## **Press Release**

## Irish Film Festival in Rabat to Showcase Women's Perspectives

An Irish Film Festival will take place at Cinéma Renaissance in Rabat from 31 January to 2 February 2024. This cultural event, organised by the Embassy of Ireland in Rabat in partnership with Renaissance Cinema, marks the first of its kind in the city since the establishment of the Embassy two years ago.

The Irish Film Festival coincides with the celebration of St. Brigid's Day, 1 February, a public holiday in Ireland since 2023. In Irish tradition, this day marks the beginning of spring and symbolises hope, renewal, and femininity. To celebrate the creativity and talent of Irish women, a cultural programme is being organised in several major cities worldwide, including in Rabat for the first time.

This cinematic festival will showcase and celebrate the role of women, as well as explore themes relevant to their experiences. The festival films: "The Quiet Girl," "Lies We Tell," and "Float Like a Butterfly" offer a female perspective on a variety of relevant issues such as leadership and representation, empowerment, autonomy and freedom of expression.

"We are thrilled to bring the Irish Film Festival to Rabat and provide a platform for showcasing the transformative and empowering nature of women's contribution to all spheres of life," said H.E.M, James McIntyre, Ambassador of Ireland. "Through these films, we hope to foster dialogue, inspire discussions, and celebrate the contributions of women in the film industry."

The Quiet Girl, which will be shown on Saint Brigid's Day, is a critically acclaimed, Oscar nominated and award-winning Irish-language film considered by some as one of the best Irish films ever made.

Be part of this incredible cinematic event and experience the best of Irish cinema.

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