QIAF



QATAR INTERNATIONAL
ART FESTIVAL



Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) is a global platform where art, culture, and creativity converge to inspire meaningful connections across the world.



It is a space where artists, ideas, and cultures come together creating dialogue, fostering collaboration, and celebrating the universal language of art.



QIAF empowers artistic expression, encourages innovation, and builds bridges between communities, enriching lives through the power of art.

Art. Culture. Connection.

فن. ثقافة. تواصل.



Meet Iraya The Spirit of QIAF

Iraya is the official mascot of QIAF a symbol of creativity, unity, and joyful expression.

Inspired by Qatar's rich cultural heritage, Iraya embodies warmth, imagination, and artistic energy.

With a friendly and engaging presence, Iraya connects with audiences of all ages, bringing the spirit of QIAF to life.





IVAAN

The Qanvas Art & Culture Magazine

IVAAN is the official art magazine of QIAF, capturing the creative spirit and global participation of the festival.

Through curated features, artist highlights, and visual storytelling, IVAAN documents the evolving narrative of contemporary art across cultures.

It extends the QIAF experience beyond the exhibition space, preserving artistic voices and inspiring new perspectives.



ARTIST FEATURES

Showcasing artists
and their creative
journeys.



INTERVIEWS

Conversations
with artists, curators
and cultural leaders.



GLOBAL ART STORIES

Exploring art
movements and
cultural perspectives
worldwide.



VISUAL NARRATIVES

Capturing moments,
exhibitions and
inspiring visuals.

“

*A canvas of stories. A world of perspectives.
A legacy of creativity.*

”



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Discover art beyond boundaries.
Read. Explore. Be Inspired.





*Art **reimagines** the world
together, **we create it.***



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