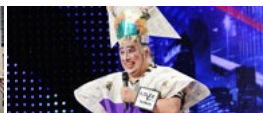


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"Kharban," will take place in August.

CANNES - The Dubai International Film Festival is partnering with the Film Society of Lincoln Center in New York to showcase Arab cinema in a DIFF Focus this August, festival chairman **Abdulhamid Juma** said here Saturday.

The lineup for the DIFF Focus will include 10 feature films and a short film program. It will also feature Q&A sessions with the directors and panel discussions organized by the Independent Filmmaker Project and New York Women in Films.

Among the films are **Susan Yousef's** Gaza love story *Habibi Rasak Kharban* and Emirati director **Ali Mostafa's** *City of Life*.

The selected movies have been supported by the Dubai Film Market, which is the festival's attempt to boost production and international co-productions in the region.

"We are delighted to present some of the best films from the Arab region, which we hope will give a flavor of the vibrancy and relevance of Middle Eastern cinema," Juma said. "We look forward to working with the Lincoln Center and hope this will be a long and prosperous partnership"

The ninth edition of DIFF will be held Dec. 9-16.