

Years of Culture Showcases Creative Exchange Between Qatar, Argentina, and Chile at From the Homeland Exhibition

13 November 2025 – Doha, Qatar: Years of Culture joins “From the Homeland”, organised by the Ministry of Social Development and Family (MSDF) to present a cross-cultural exchange that celebrates family heritage, craftsmanship, and creativity. Under the Qatar Argentina and Chile 2025 Year of Culture, the initiative introduces a series of interactive experiences that connect Qatari traditions with Latin American artistry and shared community values.

Taking place from 12 to 15 November 2025 at Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) Hall 03, this year’s exhibition explores the power of family and community as the foundation of creativity. The Years of Culture booth highlights how Qatari craftsmanship and cultural heritage intersect with Argentinian and Chilean artistry to promote mutual understanding and exchange.

Key Experiences at the Exhibition

Coffee and Mate Exchange Corner: A cultural ritual blending Qatari Arabic coffee and Yerba Mate, symbolising hospitality and friendship. Hosted by Norma Rolón, the experience runs daily and features Arabic coffee provided by MSDF alongside Yerba Mate prepared by Argentinian guests.

Makers Meet – Witral Weaving Exchange: Led by Chilean artist Lisbeth Pino Westermayer, this experience celebrates Qatari Al Sadu and Chilean Witral weaving as parallel expressions of native creativity. Visitors can explore visual panels, maps, and materials that highlight each loom’s origin and symbolism while learning about traditional craftsmanship and its cultural significance.

Musical Performances: A special instrumental set on Friday, 14 November at 4:00 pm, featuring four violinists and cellists from the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra.

Exhibition Opening Hours:

- Wednesday, 12 Nov: 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Thursday, 13 Nov: 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Friday, 14 Nov: 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, 15 Nov: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

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About Years of Culture

The Years of Culture initiative, chaired by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, spearheads long-lasting cultural partnerships between Qatar and other nations. It exists to promote respect and understanding among diverse cultures and serves as a catalyst for bringing people together, nurturing connections, encouraging dialogue, and deepening understanding. At its heart, Years of Culture celebrates the power of cultural exchange, which enriches Qatar’s ties with partner countries beyond the dedicated year.

Each year is organised with support from Qatar and partner countries' cultural institutions, ministries, foundations, and private and public sector partners, with assistance from Embassies in Qatar and abroad. Programmes are tailored to explore the unique nature of each partner country with a focus on cultural heritage, creative industries, social and economic development, and innovation.

Previous Years of Culture have included: Qatar-Japan 2012, Qatar-UK 2013, Qatar-Brazil 2014, Qatar-Türkiye 2015, Qatar-China 2016, Qatar-Germany 2017, Qatar-Russia 2018, Qatar-India 2019, Qatar-France 2020, Qatar-USA 2021, Qatar-MENASA 2022, Qatar-Indonesia 2023, and Qatar-Morocco 2024.

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