

**Years of Culture Celebrates Argentina and Chile with a Season of Cultural Exchange**

***This year's fall programme brings Argentinian and Chilean culture to life across libraries, museums, streets and stages***

**14 August 2025 – Doha, Qatar** – The Years of Culture initiative announced an exciting line-up of fall programmes that will showcase the cultural landscapes of Argentina and Chile to audiences in Qatar. This season invites communities to explore fresh connections through art, literature, design, film, music, hospitality, trade and culinary experiences, encouraging dialogue and collaboration across cultures.

“Our fall season with Argentina and Chile is about sharing stories, ideas and traditions that bring people closer together. We’re proud to create spaces where artists, families and communities can connect, learn and celebrate what makes each culture unique,” Years of Culture said in a statement.

**SEPTEMBER****A Musical Encounter: Sounds of Qatar and Argentina (QNCC)****14 September 2025****Organiser: Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra**

As part of Qatar Museums’ Year of Culture with Argentina and Chile, the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra will present a special preview performance in Doha ahead of its upcoming concert at the world-renowned Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires on 17 September. This cross-cultural programme, conducted by Argentine maestro Enrique Diemecke, celebrates the rich musical dialogue between Qatar and Latin America. The evening features Astor Piazzolla’s iconic *Concerto for Bandoneón “Aconcagua,”* performed by acclaimed soloist Victor Hugo Villena, as well as works by celebrated Argentine composers Esteban Benzecry and Alberto Ginastera. Representing Qatar’s contemporary music scene, the Philharmonic will perform compositions by Dana Alfardan and Nasser Sahim, blending cinematic textures with the spirit of traditional Arabic music. This concert offers Doha audiences a unique opportunity to experience the programme that will represent Qatar on one of the world’s greatest stages.

**Philharmonic at the Library - “Vuelvo al sur” - A Musical Journey Through Argentina and Chile****25 September 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library and Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra**

A curated musical evening will celebrate the lively sounds of Argentina and Chile. Through performances, storytelling and visuals, the concert will blend tango, folk, nueva canción and Andean rhythms to explore themes of memory, identity and migration.

**Make With Me: Argentina Edition****30 September 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

A hands-on creative session at Qatar National Library will guide children and families in exploring Argentinian culture through crafts and artmaking.

**OCTOBER****Qatar Reads Theme Launch****8 October 2025****Organiser: Qatar Reads, an initiative of Qatar National Library**



Qatar Reads will launch this year's focus on Argentina at a home of one of its participating families, featuring the launch of the book "Maryam in Argentina" and a Q&A with Argentina's Ambassador to Qatar.

**Qatar Reads Years of Culture Month****Month of October 2025****Organiser: Qatar Reads, an initiative of Qatar National Library**

The Family Reading Program will roll out an Argentina-themed edition as part of the Year of Culture 2025. Over 1,500 children across Qatar will receive curated Arabic and English book packages featuring activity sheets, comics and creative content. Developed in cooperation with the Argentinian Embassy, the initiative promotes cultural understanding and curiosity through storytelling.

**JEDARIART Cycling Track Activation****8-21 October 2025****Organiser: Qatar Museums Public Art Department**

Chilean muralist Daniel Marcelli and Argentinian artist Pablo Harymbat will transform the Qatar Olympic Cycling Track tunnels into an outdoor gallery celebrating indigenous cultures and Latin American visual storytelling. Thanks to the partnership with Ashghal and Qatar Museums' Public Art department, this will be the second annual collaboration that brings international artists from Years of Culture partner countries to activate the Qatar Olympic Cycling Track.

**Make with Me: Chile Edition****21 October 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Inspired by Chilean culture, Qatar National Library will welcome attendees for a craft and art making workshop.

**Tourism and Hospitality Engagement Through the Lens of Culture****28-30 October 2025****Organiser: Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

The Years of Culture Initiative, in collaboration with Qatar's Ministry of Commerce and Industry, will organise a robust cultural and business programme at Hospitality Qatar 2025.

**Philharmonic at the Library: Cordillera Sonora - Sound of the Mountains****29 October 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library and Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra**

Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra will present *Cordillera Sonora – Sound of the Mountains* at Qatar National Library. This chamber concert celebrates Chile's musical heritage and blends traditional Andean sounds with classical arrangements to evoke the spirit and rhythms of South America's mountain landscapes.

**Chile Storytime: When the Moai Walked****30 October 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Qatar National Library will host a storytelling and craft session inspired by the oral traditions of Rapa Nui (Easter Island, Chile). Led by guest storyteller Meherio Rapu, the workshop is designed for children aged 5 to 7, offering an engaging introduction to Chilean culture through tales and hands-on creativity.

**NOVEMBER**

**Qatar Reads Cultural Event****1 November 2025****Organiser: Qatar Reads, an initiative of Qatar National Library**

Qatar Reads and the National Museum of Qatar will host a cultural event marking the close of the October Years of Culture programme. The celebration will welcome 100 children for hands-on activities inspired by Argentinian heritage, with the Argentinian ambassador joining the opening segment.

**Sabor Argentino: Flavors of Argentina****November dates to be announced later****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Qatar National Library will welcome guests to a special event featuring authentic Argentinian cuisine. A delicious selection of Argentinian dishes will be available at stalls located at the outdoor area next to the Library entrance.

**Sabor Chileno: Flavors of Chile****November dates to be announced later****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Qatar National Library will welcome guests to a special event featuring authentic Chilean cuisine. A delicious selection of Chilean dishes will be at the outdoor area next to the Library entrance.

**Take & Make: Argentina Edition****13 November 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Qatar National Library will host a workshop where participants will create miniature guitars inspired by Argentinian musical heritage.

**Argentina Storytime: *Manuelita, Where Are You Going?*****15 November 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Qatar National Library will offer a storytelling and creative workshop inspired by María Elena Walsh, the beloved Argentine author of children's stories and poems. The event will explore her classic book *Canciones para Mirar* and the popular story *Manuelita, Where Are You Going?*. Children will experience the magic of stories and characters through a short poem that sparks curiosity and a love for Spanish literature. The workshop includes making a character passport, where kids can add stamps representing the places the character visited as well as their own home countries.

**Take & Make: Chile Edition****20 November 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

The Chilean edition of Take & Make at Qatar National Library will feature a craft session exploring the beauty of Chilean symbolism through patterns inspired by Mapuche GUEMIL.

**Flavor of Chile: Culture on a Plate****20 November 2025****Organiser: Qatar National Library**

Join Qatar National Library on a culinary journey with award-winning Chilean Chef Francisco Araya, whose international career spans six continents and over 50 outlets. Discover the unique flavours,



ingredients, and stories behind Chile's food culture in this special event celebrating the variety of Chilean gastronomy.

### **Doha Film Festival: Made in Argentina/Chile Showcase**

**20-28 November 2025**

**Organiser: Doha Film Institute**

The Doha Film Festival will spotlight emerging filmmakers from Argentina and Chile in a *Made in Argentina/Chile* showcase. Youth judges from both countries will join the Ajyal Youth Jury Exchange, promoting cross-cultural storytelling through film.

### **M7 Retail Pop-Up**

**21-25 November 2025**

**Organiser: Qatar Museums M7 Creative Hub**

M7 will host a retail pop-up featuring designs from YoC partner countries, offering audiences the chance to explore and purchase contemporary pieces while engaging with the designers behind them.

### **M7 Makers Space Takeover**

**21 November – 5 December 2025**

**Organiser: Qatar Museums M7 Creative Hub**

The Makers Space Takeover will feature one of the YoC designers from the pop-up, who will take over M7's Makers Space to develop a small-scale project.

### **Spotlight on Chilean Innovators at WISE**

**24-25 November 2025**

**Organiser: World Innovation Summit for Education, Qatar Foundation**

The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) will host Chilean thought leaders Ana Maria Raad, founder of Reimagina Foundation, one of the Wise Prize Finalists, and Javier González, co-founder of Summa, the Laboratory of Education Research and Innovation for Latin America and the Caribbean. They will share innovative educational approaches and their impact on learning experiences across Latin America.

## **DECEMBER**

### **World Wide Walls Doha**

**3-9 December 2025**

**Organiser: Qatar Museums, Public Art Department**

The World Wide Walls Doha initiative will bring Chilean street artist Posh del Futuro and Argentinian muralist Animalitoland to Al Aziziyah neighbourhood of Doha, where they will add striking murals to the local landscape. This collaborative project celebrates community-driven public art and global storytelling.

### ***Autorretrato* by Gabriel Chaile at Mathaf**

**From 18 December 2025**

**Organiser: Qatar Museums, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art and Public Art Department**

As part of Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art's anniversary celebrations, Argentinian artist Gabriel Chaile's clay sculpture *Autorretrato* will be on display in December. Drawing from the formal and material language of Indigenous communities in northeast Argentina, Chaile creates a larger-than-life sculpture blending abstracted human features and traditional earth ware. Chaile, who is of Afro-Arab descent, brings a layered understanding of belonging and diaspora to his artistic practice. His presence at



Mathaf reflects the museum's mission to amplify Arab voices in global contemporary art and to explore the transnational connections that define Arab identity today.

**Cinema Under the Stars****December 2025****Organiser: Doha Film Institute**

The Doha Film Institute will host a selection of family-friendly titles from Chile and Argentina in an open-air setting.

**A pioneering Football for Development collaboration with Club Deportivo Palestino****December, 2025****Organiser: Generation Amazing Foundation**

Generation Amazing Foundation (GA) will host a cultural and sport-based exchange initiative centered around Football for Development, engaging Club Deportivo Palestino (CDP) from Chile. This initiative will leverage on football's universal appeal to foster cultural understanding, social inclusion, and community development. The engagement will include friendly football matches in collaboration with the Qatar Stars League (QSL), community engagement and cultural exchange initiatives with the Gazan residents in Qatar and screening of the Chasing Dreams docuseries.

The Years of Culture initiative continues to champion meaningful connections between Qatar and its partner nations through carefully curated programmes that celebrate shared heritage, promote new ideas and inspire communities to come together. By opening doors to dialogue, creative expression and hands-on collaboration, Years of Culture strengthens mutual understanding and respect that extends far beyond a single season or country.

For updates, follow Years of Culture on social media or visit the website at [yearsofculture.qa](https://yearsofculture.qa).

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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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