

Middle East Entertainment: Cross-Border Diplomacy & Cultural Exchange Show

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1. In a significant move towards bolstering bilateral film ties, the Saudi Film Commission and which other national film council signed a strategic partnership in February 2025 to enhance co-productions, joint training, and talent promotion?

- A) The Korean Film Council**
- B) The Egyptian Film Center
- C) The Jordanian Royal Film Commission
- D) The UAE's Media Council

2. Which country's "Years of Culture" initiative, a cornerstone of its cultural diplomacy, is set to partner with both Argentina and Chile in 2025, marking the first time it has engaged with two nations simultaneously?

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Qatar**
- D) Bahrain

3. In April 2026, a substantial EGP 2 billion investment platform was established in Egypt's entertainment sector through a strategic partnership between Egypt's PMAestro and which Saudi Arabian entity, known for holding regional franchise rights for global brands?

- A) The Saudi Tourism Authority
- B) The Safari Group**
- C) The Saudi Ministry of Culture
- D) The Red Sea Film Foundation

4. Which Middle Eastern nation is actively promoting itself as an international production hub, leveraging initiatives like Film AIUla and NEOM, with a goal to have over 1,000 cinema screens by 2030?

- A) Oman
- B) Bahrain
- C) Saudi Arabia**
- D) Qatar

5. The Egyptian Film Commission has been granted full authority to regulate and oversee foreign film and television production activities. In November 2025, it signed a protocol with which international organization to promote Egypt's landscapes as prime filming locations?

- A) The International Film Festival Association (IFFS)
- B) The Location Managers Guild International (LMGI)**
- C) The European Film Academy
- D) The Motion Picture Association (MPA)

6. The "Spring of Culture" festival in Bahrain, in its 2025 edition, featured contributions from embassies of countries including the UK, France, and Italy, highlighting the festival's role in what form of international engagement?

- A) Economic investment
- B) Military cooperation
- C) Cultural diplomacy**
- D) Technological advancement

7. As of early 2026, a film directed by Mohammad Shirvani, featuring intimate scenes shot within Iran, premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale). This film, titled 'Cesarean Weekend,' is noted for its defiance of censorship and its production outside of which system?

- A) International film distribution networks
- B) Independent film funding
- C) The formal licensing system for filmmaking**
- D) The Iranian Ministry of Guidance

8. Qatar utilizes Al Jazeera as a key tool for public diplomacy. In 2024, this media network's operations in which country were shut down, sparking global debate and drawing further attention to the network's role in shaping narratives during conflict?

- A) Iran
- B) Israel**
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Egypt

9. In February 2026, Saudi Arabia's General Entertainment Authority (GEA) signed a joint production agreement with MBC Egypt to create content for Egyptian audiences. During discussions with Egypt's new Culture Minister, Jehan Zaki, what significant cultural project was mentioned as being under study for Egypt's North Coast?

- A) A new opera house
- B) A large-scale cultural project**
- C) An international film studio complex
- D) A historical reenactment park

10. The Amman International Film Festival (AIFF), which focuses on debut works, announced its 2025 edition would accept films released in which years?

- A) 2023 or 2024
- B) 2024 or 2025
- C) 2025 or 2026**
- D) 2026 or 2027

11. In the context of cultural diplomacy, which country's ambassador to the United States, Nazar Al Khirullah, aims to shift perceptions by highlighting Iraq's rich history and culture through partnerships with American museums and universities, moving beyond the image of war and terrorism?

- A) Syria
- B) Lebanon
- C) Jordan
- D) Iraq**

12. Oman introduced a new Cultural Visa scheme effective November 2025, offering durations of one, five, or ten years. This initiative is a critical strategy underpinning Oman Vision 2040, aiming to position the Sultanate as a future center for what?

- A) Financial services
- B) Manufacturing
- C) Creative capital**
- D) Petroleum export

13. The Palestinian art movement has historically used art as a tool for conveying its narrative and strengthening diplomatic efforts, particularly through organizing international exhibitions. Which organization, established in 1969, played a role in organizing exhibitions in solidarity with liberation movements worldwide?

- A) The Palestinian Ministry of Culture
- B) The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)
- C) The General Union of Palestinian Artists**
- D) The Palestinian Performing Arts Network (PPAN)

14. The "Spring of Culture" festival in Bahrain, celebrating its 19th edition in 2025, includes educational programs like workshops on filmmaking and artificial intelligence. These are held in partnership with which governmental body?

- A) The Ministry of Information
- B) The Ministry of Education**
- C) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- D) The Ministry of Tourism

15. The Iranian Independent Filmmakers Association (IIFMA) welcomed changes to the Academy Awards' Best International Feature Film submission rules in May 2026. They argued that the previous system, overseen by Iran's Farabi cinema body, suppressed freedom of speech and had oppressed filmmakers for how many years?

- A) Over 20 years
- B) Over 30 years
- C) Over 40 years**
- D) Over 50 years