



## Family and Community are the Stars at DTFF 2011

*Festival's Family Day Celebration Attracts Record-breaking Crowds of all Ages*

**Doha, October 29, 2011** – Family Day at this year's Doha Tribeca Film Festival (DTFF) bustled with creative fun yesterday as Festival goers of all ages dived into dance, music and improvisational performances, Qatari cultural activities, reading and drawing stations, and special screenings just for family audiences.

Festival organisers said that an overwhelming number of expatriates and local Qatari guests alike attended the films screenings held throughout the day, which included a glittering red carpet MENA premiere of the 3D animated film *Cat in Boots (Puss in Boots)*, a special sneak preview screening of Steven Spielberg's and Peter Jackson's 3D animated film *The Adventures of Tintin*, and a DFI-Miramax ten-year anniversary presentation of *Spy Kids*.

Katara Cultural Village hummed with activity from 2pm. Dozens of kites and banners flew in the stiff sea breeze, while inside specially constructed tents, kids read books at a storytelling hour and illustrated their own comics to take home with them.

Meanwhile, crowds took in a series of performances by groups such as the Desert Dancers and over 20 local schools showing off their talent and skill. Throughout the day, children's choirs and dance troupes took to the massive stage in the spectacular Katara Open Air Theatre that was built especially for the DTFF.

As day turned into night, families took advantage of the cool breezes to flood the Esplanade with running, laughing children. Face painting, glow-in-the-dark kites, henna painting, and performers on the stages lining the corniche created a truly festive atmosphere.

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## **Notes to Editor**

About Doha Film Institute (DFI):

The Doha Film Institute (DFI) is an independent cultural organisation established in 2010 to incorporate Qatar's film initiatives under one banner.

Located at Qatar's new cultural hub, Katara, DFI's many initiatives include film and television funding for MENA and international films, year-round education programs, film screenings, and the annual Doha Tribeca Film Festival (DTFF).

In addition, DFI has established a number of strategic cultural partnerships with leading local and international organisations including Katara Cultural Village Foundation, Tribeca Enterprises, World Cinema Foundation, Maisha Film Labs and Giffoni Film Festival.

DFI was founded by H.E. Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani. Along with Her Excellency, DFI leadership comprises DFI Board Vice-Chair and Festival Board Chair, H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Fahad Al-Thani; DFI Board Member and Festival Board Vice-Chair, H.E. Dr. Hassan Al-Nimah; DFI Board Member, Mr. Mansoor Ibrahim Al-Mahmoud; Festival Board Member, H.E. Sheikh Jabor Bin Yousuf Al Thani; and DFI Executive Director, Amanda Palmer.

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