

## A platform for Arab filmmakers

The fifth edition of the MBC film festival, which began on December 7, will feature a total of 36 films from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon and more. The films will also compete for the MBC Hope Award.



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This year's event will feature 36 films, selected from hundreds of submissions of documentaries and feature films. This list includes productions from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Lebanon. The films will also compete for the MBC Hope Award, which will see a filmmaker in each category receive the prize with a cash prize.

Commenting on the film festival, festival president and director Sophie Boutros said, "We are delighted to be partnering with MBC Group and CCC to offer a new generation of Arab filmmakers a much-deserved platform. This festival provides participants with the opportunity to not only showcase their work, but also meet and network with a number of world-renowned names in film and TV, from both Hollywood and the Arab world."

MBC TV director Ali Jaber added, "This partnership comes from our belief in the importance of supporting the creative youth of the Arab world, mentoring the filmmakers and TV producers of tomorrow. Support begins from the stage of discovery, to provide platforms for them to showcase their work, right through to training and mentorship through workshops made possible by the support of specialist scholarships."

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