



## QATAR FOUNDATION TO HOLD GUIDED ART TOURS IN EDUCATION CITY

*Register Now to View QF's Public Art Collection*

**Doha, Qatar, February 19, 2017:** Qatar Foundation (QF) is set to host a series of guided tours that will allow the public to view and learn more about artworks located within Education City.

Entitled the 'Art Trail', the initiative will cater to different age groups and interests and serve as a platform to inspire the community, increase artistic appreciation and awareness, and promote local culture and artists.

The 'Art Trail' tours will take place once a month on Saturdays, between February 25 and June 17, at venues across the campus, including Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q), Sidra Medical and Research Center (Sidra), Qatar Foundation Headquarters (QFHQ), Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), and Georgetown School of Foreign Service in Qatar (GU-Q).

Machaille Al-Naimi, President of Community Development, QF, said: "We invite all interested members of the community to sign up to our 'Art Trail' tours and enjoy our large collection. The installations throughout Education City give visitors an insight into regional identity by showing the unique connections between the works of art and their environments."

"With QF's collection making public spaces more attractive and aesthetically pleasing, these areas can also serve as a focal point for the local community to discuss and interact with each other, and effectively promote positive social engagement," Al Naimi concluded.

QF owns approximately 150 art pieces, many of which have been purchased through the global 'Percent-for-Art' scheme. The scheme ensures that one percent of the budget of large-scale development projects is allocated to fund and install public art.

Qatari artists with work located in Education City include Ali Hassan; Yousef Ahmad, a pioneer of Qatar's modern art movement; Salman Al Malik, who is widely acknowledged for his work in the field of 'plastic arts'; and Moudi Al Hajri, who is an award-winning Qatari artist.

International artists whose works are featured in Education City, include Tracey Emin; Spanish artist Jaume Plensa; and Iranian-American artist Hadieh Shafie, who has artworks located on the first floor of Sidra's Outpatient Clinic.

Education City, QF's flagship development, is home to many art and cultural centers, such as Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art and Qatar National Library's (QNL) Heritage Collection, as well as the art galleries at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) and Hamad bin Khalifa University's (HBKU) Student Center.



Those wishing to join the 'Art Trail' should contact [qftrail@qf.org.qa](mailto:qftrail@qf.org.qa) for a registration form. Once registered, interested participants will receive a confirmation email, which will include tour logistics.

### **Image Captions**

**Image 1:** Swarm 1 (2010) by Random International, located at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), will feature in QF's Art Trail tours.

**Image 2:** Gold 2 (2014) by Hadieh Shafie, located at Sidra's Out Patient Clinic, will feature in QF's Art Trail tours.

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### **Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential**

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At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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