

Museum of Islamic Art Announces "From Morocco to Qatar: Sailing Through Heritage" Community Event in a Celebration of <u>Qatar-Morocco 2024 Year of Culture</u>

DOHA, Qatar, 20 November 2024 – The Hour and Hour program, in cooperation with the Museum of Islamic Art, organized an event, shared details of an upcoming cultural community event on Friday, November 22, celebrating the ongoing Qatar-Morocco 2024 Years of Culture (YoC). Titled "From Morocco to Qatar: Sailing Through Heritage," the cultural evening aims to highlight Moroccan cultural heritage and its connections with Qatari traditions and heritage through an immersive program of music, art, poetry, and engaging discussions.

- Date: Friday, November 22, 2024
- Time: 3:00 PM 7:00 PM
- **Location:** The Atrium (Attendance by registration)

"From Morocco to Qatar" will feature a variety of performances and activities, including a duet performance by Qatari musician Ahmed Abdulrahim and Moroccan artist Abdul Hafeez Al-Hajjaji, national anthems performed by students from Al Khor Model School for Boys (Qatar) and the Charlemagne International School (Morocco), a recitation from the Holy Quran by Mustafa Lachgar, poetry readings by Qatari poet Moza bint Abdulrahman Al-Misnad and Moroccan poet Amal Yahyaoui and a theatrical performance on principles of hospitality by Qatari and Moroccan students.

Many activities suitable for visitors of all ages will be available throughout the evening, including Moroccan and Qatari photobooths featuring antique cameras by Kamal Naji and Lucille Studios, traditional refreshments, including Qatari coffee and Moroccan tea hosted by Abdulaziz Al-Bohashim Museum and Hajar, Moroccan sweets and traditional Moroccan cuisine from Um Fatima Al-Zahra and Marrakech Restaurant, artistic showcases, such as paintings by Hassan Boujassoum and Warda Shakht and Arabic calligraphy by Ibrahim Ali and Mustafa Lachgar, as well as displays of traditional Moroccan and Qatari attire by designers Elham Al-Ansari and Afaf Ben Al-Sayegh.

A schedule of special performances has also been arranged for the evening:

4:30pm: Qatari Ardah performance by students of Al Khor Model School for Boys **4:50pm**: A sports and football show by students from Al Khor Model School and Charlemagne International Moroccan School

5:00pm: Cultural quiz hosted by Qatari presenter Abeer Al-Hajri and Moroccan presenter Jihan Dinar **6:00pm**: Traditional Moroccan *Assawi* performance by the Al-Asawi ensemble

For registration and more information, please visit: <u>https://mia.org.qa/en/calendar/from-morocco-to-qatar/</u>

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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. Though formal programming spans one year, the lasting impact continues through legacy projects.

The Qatar-Morocco 2024 Year of Culture is developed in collaboration with leading organizations in Qatar with counterparts in Morocco and with assistance from the Moroccan Ministry of Youth, Culture, and Communication, Qatar's Embassy in Morocco, and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Qatar.

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, and Qatar-Indonesia 2023.



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