



FESTIVAL PROGRAM
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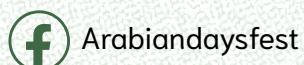
ARABIAN DAYS FESTIVAL 2025

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Launched in 2023, Arabian Days Festival is an annual cultural initiative organized by the Abu Dhabi Arabic Language Centre at the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi to celebrate the Arabic language and its ever-evolving identity. Bringing together language, art, music, literature, and technology, the festival offers an immersive experience that highlights the beauty of Arabic and its power to inspire creativity and connection across generations.

Through performances, workshops, and interactive sessions, the festival opens new pathways for expression and belonging, affirming Arabic as a bridge between heritage and innovation, and positioning Abu Dhabi as a global hub for cultural dialogue and creative exchange. In 2025, the festival received the Mohammed bin Rashid Arabic Language Award (9th cycle) for Best Initiative Promoting a Reading Culture and Knowledge Society, recognizing its impact in strengthening the role of Arabic in today's cultural landscape.



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EXPERIENCES & ACTIVATIONS

MYSTICAL SCENTS OF ARABIA

Discover the rich heritage of traditional Arabic perfumes of musk, amber, and oud, and their deep connection to Arabic poetry, intertwined with the everyday traditions of authentic Arab life.

ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition showcasing the winning artworks of the "Kanz Al Jeel" award, highlighting the expressions of Nabati poetry in visual arts. The award, which takes its name from the poems of Sheikh Zayed, creates a space that blends artistic creativity with the authenticity of the Arabic language.



IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE ROOM

A unique experience that will immerse you in a magical world of sound and light, surrounding you with an artistic narrative celebrating the Arabic language and its authenticity.

CNN ARABIC BOOTCAMP

As part of its mission to empower emerging Arab media talent, CNN Arabic is hosting a special “Storytelling Bootcamp” for content creators during the festival. The training provides practical tools and industry insights to help participants elevate their content and build sustainable, independent careers across major media platforms.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



YOUTH WORKSHOPS:

- * Photography masterclass by “AnalogTheRoom”
- * Two social media workshops with director Samy Chaffai; one of the leading creators of content and short films.
- * Two fashion and jewelry workshops by “TrainSquare”

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Enjoy a special time with your friends through a variety of fun activities combining games, music, arts, and more.

BONFIRE STORYTELLING:

The “Bonfire Storytelling” sessions revive the traditions of Arab folk heritage, where ancient tales meet contemporary storytelling in an engaging atmosphere, led by singer and composer Fayed Al Saeed, poet Ali Al Khawar, and writer Maryam Al Zaabi.





PUPPET SHOWS

An interactive theatrical storytelling of children's tales, combining live music performances with puppet theatre.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

A variety of creative workshops for children, including crafts, painting, and music, blending fun with learning while encouraging discovery and innovation.



CONCERTS

The space where lights meet rhythm and moments become memories. Artists including Fouad Abdelwahed, Cairokee, Lena Chamamyan, and Rima Khcheich perform live, bringing contemporary Arabic voices together in passionate, audience-close shows that make every night unmissable.



FOUAD ABDELWAHED



RAHMA RIAD



CAIROKEE



RIMA KHCHEICH



LENA CHAMAMYAN



ZENA EMAD

CINEMA SCREENING

A selection of Arab films by creative regional filmmakers, presented by Arab Film Studio, one of the initiatives offered by Creative Lab, the talent development arm of the Creative Media Authority in Abu Dhabi.



AI IN ARABIC LANGUAGE TEACHING CONFERENCE

جامعة نيويورك أبوظبي

NYU ABU DHABI

This two-day conference explores how artificial intelligence is reshaping the teaching of Arabic. Sessions highlight new ideas for the future of education and language learning, best practices, and innovative approaches that merge technology with pedagogy. The conference is led by Dr. Attia Youseif from Indiana University Bloomington, United States, alongside leading experts in the field.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

These discussions offer a space to share ideas, stories, and creative perspectives, featuring speakers such as singer and songwriter Lena Chamamyan, professor Mahdi Mansour, composer Ihab Darwish, poet Abdulrahman Al Humairi, Dr. Maryam Al Hashmi, and emerging talents from the Arab Film Studio including Nada Jaled and Majed Al Zubaidi. Sessions are moderated by experts including Dr. Nizar Qbilat, Nour Al Helou, and Zeinab AlShkeili.



OUR PARTNERS

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners and supporters of “Arabian Days” in Abu Dhabi.



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8.00 PM	8:30-10:00pm Rahma Riad	Singer and actress with music that blends modern Arabic pop with emotive vocals and catchy contemporary melodies						
9.00 PM	10:00-11:30pm Fouad AbdelWahed	Singer and musician known for his work in the Gulf music scene						
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9.00 PM	9:00-10:00pm Lena Chamamyan	Prominent singer and educator, acclaimed for her mastery of classical Arabic vocal forms, particularly the Muwashahat, and her innovative blending of traditional Arab music with contemporary sounds, especially jazz.	Moderator: Lana Medawar Speaker: Ali Al Ameri	5:00-8:00pm Live DJ Sets ADF Over-ink: Temporary Tattoos	5:30-6:30pm Sheikh Zayed 3-D Portrait (all ages)	Speakers: Ihab Darwish Dr. Maryam al hashmi Abdulrahman Alhemeiri Moderator: Professor Nizar Qubailat	7:30pm Arab Film Studio	7:30pm The Arabic Horse: A Living Legacy
10.00 PM	10:00-11:00pm Zena Emad	A powerful selection of short films, documentaries, and cinematic pieces by the official cinema partner Arab Film Studio.	Films: Ummi Umm Salama The Matchmaker Bundle of Joy Umah Luminary	6:00-7:00pm Arabic Choir	6:00-7:00pm Alphabet Pattern Painting (all ages)	8:00 PM	Arab Film Studio	Arab Film Studio
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Daily from 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM at Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi.