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The first Australian festival that both screens and finances films, this year we offer 12 world premieres of new works made with the support of the Adelaide Film Festival Investment Fund.

The Fund is doing brilliantly so far. Its first two features, Look Both Ways and Ten Canoes, both won Best Film and many other categories at the AFI Awards in 2005 and 2006, and significant awards and acclaim overseas—including at Cannes and Toronto. In 2007, I am looking forward to Rolf de Heer's next marvel, *Dr Plonk*.

This Festival will also offer another first: the inaugural Natuzzi International Award for Best Feature Film, and it will again coincide with Adelaide's hosting of the Australian International Documentary Conference.

If you love rich and varied cinema, cinema that engages the thinking heart; and if you like movies that spring from big ideas and not just big budgets and Hollywood vulgarity, then Rundle Street, Adelaide, is where you should be from 22 February to 4 March, taking the trip.

See you there.

Mike Rann Premier of South Australia Minister for the Arts Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change CHAIR, ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL CHERYL BART



It is very exciting to present the third edition of the Adelaide Film Festival

In 2007, over 11 packed days of screenings and events, we are delighted to be presenting films from 44 countries including 19 world premieres and 52 Australian premieres.

Our festival continues to cause a major stir for its innovative programs and partnerships not only through our Investment Fund, our partnership with the Australian International Documentary Conference, and our newly established feature film competition, but also through our engagement with the digital realm in Crossover and The Broadcast Summit, events we are co-presenting with the South Australian Film Corporation. And we celebrate the moving image not only in our cinemas, but in the visual arts world through our Art & the Moving Image program.

The Adelaide Film Festival Investment Fund has selected 12 projects which will be unveiled at this year's festival, comprised of 4 feature films, 3 feature length documentaries and 5 short films. These films build on the success of our critically acclaimed and multi award winning slate of the past two years which has included Look Both Ways and Ten Canoes.

We have seen our partnership with the Australian International Documentary Conference develop wonderful opportunities for both of our organisations and we look forward to enhancing this partnership in the future with the SAFC and Arts SA.

We would like to thank the Premier Mike Rann for his vision and passion, and the Government of South Australia, through Arts SA, for its continuing support.

Of course our sponsors are invaluable to our success and we thank you for your ongoing commitment to us and look forward to a mutually beneficial partnership.

And thank you of course to my wonderful Board, Festival Director Katrina Sedgwick and the amazing Festival team for your hard work, passion and imagination. It's going to be a sensational festival—enjoy!

DIRECTOR, 2007 ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL KATRINA SEGWICK



The 2007 Adelaide Film Festival celebrates the screen in all its diversity. Over the 11 days of our festival you can immerse yourself in over 150 feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, animations, new media works-in cinemas, galleries, theatres-on your computers and your mobile phone—the festival will be everywhere.

We offer you the chance to see a snapshot of the ideas, issues and imaginations of artists and individuals, communities and nations around the world. As the reality of global warming begins to reveal itself, and the ongoing war in Iraq highlights questions going to the heart of our complacent Western notions of benevolent democracy, we see new themes emerge. Intimate stories are explored. families and community celebrated, politics are an ever-present undercurrent-and, improbably, humour still pushes its way to the front of the line.

Festivals bring people together; they stimulate ideas and debate. Our laboratory, symposia and forums explore the creative opportunities that the incredible new tools offered by digital technology can provide to everyone who wants to tell a story on the screen-from Machinima, to low budget filmmaking to the future of broadcasting and interactivity.

Many of the films in our program will never be seen in Adelaide again-don't miss Passio, our focus on Russian Cinema, the ever-popular Music and Sports Docs strands as well as our programs exploring Ecology, Interactivity and Art & the Moving Image.

A huge thank you to Cheryl Bart and our wonderful Board. Thank you to the fantastic staff of the Adelaide Film Festival and particularly to Associate Director Adele Hann whose extraordinary contribution to the festival has been fundamental to the creation of this program.

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GALA EVENTS

PETALUMA CROSER GALA OPINING NIGHT SCREENING AND PARTY



'THE PARTY OFTHE YEAR...' The Advertiser

will feature the world premiere of Lucky Miles, with its key creative team in public. Tickets are strictly limited so get in early before its sells out! Dress up, kick back, and have one last blast before ten days of festival fever takes over.

FILM SCREENING: ACADEMY CINEMA CITY, HINDMARSH SQUARE GALA PARTY: ADELAIDE TOWN HALL

TICKET PRICE: ADULT \$60, CONCESSION \$50

DRESS: FROCK UP!

Ticket includes film, party entry and all drinks and nibbles.

WORLD PREMIERE

LUCKY MILES



Michael James Rowland_Australia_2007_105min

OPENING NIGHT, THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY | ACADEMY 1 & 2 7:00pm 2:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



There are those who have made their mark on Australian history by blundering up on to beaches on the basis of bad advice; others have secured their place in legend by wandering around hopelessly lost in the desert. An Indonesian fishing boat abandons a group of Iragi and Cambodian men on a remote part of the Western Australian coast. While The essential Gala event of the year, the Adelaide Film Festival's Opening Night most are quickly rounded up, three men with little in common but their history of misfortune elude capture and begin an epic but confused journey. They are searching for sanctuary, family, a way home orthe myriad of other things that attendance. The film will be followed by a black tie cocktail party at the Adelaide have always drawn people to such an unlikely place as Australia. Pursued by an army reservist unit more concerned Town Hall for over 1,000 VIPs, Film Festival and industry guests and the general with having a kick of the footy than with preserving the integrity of our borders, our three protagonists wander deeper into the desert, searching desperately among the harsh beauty of the Pilbara for a compassionate western democracy. Or at least a bus to Perth. Based on several true stories, Lucky Miles is the feature debut from Adelaide-born Michael James Rowland, who has been a filmmaker to watch since his Russian space film, Flying Over Mother. Celebrate the start of the festival with this wryly insightful take on one of Australia's most contentious political issues.

SCREENS REGIONALLY, SEE PAGE 20. THE FILM MAKERS & CAST WILL BE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL.

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Playing the Victim, Half Moon, Full or Empty

CROSER





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WORLD PREMIERE **PASSIO**

Paolo Cherchi Usai_Netherlands/Italy/USA_2007_74min

8:00pm | FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY | ADELAIDE TOWN HALL

Don't miss the exclusive world premiere of this major new work combining music and image. Arvo Pärt's Passio, based on the Passion in St John's Gospel, will be performed live by The Theatre of Voices with musical accompaniment by organist Christopher Bowers Broadbent [UK], the Adelaide Chamber Singers and musicians from the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the internationally acclaimed Paul Hillier, in an Australian Exclusive.

Poet Rika Lesser once wrote to Pärt, "Yours is the only music I've ever wanted to live inside. Sometimes I wish that the music would stop, congeal, erect a lasting structure around me, one that would silently vibrate and, resonating, enclose me." Paolo Cherchi Usai has taken up that challenge, creating a profound, and profoundly moving film that will take this musical experience into the sublime. Cherchi Usai, the director of Australia's National Film and Sound Archive and one of the world's most respected film historians, has drawn on his immense knowledge of world cinema to create a masterwork of the first order, a stunning and revelatory film of surprising emotional and narrative power, that explores the impending crisis of visual culture and its reflection in politics and society.

PAOLO CHERCHI USAI IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL.

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TICKET PRICE: ADULT \$58, CONCESSION \$42



In the 1970's, an engraved disc was sent out on one of the Voyager missions left the solar system, and is headed for deep space since then. The disc cont our human existence in shorthand: a man and a woman saluting the aliens or there, a schematic depiction of our solar system, and Beetlookert's Joy After having seen Cherchi Usalizssio, I think the experiment must now be repeated. If a similar mission is planned for the future, I propose that NASA launches this masterpiece into outer spaceNER HERZOG

GALA EVENTS

WORLD PREMIERE

DR PLONK

AFFIF

Rolf de Heer_Australia_2007_83min

7:00pm | CI

CLOSING NIGHT SUNDAY, 4 MARCH ONE SCREENING ONLY

ACADEMY 1

CLOSING NIGHT SCREENING AND PARTY



One of Rolf de Heer's great strengths as a filmmaker is his recognition that the cinema can be used to put us imaginatively in touch with other times, other people and other places. As he tells it, the genesis of this film was the desire to use up some left-over film stock, but having made a decision, de Heer always throws himself into a project, and this was to be no simple period film! *Dr Plonk* is a black and white, silent comedy shot with a hand-cranked camera and brimming with romance, action, and especially, slapstick comedy (think of Chaplin, Keaton or Harold Lloyd).

The eponymous scientist/inventor (Nigel Lunghi aka Mr Spin) calculates that the world will end in 101 years unless immediate action is taken to stop the fatal chain of events being initiated. Assisted by his formidable wife (Magda Szubanski), his faithful manservant Paulus (Paul Blackwell), and his trusty but demented Jack Russell terrier (Reg), Plonk realises that he needs to furnish evidence for his grave claims. He sets out to invent a time machine in order to visit the outlandishly strange and deadly year of 2007. With a fabulous cast, including guest appearances from many familia faces, and a wonderful score composed by GrahamTardif and performed at our closing night LIVE by the Stilletto Sisters this will be a thoroughly entertaining and delightful way to end our festival.

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...The Wizard of Oz with the ASO, The Great Dictator, One Fine Day, The Mini Regent Cinema Experience



NATUZZI

Join us for our closing night presentation, world premiere screening and party. The recipients of the inaugural NATUZZI INTERNATIONAL AWARD for best feature film [see p.8 for the films in contention] and the FIPRESCI AWARD for best first or second feature film [p.10] will be announced, followed by a one off screening of DR PLONK, with the original score performed by The Stilletto Sisters LIVE in the cinema. Then join us for drinks in the old world charm of the famous Bosco Theatre at The Garden of Unearthly Delights to toast the screen and the close of the 2007 Adelaide Film Festival.

FILM SCREENING: ACADEMY 1 CINEMA CITY
PARTY: BOSCO THEATRE, GARDEN OF UNEARTHLY DELIGHTS
TICKET PRICE: FILM AND PARTY \$30 (INCLUDES DRINK ON ARRIVAL)
FILM ONLY \$20

Although we're Australia's youngest film festival, AFF has led the country



DON DUNSTAN AWARDOLF DE HEEF

The recipient of this year's Don Dunstan Award, to be presented on our Opening Night is Rolf de Heer. Rolf was born in Holland in 1951 and migrated to Australia with his family in 1959. He worked at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation from 1969 to 1976, before graduating from the Australian Film Television and Radio School in 1980. His company, Vertigo Productions, is based at Hendon in Adelaide.

De Heer has consistently been the boldest and most diverse of Australia's directors over the past two decades. His debut feature, *Tail of a Tiger*(1984) was a children's film which he followed up with a sci-fi thrille*Incident at Raven's Gate* (1987). In 1991 he brought Miles Davis to the Australian outback *Dingo* and then Bubby to the streets of Adelaide in *Bad Boy Bubby* (1993). His other features include *Dingo* (1996), *Epsilon* (1997), *Dance Me to My Song* (1998), *The Old Man Who Read Love Stories* (2001), *The Tracker* (2002) and *Alexandra's Project* (2003).

Ten Canoes an AFFIF film, world premiered at the Adelaide Festival of Arts 2006. It started its international campaign by winning the special Jury Prize in the Un Certain Regard section of the Cannes Film Festival and ended the year by taking 6 AFI Awards including Best Film and Best Director. In December 2006, Rolf was named South Australian of the Year.

The Don Dunstan Award is presented at each AFF by the festival's Board in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Australian film industry, Previous winners have been David Gulpilil (2003) and Dennis O'Rourke (2005).

AFFIF

in encouraging local production. The Investment Fund provides \$1 million every two years for equity investment in works which will premiere at AFF. Since its inception before AFF05, the fund has Rproduced outstanding results, going two out of two for AFI Best Film Awards with Look Both Way(2005) and Ten Canoes (2006). This year we have invested in four features Boxing DayDr PlonkThe Home Song Stories and Lucky Miles, three documentary features Forbidden Lis, Kalaupapa—Heaven, andWords from the City) and five short@rocodile Dreaming Spike UpSweet & SouSwing and What the Future Sounded Dikeook for

the AFFIF logo throughout the programme.



NATUZZICOMPETITION

NATUZZI

AFF is proud to announce the Natuzzi International Award For

Best Feature Filmwith a cash prize:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 of \$25,000. This juried best feature award will be the first of its kind Australia. The festival has invited twelve narrative feature films into competition. The only criterion for selection was that the films must have been completed after January
Africa seems to have got much closer to Australia in the last few 1 2006. In making their deliberation are and hence the importance of this film has increased. Not one our jury will be looking for a

and creative risk-taking-but

more than anything, a film that

genuinely engages and transports the viewer. The president of the jury will announce the winning filmstrong candidate for African film of the year, The Court on the closing night of the festival (oka Bamako) brilliantly rises to the challenge of presenting a grious discussion of globalization, African debt and the World (March 4, see page 7). This Award ank in a lively, entertaining feature film.' VARIETY has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Natuzzi

with support from the Maras Grouffstivals Pusan; Toronto; Vienna LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...

The Diplomat: A Conversation on Politics and the Screen, Please Vote For Me, Daratt

BAMAKO

Abderrahmane Sissako_France/Mali_2006_118min



to beat about the bush, Sissako simply puts the World Bank, the IMF and the whole system of globalisation on trial—literally—in distinctive voice, bold storytelling, the courtyard of the house in which he grew up. The charges are that the west has created the conditions of poverty, and then sold post-colonial Africa a solution from which they extract enormous sums annually in the service of debts. Government ministers and toothless old men stop by to have their say. Danny Glover and Elia Sulieman even ride into town and enact a short cowboy movie to provide a symbolic account of the action. Sissako's name might be familiar from Waiting for Happiness and this film marks him out as the boldest voices in the African cinema at present.

WORLD PREMIERE **BOXING DAY**

IPRESCI AFFIF

Kriv Stenders_Australia_2007_82min

9:30pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 9:30pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 1



Kriv Stenders' The Illustrated Family Doctorpremiered at AFF05, though the big surprise was his follow-up, Blacktown, which created a lot of excitement about the possibilities for low-budget digital filmmaking in Australia. Boxing Day revisits this style, telling its story through a series of improvised long takes, each rehearsed, refined and re-shot in an intensive production atmosphere. It is the story of a father's impassioned struggle to reunite his estranged family over the course of a single afternoon. Living alone on home detention, Chris is preparing Christmas lunch for his teenage daughter when an old friend turns up and exposes the disturbing truth about his ex-wife's new boyfriend. The film documents the harrowing journey of a family teetering on the brink of disintegration. As the situation escalates we are drawn into the compelling story of a father who must finally decide to expose the secret that threatens to tear his family apart. Boxing Day was shot completely in Adelaide and produced by Smoking Gun Productions, the partnership between local stalwarts, Kristian Moliere and Shane McNeil The 13th House AFFO3).

'Stylistically I want to play and sculpt with time in a very pure and unemcumbered way. It is a type of cinematic language that has not yet been fully explored in traditional linear narrative.' KRIV STENDERS

KRIV STENDERS, KRISTIAN MOLIERE & RICHARD GREEN ARE GUESTSOF THE FESTIVAL

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Colossal Youth, Madeinusa, Red Road

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

COLOSSAL YOUTH JUVENTUDE EM MARCHA

Pedro Costa_France/Portugal/Switzerland_2006_155min

2:15pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALAGE 1 2:00pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 2



No one composes images like Pedro Costa, Paradoxically, he is a minimalist who is not afraid to try anything, and consequently this film has divided audiences all around the world since its premiere in competition at Cannes. Costa has used the stories of the marginalised people he has befriended and who now appear in his films. Ventura, a Cape Verdean immigrant in Portugal has had his apartment trashed by his wife (or a strange woman with her face) and spends his days moving between the fringe dwellers he calls his children, while negotiating to get one of the bare white-walled apartments that are replacing Lisbon's slums. The long takes, low camera angles, intricate patches of light and shade in which the characters play out their deeply personal stories, construct a world that is larger than life even as it contains so little. This is not a film for the faint-hearted, as each shot in Costa's world is an adventure which could lead anywhere.

'It is a brave and nightmarishly beautiful achievement, in which marginalized people who so rarely have a voice in cinema are given one, unbound by the shackles of sanctimony or selfimportant "social realism." LA WEEKLY

FESTIVALS Cannes: Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Still Life, I Don't Want to Sleep Alone

FAMILY LAW DERECHO DE FAMILIA

Daniel Burman_Argentina/Italy/France/Spain_2006_102min

4:00pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALAGE 1 7:00pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 3



From Argentina comes the most unassuming of masterpieces. We have three generations of Perelman: Perelman senior, a lawyer who has been around for ever and who knows everyone; Perelman, a lecturer in law at university and who is a nice guy but (like all of us) feels that he is a bit of fraud; and finally Gastón, Perelman's two year old son who is already falling into the clutches of Swiss educators who want to develop his emotions. This is unashamedly a film about men, and a film that may even bring men to tears in getting at the things about the mysterious richness of being a son, a husband, a father—things that guys are never supposed to express. There is no complicated story here, simply ordinary people getting on with the day to day business of living with each other, trying to be themselves, trying to be what others want them to be, trying to do the right thing. This is a small miracle, an immensely emotional film which is not the slightest bit melodramatic.

'Family Law is an unusual film about very usual lives: unusual for its delicacy in handling dangerously poignant plot turns, its faith in its audience's ability to dot its own i's, and especially its sense of everyday stoicism.' INDIEWIRE

AWARDS Audience Award & Signis Award, Mar Del Plata FESTIVALS AFIfest; Berlin; Helsinki; Karlovy Vary; Mar Del Plata

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... I Am, Clubland, Isabella

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GRBAVICA

Jasmila Žbaní c_Austria/Bosnia/Germany/Croatia_ 2006_91min

TIPRESCI

2:00pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALAGE 1



Grhavica is the infamous district in Sarajevo where locals were imprisoned and tortured in Serbian encampments during the 1990s. But war ends and life goes on. Single mother Esma lives with her 12-year-old daughter Sara while struggling to make ends meet with welfare and a job as a cocktail waitress. Still haunted by the past, Esma attends group therapy sessions at the local Women's Center. In order to get a discount on a school excursion, Sara needs a certificate proving that her father is ashaheed, or war martyr. This apparently simple request re-opens the traumatic recent history that lurks close beneath the surface throughout this troubled region. Jasmila Žbanić's debut feature established her as a major new voice in European cinema when it won the Golden Bear at the 2006 Berlin Film Festival. Grbavica is an involving and deeply-felt exploration of the way people keep on suffering even as the guns fall silent

'Grbavica is about truth, a cosmic power necessary to progress, and very much needed by society in Bosnia and Herzegovina who must strive to reach maturity.' JASMILA ŽBANIĆ

AWARDS Golden Bear, Berlin & Peace Film Award; Best Film, Reykjavik FESTIVALS Berlin: Melbourne: Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... I Am, Madeinusa, Red Road, Isabella

NATUZZICOMPETITION

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE
HALF MOON NIWE MUNG



6:45pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALAÇE 1 2:30pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 3



A Time for Drunken Horsesand Turtles Can Flyshowed that Bahman Ghobadi thrives on making films under punishing conditions, though if you are Kurdish, those might look like the basic facts of life. Legendary musical patriarch Memo is putting the band back together but facing insuperable difficulties in getting to the gig. He recruits his sons (some of whom need to be persuaded at gunpoint) and sets out for Iraqi Kurdistan to play a concert that will galvanise Kurdish nationalism. As in Marooned in Iraq (AFFO3) there is a celebration of the bumbling and argumentative theatre of Kurdish masculinity, but the film grows steadily darker as Memo comes to understand the glimpses of the angel of death vouchsafed to him. This is a defiant celebration in the face of death and despair, moving from an affirmation of the power of creative culture to stand against the stupidity of militarism, to a search for something transcendent in culture that endures beyond death

'The reality of my movie is earthshaking, huge, sad. I didn't want to show all of that directly; I felt that would be bad for the audience and too much for them to bear. I wanted to present this hard reality more smoothly. I wanted to express these difficulties but in a smooth way.' BAHMAN GHOBADI

AWARDS Golden Shell, San Sebastián FESTIVALS San Sebastián; Taipei; Venice; Vienna

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... The Home Song Stories, Full or Empty, After The Wedding

WORLD PREMIERE

THE HOME SONG STORIES

Tony Ayres_Australia_2007_105min

7:45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY ACADEMY 2 3:45pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 3



Acclaimed writer and director, Tony AyresWalking on Water, which premiered at the 2002 Adelaide Festival of Arts) presents a highly personal tale of mothers and sons, mothers and daughters. unrequited love, betrayal and hidden secrets that span continents and decades. Rose has risen from a background of poverty to become a glamorous post-war Shanghai nightclub singer, who marries an Australian sailor and emigrates to Australia. She struggles to survive in the world of Chinese restaurants with her two children, until an affair with a charismatic younger man threatens to bring everything undone. Based on stories from the director's childhood, the film revolves around a strong, complex performance by Joan Chen (The Last Emperor, Twin Peaks). This visually beautiful film works both as an intensely autobiographical introspection in which the film's narrator attempts to come to terms with the unresolvable ambiguity of his feelings towards his mother.

'This is a world where Mandarin love ballads sit alongside The Partridge Family, where the cramped and cheap decor of The Cheung On Restaurant is juxtaposed against the stifling suburbia of middle class Australia.' TONY AYRES

PLEASE NOTE A VERSION, THE AFF PROGRAM BOOKLET CONTAINED A MISQUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO TONY AYRES. THIS IS THE CORRECTED VERSION. TONY AYRES IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Grbavica, Call Me Mum, Clubland

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

THE LIVES OF OTHERS DAS LEBEN DER ANDEREN

Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck_Germany_2006_137min

4:45pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 9:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



Best Film at the European Film Awards. The culture of surveillance has consequences for the watcher as well as for the watched. It is 1984—not too far removed from George Orwell's 1984—in East Germany. Wiesler is a Stasi officer whose life is no wider than his own coldly efficient professionalism. When he is assigned the case of Dreyman, a writer who is increasingly disillusioned by the collapse of socialism into venal totalitarianism, Wiesler begins to understand that to enter someone else's life is to start down a path where there can be no turning back. As the web tightens around Dreyman, the secret policeman finds that he must make decisions which will alter his life irrevocably. Von Donnersmarck has delivered both a gripping thriller which draws on the recent opening of Stasi files, as well as providing a moving meditation on the way that history takes so many of us for fools.

'A python-tight embrace of nuanced tension and emotional connection. It convincingly demonstrates that when done right, moral and political quandaries can be the most intensely dramatic dilemmas of all.' KENNETH TURAN, LA TIMES

AWARDS Best Film, Best Actor & Best Script European Film Awards; ience Award, Locarno & Vancouve FESTIVALS Locarno; Telluride; Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... The Page Turner, Infamous, Death of a President

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

MADEINUSA

Claudia Llosa_Peru/Spain_2006_100min

5:00pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 5:15pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



Madeinusa (the name is apparently a common one) is a 14-year-old girl who lives in a village of the Peruvian Andes where, by custom, anything is permissible without guilt during Holy Time, the period between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. God is declared dead during this time and so nothing can be considered a sin. A riotous carnival breaks out and this impoverished world sparkles with the bright, mysterious possibilities of music, drink, sex and death. Madeinusa is to play the role of the Virgin at this year's celebration but her father's sexual advances and the sudden appearance of a young gringo from Lima confront her with the exciting terror of breaking out of the known world. Nothing can go back to being what it was after this Holy Time. This debut feature provides a glimpse of a world come suddenly and briefly alive, in which religion functions as a cloak of mystery laid over the bleakness of life.

'No verdicts, no accusations. Passionate observations instead and uniquely authentic performances. The only thing needed is a public without prejudices, an audience emotional and smart enough to comprehend the philosophical and psychological power of the movie.' ANTONIA KOVACHEVA, FIPRESCI

AWARDS Best Latin American Film, Mar del Plata; FIPRESCI prize, Rotterdam FESTIVALS Edinburgh; Mar del Plata; Rotterdam; Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Grbavica, Half Moon, Opera Jawa

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AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE **RED ROAD**

Andrea Arnold_UK/Denmark_2006_113min

7:15pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 9:00pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



Punching well above its low-budget/indie weight, Andrea Arnold's first feature was one of the major surprises at Cannes this year, carrying off the Jury Prize and subsequently a host of BAFTA Awards. Jackie works as a CCTV monitor watching over the less desirable neighbourhoods of Glasgow in the wee hours. Nothing gets past Jackie's cameras and she can look you in the eye and say she's seen it all. One night a man appears on her screen and re-opens the most painful memories of her life. With her motivations ingeniously concealed until the end, Jackie gives in to deep compulsions, risking her job and putting everything on the line to confront the mystery man in this darkly gripping thriller. The performances are at once searing and fragile and go beyond anything you're likely to see from the UK this year. Intelligent, original and staring straight out of the heart of one of Europe's most downtrodden cities, this impassioned work takes you to places you wouldn't otherwise visit without a local.

The performances are wholly convincing and the unremittingly pessimistic view of life in Britain's nealected inner-city areas is bracingly honest...an extraordinarily mature and thoughtful film. PHILIP FRENCH, THE GUARDIAN

AWARDS Jury Prize, Cannes; Sutherland Trophy, London FESTIVALS Cannes; London; Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Grbavica, The Italian, Next Door

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE STILL LIFE SANXIA HAOREN

Jia Zhangke_China/Hong Kong_2006_108min

3:30pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



The fact that the Venice Film Festival held a place open for this film and then awarded it the Golden Lion, one of world cinema's most prestigious prizes, demonstrates Jia's international stature as China's most important and innovative filmmaker. (Of course, we knew this when we screened his previous filmThe World as one of the highlights of AFF05.) Set against the flooding of massive tracts of land as part of the Three Gorges Dam, Still Life is the story of two characters, a man searching for the wife he abandoned 16 years ago, and a woman looking for the husband who ran out on her. Both stories are played out against the surreal backdrop of a village in the process of demolition as it sinks beneath the rising waters. Jia works imaginatively in digital video to capture the rough texture of contemporary Chinese life, providing a vital alternative to the bloated costume epics that have outlived their time in Chinese cinema

'The characters emerge with their dignity and stubbornness intact, human sticking points amid the rush and chaos of the New China.' DAVE KEHR

AWARDS Golden Lion, Venice FESTIVALS Toronto: Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...







NATUZZI

SYNDROMES AND A **CENTURY SANG SATTAWAT**

Apichatpong Weerasethakul_Thailand/Austria/France_2006_105min

8:15pm SWNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 5:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 1



From the first idiosyncratically composed image, you are aware of being in the presence of a filmmaker whose whimsical inventiveness is without parallel. Thai director Apichatpong Weerasethakul tells two hospital stories: one for his mother and one for his father, both of whom are doctors. Like the director's previous Tropical Malady, the story simply stops after a while and recycles itself in a different register as if to say, "Let me tell you that again." Both stories wander into sidetracks in a genial, but truly radical, fashion. A monk relates dreams about chickens, a dentist turns out to be a pretty good Thai country music singer, a man proposes marriage and is answered with a story about orchids. If narrative's power is its ability to organise experience through the tyranny of a linear trajectory, Weerasethakul's achievement is to refuse that power, and in its place offer the glorious indirection of human life, which just might be the basis of a bold, new realism.

'The Thai director's films doggedly eschew conventional narrative and aesthetic development in favor of a more free-flowing, non-linear atmosphere of mysterious contemplation, one that his latest employs to mesmerizing effect.' SLANT MAGAZINE

AWARDS Best Unreleased Film of 2006, Film Comment FESTIVALS London; Pusan; Toronto; Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Colossal Youth, Still Life, Woman on the Beach

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a rich range of expertise Film Festival Group in January of 2004 to in screen culture and the the Founding Executive Director of The Global Film international art scene. We've aimed at a mixture 95-2002). Cowan had various programming and of skills and background m Festival from the late 1980s through 2000

which reflects both the wide-ranging nature of our programme, and the way that film's vitality comes from its ability to cross boundaries and form new communities of interest.

Our jury brings together Noah Cowan returned to the Toronto International Initiative (2002-2003) and President of Code Red Films (2000–2004) and Cowboy Pictures

while working as a film critic and freelance curator.

ANA KOKKINOS



Ana Kokkinos' first feature film, Head On, which she co-wrote and directed, had its world premiere in Directors' Fortnight at Cannes in 1998. Her second feature film The Book of Revelation, which she co-wrote and directed, was selected for the Visions Section of the Toronto International Film Festival in 2006. Other films include Only the Brave and Antamosi. Her television credits include Eugenie Sandler, Young Lions and The Secret Life

MICK HARVEY



Mick Harvey is an arranger, multi-instrumentalist, producer and film soundtrack composer, as well as key member (and co-founder) of Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds and, in the 1980s, The Birthday Party and Crime & The City Solution. His film score credits include Ghosts...Of The Civil Dead, Chopper, Australian Rules (ARIA winner for Best Original Soundtrack Album), Deliver Us From Evil and Suburban Mayhem (AFI winner for Best Original Music Score). Mick is currently working on a new album due for release late April 2007.



James Hewison is CEO of the Australian Film Institute. Prior to this, he held the position of Executive Director of the Melbourne International Film Festival from 2000 to 2006. He was Associate Producer of the feature documentary film, Letters to Ali (Clara Law, 2004) and of Short and Sweet 2 (for ABC TV). He is an Advisor for the Asian Film Market for the Pusan International Film Festival. He also has a background in cinema and television marketing and has worked in radio and publicity.

MARGARET POMERANZ



Margaret Pomeranz is co-host (with David Stratton) of ABC Television's At The Movies. She worked at SBS Television from 1980-2004, variously as a producer, writer, Executive Producer Front Up, Subsonics, AFI Awards and IF Awards) and as cohost (with David) of The Movie Show. Margaret has served as a member of the Advertising Standards Board, is a past President of the Film Critics Circle of Australia and is currently President of Watch on Censorship and a member of the inaugural board of the Australian Writers' Foundation.

CLARA LAW



Clara Law moved to Melbourne in the mid '90s from Hong Kong, where she had already directed many features, including Farewell, China (1990), Autumn Moon (1992) and The Temptation of a Monk (1993). Clara Law's Australian-based films, which were written with her longtime partner Eddie Fong, are Floating Life (1996), The Goddess of 1967(2001) and Letters to Ali (2004). Her films have won numerous awards at film festivals internationally including Venice, Locarno, Torino, Creteil and Gijon.

WORLD CINEM

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

APT.

Ahn Byung-ki_South Korea_2006_90min

9:45pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 4 ONE SCREENING ONLY



There is everything here that we've learned to look forward to in our Asian horror movies. Sae-jin is one of the growing number of young urban professionals in Seoul who focuses on her work and has little sense of community. She lives in a modern apartment block, near to many but close to none. That is, until a suicidal woman accosts her in the subway and she is forced to question her lack of compassion. As she starts to take an interest in the apartment building opposite, she notices that the lights go off mysteriously at the same time every night and then the corpses start to appear. The Ring meets Rear Window in this highly intelligent film where monstrousness and the coldness of contemporary life go hand in hand. Based on a popular internet comic, and directed by Ahn Byung-ki, whose work in the genre includes Phone and Bunshinshaba, you'll want to see this before Hollywood remakes it with some blonde woman in the

'If you ask me, this has got all the right ingredients and manages to mix them just right.' SLASHERPOOL.COM

SCREENS WITH Happy Birthday 2 U (p.34) FESTIVALS Hawaii

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Dog Bite Dog, The Host, Taxidermia

AFTER THE WEDDING

Susanne Bier_Denmark_2006_120min

6:30pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE B PALACE 1 12:45pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH



Susanne Bier has directed two of the best films at our last two festivals: Open Hearts (AFFO3) and Brothers (AFFO5). The good news is that that her new film has been enjoying considerable critical and commercial success throughout Europe. Mads Mikkelson, who gave such a fine performance in Open Hearts (and who even turns up as the new Bond villain in Casino Royale) stars as Jacob, a man who has dedicated his life to helping Indian orphans. A Danish businessman offers him a donation of \$4 million on condition that he returns to Denmark and attends the wedding of the businessman's daughter. Of course there will be more to this than meets the eye, and the wedding will throw up critical decisions for Jacob concerning responsibilities stemming from the past and his aspirations for the future. Bier's strength is that she is one of the most tough-minded directors in contemporary cinema, and she offers her characters no easy ways out of their moral dilemmas.

'There are some stories that, no matter their origin, touch a universal chord. A sweeping and simply gut-wrenching drama, After the Wedding is beautifully realized. TORONTO INTERNATIONAL

AWARDS Audience Award, Film By The Sea, Netherlands FESTIVALS Rome; Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Private Fears in Public Places, The Home Song Stories, Snow Cake

BIG BANG LOVE, JUVENILE A

Miike Takashi_Japan_2006_85min

M15+

9:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 10:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 4



Among contemporary filmmakers Miike Takashi has established a reputation as the most prolific, most shocking, most violent, most innovative, most fearless—in short, simply the most. That reputation is sure to be enhanced by this highly stylised piece of homoerotica set in a boys' prison. While there are resemblances to Oshima's Gohatto, the strongest influences are those of Genet and Fassbinder. The film, adapted from Ato Masaki's graphic novel Elegy for Boy, begins with modern dance, works its way through the investigation of the murder of an inmate, and finally moves out of its stylised environment into everyday reality. The implication is that society functions as the larger prison. Crime, homosexuality and violence are all embraced as transgressions against the repressive social order. Beyond the walls of this prison, two options incongruously beckon to the inmates: a pyramid leading maybe to heaven, and a rocket ship leading only to the void of space (which is probably the better choice). If you believe that the greatest beauty is that which cuts the deepest and shocks the most profoundly, Milke has made a film that will thrill as deeply as it will disturb.

'Enigmatic and visually mesmerizing, Big Bang Love, Juvenile A lies at the core of Miike's moral universe like a rare, precious stone shining with intensity.' TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS Berlin; London; Toronto; Vancouver

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Ghosts of Cité Soleil, Lunacy, Dog Bite Dog, Invisible Waves

THE BOTHERSOME MAN

DEN BRYSOMME MANNEN

M15+

Jens Lien_Norway_2006_95min

12:00pm \$UNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 7:45pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



In the afterlife things will be nice. There will be Scandinavian modern furniture. That will be nice. There will be dinner parties. They too will be nice. There will be sex. That will be nice, but more importantly, it will give you a partner for renovation projects around the house. Jens Lien's black comedy follows the adventures of Andreas who, unable to bear the coldness of modern life, ends it all only to find that the hereafter isn't too different from here. Is he in Heaven, Hell, or just Oslo? Things are very clean, the colours are muted, the food is exquisitely plated but tasteless, and the bland pleasantries of workplace conversation have replaced the passionate embrace of life. However, Andreas dreams of finding a way out of eternity. Not far beneath the clever surface of this film, you will find a cry of despair that will be familiar to anyone who has ever spent more than an hour in an Ikea showroom.

'Original, strikingly designed and extremely funny, the second feature from Jens Lien deals with suicide, existential despair and interior design in an impeccably tasteful colour palette of taupe, dove grey and azure.' LONDON TIMES

AWARDS ACID Award, Cannes Film Festival: Best Film, Hamptons International Film Festival
FESTIVALS Cannes; Karlovy Vary; London; Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, One Fine Day, Dr Plonk

CALL ME MUM

Margot Nash_Australia_2005_76min

7:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 4:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 4



Margot Nash's Vacant Possession long-awaited second feature works through a series of interlocking monologues which explore the human cost of the stolen generations, a cost registered by both black and white Australians. Kate, a white Australian foster mother (like Kathleen Mary Fallon whose play is the basis of the script), is on a plane taking Warren, her 18-year-old Torres Strait Islander foster son, to meet Flo, his birth mother, who is gravely ill in a Brisbane hospital. Flo hasn't seen Warren since she took him to the hospital on Thursday Island when he was a toddler and the authorities took him away. As Warren, Flo and Kate all prepare themselves for the reunion, Kate's parents, Keith and Dellmay, are planning a reunion of a different kind. Nash makes smart use of the film's restricted spaces, and the exceptional performances of Dayne Christian (Warren), Vicki Saylor (Flo), and Catherine McClements (Kate), cut straight through to

'A finely crafted and disturbing venture into the politics of race and the possibilties of filmmakina,' REALTIME

SCREENS WITH Crocodile Dreaming (p.34) FESTIVALS Female Eye; Sydney; Winnipeg

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Boxing Day, Grbavica, Opera Jawa

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE CLUBLAND

Cherie Nowlan_Australia_2007_108min

7:00pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY ACADEMY 2 7:00pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH ACADEMY 2



Welcome to Cherie Nowlan's new Australian film, chosen to premiere at Sundance this year. Life can be tough when you're 21 and still a virgin. Just ask Tim. He's just met the girl of his dreams and things should be looking up, except for a few small problems: his mum, his dad and the family business-show business. Tim's mum Jeannie, played by the redoubtable Blenda Blethyn of Secrets and Lies fame, is a once-legendary English club comedienne, and his father John is a one-hit crooner. After years in the wilderness and a messy divorce, John is now a supermarket guard, lamenting the slow sales of his latest CD, and Jean's only regular gig is as a canteen supervisor. In the midst of his mother's chaotic lifestyle and his brother's disability, only Tim is capable of keeping the show on the road. So when Tim falls for Jill, his mother fears that this will break up the act. Jean employs every trick she knows to safeguard the future of her family, leaving Tim torn between two passionate and powerful women, fighting it out in the war for his affections. Welcome to Clublanddestined to become one of the hit films of the yeat

CHERIE NOWLAN, ROSEMARY BLIGHT & MEMBERS OF THE CAST ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Private Fears in Public Places, Infamous, One Fine Day



IPRESCI

WORLD CINEMA

COURT OF LONELY ROYALS

Rowan Michael Hoole_Australia_2006_93min

9:00pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALAGE 4 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Holden and Hunter are alienated urban twenty-somethings who are hired killers for the cops in a near-future dystopia where murder is as common as cocaine, and is easily covered up. These assassins never touch their victims and instead use their weaknesses to manoeuvre them into self-destruction. They are joined by Charlie, a hooker who jumps at the chance to wreak vengeance on a world that has screwed her. And by Camille, an innocent cast adrift in a foreign city, who is hoping to find security in Holden's love. The paths of these four lost souls intersect in violence. This low-budget, renegade debut by Adelaide-born Rohan Michael Hoole, invokes the influences of Brett Easton Ellis and Wong Kar-wai in its sense of urban defiance, neon-lit violence, and melancholy. There's a host of edgy young talent on display here from Damon Gameau The Tracker, Thunderstruck) in the lead role to the original score by The Midnight Juggernauts.

'Hopefully, this marks the beginning of a new trend in Australia: filmmakers with something to say, and the talent to say it. AINT IT COOL NEWS

ROWAN MICHAEL HOOLE, SAMANTHA NOBLE & MARC WINDON ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... The Bothersome Man, Pardonnez-moi, Exiled

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

DEATH OF A PRESIDENT

Gabriel Range_UK_2006_90min

7:15pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY ACADEMY 2 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Undoubtedly the most controversial film of the year, this British "future documentary" purports to analyse the events which will follow the assassination of President George W. Bush in Chicago in October 2007, Combining real archival footage with fictional material, the film concentrates on the political consequences of this outrage, as the law enforcement agencies' investigations are set against the contexts of rising international tensions and the powers conferred by the US Patriot Act on the Department of Homeland Security. Death of a President was honoured by the International Critics Jury at Toronto for "the audacity with which it distorts reality to reveal a larger truth" at the same time as it has been been roundly denounced by both the right and left in America for daring to imagine a set of hypothetical events that no one wants to talk about. When the dust of controversy settles, what will remain will be an intelligent and important discussion of the direction in which western politics is heading.

'Clever, thoughtful, and totally believable. This is a film without a political agenda that everyone should see!' REX REED, NEW YORK ORSERVER

AWARDS FIPRESCI Award, Toronto **FESTIVALS** Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, The Lives of Others, First on the Moon

DOG BITE DOG

GAU NGAO GAU

Cheang Pou-soi_Hong Kong_2006_109min

9:30pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Cheang Pou-soi showed with New Blood (AFF05) that he is an enormously talented filmmaker interested in pushing popular genres into abstraction. Dog Bite Dog provides a case in point: what begins as a gritty urban cop movie changes into a bizarre Asian myth on the ferocious desperation of human life. Let's dispense quickly with the story—a Cambodian hitman arrives in Hong Kong and is confronted by his doppelgänger, a rogue cop. However, this is only the start of an unrelenting journey into the heart of a savage vision of the human condition, the cycle of desperation, death and re-birth. Who is to say that this film is not simply a distillation of a contemporary world which has moved beyond dog eat dog, in which millions scavenge daily through rubbish tips and brutality can be the only way to make a living. Cheang confronts us here with a harsh and violent film whose strong virtue is its uncompromising courage rather than its good sense. Be warned that this film contains strong, and very strange, violence

'Forget slickness, forget cleanliness, forget kindness. Dog Bite Dog is like swallowing a handful of broken glass.' GRADY HENDRIX, VARIETY

FESTIVALS Tokyo

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... The Host, Court of Lonely Royals, Big Bang Love, Juvenile A



M15+

EXILED

FONG JUK

M15+

Johnnie To_Hong Kong_2006_108min

9:15pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 3 6:15pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 1



The success of Johnnie To's films at the world's leading festivals shows that there is no contradiction between taut, entertaining genre films and artistic achievement. Exiled returns us to the milieu of To's 1999 classione Mission. Two hitmen arrive at an apartment in Macao to kill Wo, who has been unwise enough to return after a failed hit on a local boss. Simultaneously, another couple arrive intent on protecting him. A stand-off of baroque proportions ensues before an explosion of gunfire, which then ends abruptly when the gunmen-all childhood friends-sit down together to dinner and try to find a solution. An immensely stylish re-working of the themes of loyalty, duty and the complications of doing the honourable thing

'In a mixed East Asian bag at Venice, it was by far the most popular pic...At least one sequence, a blackly humorous moment when both groups unknowingly converge in an operating room where a doctor's performing surgery, may become a classic.' VARIETY

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

FULL OR EMPTY

Abolfazl Jalili_Iran_2005_98min

| WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 1:15pm 6:45pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 3



A neo-realist comedy tonight! Abolfazl Jalili now stands out as one of the great hopes of Iranian cinema, having written, shot and edited this gem by himself, using a cast of non-professional actors. Like his previous Delbaran and Abjad, his story is based around a dogged protagonist who refuses to accept defeat when a smarter person would give up in despair. This straight-faced, low key comedy creeps up on you cumulatively. Navid, who is intent on getting a job teaching Persian literature and romancing the woman with whom he has fallen in love at first sight (well, as much as you can see under the veil), ends up getting busted for grazing cattle on cardboard boxes without a license, getting busted again for campaigning for women's rights, and getting busted again for being repeatedly beaten up by the brother of the woman he is wooing. From poolroom bouncer to seller of water by the river, Navid refuses to be daunted. Beware George Bush—these are a people whose powers of endurance you can only begin to imagine. They can probably also run you a close race in tolerance for the absurd.

'Has earned a cheer and a laugh from festival audiences wherever it plays.' VARIETY

AWARDS Best Film, Durban FESTIVALS Fajr; Pusan; Rotterdam; Vienna, Durban

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Playing the Victim, Half Moon, OSS117: Cairo, Nest of Spies, Special

THE HOST

Bong Joon-ho_South Korea_2006_119min

9:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 4:30pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



This is one of those moments where everything falls into place, where the biggest commercial blockbuster is also the most satisfying political commentary of the year. The Americans, in their infinite carelessness, flush a bunch of chemicals into Seoul's Han River. This has got to lead to something bad, in the person of one of the most athletic monsters to grace Asian cinema since Godzilla got out the wrong side of the bed. Caught in the middle is a family of genial Korean bozos galvanised into action when their daughter is abducted by the monster. If Bong's first two films, Barking Dogs Never Bite and Memories of Murder, marked him as a talent to watch, The Host, which has smashed every Korean box office record, establishes him as the foremost director in the world's most energetic national cinema. A triumphant reminder of the marvellous way that important things can somehow, sometimes find vital expression through pop culture.

...mixes more than a few political barbs into its genre cocktail: a bit of SARS here, a bit of Iraq there. Yet it's with a black sense of playfulness and absurdity that these satirical quips are delivered to the audience, suggesting that the film's chief concerns lie elsewhere' DARCY PAQUET, KOREANFILMS BONG JOON-HO IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

AWARDS Best Film, Korean Film Awards FESTIVALS Cannes; Melbourne; Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... APT., Dog Bite Dog, Next Door

FESTIVALS Toronto: Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Ghosts of Cité Soleil, The Host, Invisible Waves



WORLD CINEM

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE HOW IS YOUR FISHTODAY? IPPESCI

JIN TIANDEYU ZEN MEYANG

Guo Xiaolu_China/UK_2006_83min

12:30pm \$ATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 5:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



Pirandello comes to China with this story of an author and character in search of each other. Hui Rao (the film's writer who plays a fictionalised version of himself) is a post-Tiananmen intellectual whose life has stagnated. He writes film scripts that will never be produced and he substitutes his cinephilia for real achievement in his life. His goldfish is called Belle du Jour and his bamboo plant rejoices in the name Fellini. On the basis that writers invent characters to explore the activities they can only imagine, our author creates a story within the story in which his protagonist, Lin Hao is an outlaw on the run. Lin is constantly moving, forming a liaison with an enigmatic woman (played by the director Guo Xiaolul as he traverses the whole of China from Guangdong to the village of Mohe, the northernmost place in China. There, he will see the Northern Lights, and fact and fiction will coalesce under their magical influence

'A thought-provoking inquiry into the uses and possibilities of narrative, as well as a work of uncommon beauty and delicacy in its own right.' EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH On The Other Ocean (p.34) FESTIVALS Britdoc; Edinburgh; Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
Infamous, What Remains, Death of a President, Infamous, What Forbidden Lie\$







I AM

Dorota Kedzierzawska_Poland_2005_93min

10:00pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALAGE 4 12:45m TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



A young boy, known only as Mongrel, escapes from the orphanage and sets out down river to find his mother. Things don't go well between them and the boy takes refuge in an abandoned barge while eking out a living by scrounging scrap metal. Slowly he learns to trust the little girl who lives nearby and has learned to hate herself. This drama of living on the streets takes its place beside Truffaut's The 400 Blows and Bresson's Mouchette as one of the most remarkable and clear-eyed confrontations with the harshness and dignity of childhood. Kedzierzawska employs a simple and unflinching style which concentrates on close-ups of the face of her protagonist. Piotr Jagielski gives one of those memorably strong performances of which young children seem so capable. The score by Michael Nyman (who contributed so much to the success of Peter Greenaway's films) is a highlight

'An outstandingly good drama... near-perfectly made.' VARIETY

AWARDS Best Cinematography, Polish Film Awards FESTIVALS Berlin; New York; Toronto Warsaw

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Grbavica, The Italian, Family Law

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

INFAMOUS

Douglas McGrath_USA_2006_110min

3:00pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH ACADEMY 2 6:00pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 3



Here's a chance to compare two very different takes on the same material. Last year's Capote brought home the Oscar for Philip Seymour Hoffman, but this portrayal by Toby Jones (better known as the voice of Dobby from the Harry Potter films) of the brilliant and egotistical author, manages to be more accurate and even more compelling. McGrath adapts his version of the writing of Capote's masterpiece, In Cold Blood, from the book by fellow New Journalist George Plimpton. Infamous shares its acting riches around, foregrounding a killer cast including Sandra Bullock as Harper Lee, Sigourney Weaver and Isabella Rossellini as Capote's society "swans", director Peter Bogdanovich as his agent, Gwyneth Paltrow in a tasty cameo as a nightclub chanteuse, and Daniel Craig (the new James Bond) in a superb casting coup as Perry Smith, the condemned man whose emerging relationship with the author crystallises the personal and ethical dilemmas that Capote would carry away from the

'Infamous goes to show that there is more than enough mileage in Truman Capote to make two very fine but very different films,' LONDON FILM FESTIVAL SCREENS REGIONALLY, SEE PAGE 20

FESTIVALS London: Telluride

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
The Page Turner, Snow Cake, Forbidden Lies

INVISIBLE WAVES

M15+

Pen-ek Ratanaruang_Thailand/Netherlands//Korea_ 2006_115min

1:00pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 3:00pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 4



This is the much-anticipated follow up collaboration between Thai director Pen-ek Ratanaruang, expatriate Australian cinematographer Christopher Doyle and Japanese star Asano Tadanobu, after 2004's Last Life in the Universe. Like that film, it mixes the unlikely elements of film noir and minimalist reticence—perhaps film gris would be a better term. Asano works as a chef in Macao who commits the ultimate act of bad faith—sleeping with his boss's wife and then murdering her. He makes his getaway to Thailand aboard the world's worst cruise ship, which you start to suspect might offer some sort of symbolic passage into Hell. The humour of his misadventures is wryly observed and the ambient music which underscores the whole film levels out any dramatic peaks. This de-dramatised thriller works to foreground the sustained yet subtle visual innovation that is at the heart of the collaboration between Pen-ek and Doyle. The innovations in framing, staging, camera placement and selective focus set up the space to convert melodrama into contemplation.

'If Jacques Tati, the French comic absurdist, had ever made a gangster thriller, it probably would have looked like Pen-ek Ratanaruang's Invisible Waves'. HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

FESTIVALS Bangkok; Hong Kong; Karlovy Vary; London; Melbourne; Moscow

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Isabella, Woman on the Beach, Court of Lonely Royals

ISABELLA YI SABELLAL

Pang Ho-cheung_Hong Kong_2006_91min

8:00pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



Since his debut in 2001 with You Shoot, I Shoot Pang has become one of Hong Kong's most acclaimed young directors Isabella, which was chosen to open last year's Hong Kong International Film Festival, is set against the reversion of Macau to China in 1999. A young woman climbs out of the bed of a callous and corrupt cop and announces that she is his daughter. This startling premise is used to get at the feeling of a cultural moment in which a sense of belonging is suddenly thrown into a state of flux. Slowly the pair must fumble their way toward a relationship based on love, friendship and trust—feelings that have played little part in their lives thus far. Pang has always been interested in men who are cheats but who form deeper bonds despite themselves. In the relationship between Chapman To's Shing and Isabella Leong's Yan, he has found the materials for his richest and most mature work yet.

'The beauty of filmmaking is its ability to present subtle changes of the world, studying each incident from different angles and leading the way into a maze, a dead end or what is sometimes nothing but a game.' PANG HO-CHEUNG

AWARDS Best Music, Berlin FESTIVALS Berlin: Hong Kong: Tokyo LIKE THIS? TRY THESE..

LUNACY

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Jan Švankmajer_Czech Republic/Slovakia_2005_118min

7:15pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 12:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 3



So, you want surrealism? Famed animatorŠvankmajer (Alice, Faust, Little Otik) has described this as a "philosophical horror film" which combines the inspirations of Edgar Allen Poe and the Marquis de Sade. In nineteenth century France (albeit one full of deliberate anachronisms), a young man is wracked by nightmare visions of the madhouse. While returning from his mother's funeral he meets a mysterious Marquis who introduces him to the world of blasphemous orgies, therapeutic funerals, and an asylum where the lunatics keep the staff under lock and key. This long-awaited project by the acknowledged master of Eastern European animation moves Svankmajer's strange and wonderful visions into predominantly live action, but his work is as anarchic and provocative as everLunacy combines live action and stop motion, sex and violence, Grand Guignol terror and gallows humour. And a lot of animated meat.

'The subject of the film is basically an ideological debate about how to run a lunatic asylum. One method encourages absolute freedom. The other, the old fashioned well-tried method of control and punishment. A third option combines the very worst aspects of the other two. And that is the madhouse we live in today. JAN ŠVANKMAJER

FESTIVALS Melbourne: Rotterdam: Seattle

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... The Bothersome Man, Dr Plonk, Taxidermia



ORLD CINEMA

MODERN LOVE

Alex Frayne_Australia_2006_95min

6:45pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 ONE SCREENING ONLY



John, Emily and their young son Edward leave the city for what they believe will be a brief foray into the countryside to claim the small shack John has inherited. The family finds itself in a rural setting where nothing is what it seems. John's behaviour becomes increasingly bizarre as he crosses paths with the area's unusual inhabitants, some of whom he knows from a distant past. As his connections to the area are gradually uncovered, we witness a man with a long lineage of disaster, mishap and rural weirdness. Is this a dream? A nightmare? A rural fantasy? Is this a journey into the gothic heartland of rural Australia? Or is it one man losing his mind? Modern Love won international headlines when it was selected in the Moscow Film Festival last year. It represents a timely contribution to the debate about the relation of Australians to the landscape and the culture of the outback.

'I wanted to create a vision of Australia that no-one really sees. The little ghosts towns I knew, where people are shy, secretive and seem a part of the old fixtures and machinery that lies about in these places. Rustic, rusted, an extension of a once flourishing place, now they are retarded, closed, and remote'. ALEX FRAYNE

ALEX FRAYNE IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL FESTIVALS Locarno; Moscow; Sao Paolo; Split

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... West, Court of Lonely Royals, Next Door

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

NEXT DOOR

Pål Sletaune_Norway_2005_76min

1:45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 2 9:45pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



John is left devastated and vulnerable after his girlfriend breaks up with him, but that's still no reason to be seduced by the teenage sado-masochist nymph next door. Especially when her 'sister', who invited John into her flat only yesterday, suddenly takes the mind games to a new level, accusing him of crimes of which he never thought he was capable. Or is he? John now doesn't know if he is being driven by blind desire, cleverly conned, or just plain losing his marbles, but audiences the world over haven't been able to tell either, right up until the very last shot. Writer/director Pål Sletaune's third feature lives up to its "psycho-sexual thriller" label in every sense and it's no surprise that it has been described as a homage to Roman Polanski with its claustrophobic setting. Brilliantly conceived, laconic, lean and seemingly edited with razor-wire, this hair-raising sprint through the subconscious is enough to make both David Lynch and the Marquis de Sade break out in a cold sweat

'An expert thriller high on atmosphere and scares, Next Door leaves standard genre fare in its wake with a vivid psychological portrait of its protagonist and an impeccable direction of its actors.' NORWEGIAN FILM INSTITUTE

AWARD Best Actor, Norwegian Amanda Awards FESTIVALS AFI Fest; Göteborg; Thessaloniki

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
The Lives of Others

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

ONE FINE DAY JOUR AU LENDEMAIN

Philippe Le Guay_France_2006_93min

2:45pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 2 9:00pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 1



While there are many films about the pursuit of happiness, little has been said about the consequences of happiness pursuing us. Nothing goes right for François Berthier. His espresso machine explodes, his boss yells at him, his wife is divorcing him, and he gets wiped off the tennis court in straight sets. Until one day (as they say in the movie trailers) things inexplicably take a turn for the better. His coffee is just so, he gets a promotion, cool women start to notice him, and his backhand even starts to work. François is off on the wildest and most terrifying ride of all—successful middle-class life. Benoît Poelvoorde gives a fine comic performance as a man who has spent a lifetime learning to be a failure, but who must now cope with the terrible weight of good fortune. How to explain the capricious benevolence of the fates? If it could start this suddenly, could it end with equal abruptness? Anyone who has had a bad day recently will be sure to relate to this sparkling French comedy about the unbearable responsibility of happiness

'Deliciously surreal (look out for the musical number!), and delightfully funny'. EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS Edinburgh; Hamburg

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Private Fears in Public Places, The Bothersome Man, Dr Plonk

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE THE PAGE TURNER LA TOURNEUSE DE PAGES

Denis Dercourt_France_2006_85min

8:00pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 1:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



Young Mélanie is a mightily determined piano student whose scholarship audition is ruined when her concentration is broken by Ariane, a pianist on the judging panel. Fast-forward ten years. The obsessiveness which had driven Mélanie's music has become the force behind her thirst for retribution against the older woman. She works her way into Ariane's family, becoming indispensable as her page turner and emotional support. Mélanie believes that revenge is a dish best served cold, and here it served with the glacial perfection which the French have learned to savour only too well. The brilliantly clinical way in which psychological pathology becomes plausible as the stuff of suspense puts this film into the territory of Patricia Highsmith or Henri-Georges Clouzot. Director Denis Dercourt is a classically trained musician who plays viola and teaches at the Strasburg Conservatory as well as making films about musicians. Here he has made a beautifully controlled film in which the chill of deeply nourished hatred and the fragility of artistic inspiration are conveyed with an absolutely elegant economy of style.

'A classy chamber piece. It's quiet, refined and understated, but still as satisfying as it is unsettling.' CHANNEL 4 (UK) SCREENS REGIONALLY, SEE PAGE 20

FESTIVALS Edinburgh: Pusan: Telluride Cannes

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... APT., The Lives of Others, Next Door

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

PARDONNEZ-MOI

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Maïwenn Le Besco_France_2006_86min

1:00pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 4:45pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE B



Pardonnez-moi establishes an original, energetic new voice in French cinema in the form of Maïwenn Le Besco, perhaps best known to Adelaide audiences as the female lead in Alexandre Aja's High Tension (AFF05). Like Maïwenn, her protagonist Violette is a former child actor. We now discover her doing a stage show to workshop her bitterness towards her parents. Finding that she is pregnant, she swaps her shrink for a videocamera, and decides to make a film about herself for the child she is bearing. This can only end in tears. Soon there is birthday cake and psycho-drama all over the walls. Armed with her camera and a life-sized Bratz doll packed with imitation bodily fluids, she sets off to have it out with her father. Get ready for a heady mix of improvisation, autobiography, and dirty family laundry.

'I wanted the image to be everything but prepared. As improvisation was the rule, I wanted everything to be in perpetual movement. That's why I gave little direction to my cinematographer. I wanted her to be often surprised, so much so that sometimes she would not know who to film. I wanted to create this kind of instability. Same for the crew, I had everything in my head but kept it, as much as possible, for myself, MAÏWENN LE BESCO

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Isabella, Court of Lonely Royals, The Pervert's Guide to Cinema

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

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PRINCE OF THE HIMALAYAS

Sherwood Hu_China_2006_108min

5:00pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALAÇE 3 ONE SCREENING ONLY



With an increasingly globalised world comes the possibility for new cross-cultural influences and exchanges. Take, for instance, this version of Hamlet transplanted to the ancient Tibetan kingdom of Jiabo. The film can be situated in a couple of traditions. It works the vein of visually ravishing historical epics such as Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon, Hero and House of Flying Daggers with stunning scenery, richly saturated colour, and lush costuming. Second, the appropriation of Shakespeare to provide a new take on Asian concerns reflects an important debt to Kurosawa in films like*The* Hidden Fortress and Ran. Setting Shakespeare's tale of the Prince of Denmark in a completely new context certainly opens up intriguing new possibilities for political interpretation. In a Tibetan context or a post-Tiananmen Chinese context, Hamlet suddenly starts to take on fresh new subtexts about ways of reconciling the individual and the state.

'The Golden Globe Jury has reportedly given the film high praise, saying "there are few Tibetan movies to compete and it is really stunning.' XINHUA

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Manufactured Landscapes, Playing the Victim, Opera Jawa





WORLD CINEM

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

PRIVATE FEARS IN **PUBLIC PLACES**

Alain Resnais_France/Italy_2006_120min

2:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 7:30pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



In the half century since Night and Fog (AFFO5), Alain Resnais has shown himself to be indisputably one of the masters of cinematic innovation. Age has not mellowed him, though his vision has become more closely tied to the subtle and inward components of the cinema, such as the fineness of performance, and the way that nuanced writing can give us insights into the melancholy of human character. This, his second adaptation of English playwright Alan Ayckbourn after 1993'Smoking/No Smoking, deals with a network of six related characters. From office to bar to apartment, they circle each other in the course of a snowy Parisian winter, reaching out for help or understanding or love, but inevitably failing to connect. Winner of the Silver Lion for Best Director and the Best Actress award for Laura Morante at last year's Venice Film Festival, this is a tour de force by a director who has left an indelible mark on

'Ineffably graceful, Private Fears is a heartbreakingly delicate meditation on loss, uncertainty and love made with the kind of serene wisdom available only to true masters. NEW YORK FILM FESTIVAL

AWARDS Best Director, Venice FESTIVALS New York; Thessaloniki; Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
Infamous, Woman on the Beach, The Lives of Others

COEURS SNOW CAKE

Marc Evans_UK/Canada_2006_112min

3:15pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 2:30pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 1



Tight-lipped Englishman Alex (Alan Rickman) arrives in Northern Ontario on his way to meet the woman with whom he's had a son. He's bullied by a young hitch-hiker into giving her a ride to her hometown of Wawa. Plot point 1: a sudden accident leaves Alex stranded in snowbound Wawa. Here he meets Linda Freeman (Sigourney Weaver in one of the most daring roles of her career) an adult autistic, albeit a high-functioning one. He becomes increasingly involved with Linda's life and with the community to which she feels complete indifference, in large part because of her condition. Snow Cake, chosen as the opening film at last year's Berlin Film Festival, is a film about friendship, trust, snow, acceptance, obsessive behaviour, a dog called Marilyn, and about the power of friendship, no matter how eccentric, to change our lives. In the spirit of films such as Fargo, it is also a film about the ways in which people are marked not only by biology, but also by a sense of place.

'A mesmerising bonfire of the vanities,' THE GUARDIAN

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE SPECIAL

<u>IPRESCI</u>

Hal Haberman; Jeremy Passmore_USA_2006_85min

8:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 4 3:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 1



Here is the superhero movie that film festival patrons have been waiting for. Les, a dull parking inspector and comic book geek, leads a painfully unremarkable life until he volunteers for a study of a new anti-depressant drug called Special. An unexpected side effect of the drug is that Les is soon convinced that he is developing special powers such as the ability to walk through walls, read minds, and defy gravity. When he decides that he must answer his new calling in life as a superhero, complete with home-made costume, the scene is set for an uncanny mixture of humour and pathos. Beautifully played by Michael Rappaport, Les's view of his crime-fighting exploits alternates with a coldly dispassionate view of his delusions, producing a volatile mix of emotions out of the gap between the nourishing warmth of our fantasy lives and the cold harshness of reality. A very select group of people in life are truly gifted. Special is a movie about everyone else.

'An at times very funny exploration of the soul-crushing tragedy of being just another schmuck.' THE SCOTSMAN

FESTIVALS Berlin; Shanghai; Tribeca

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Infamous, Pardonnez-moi, Special

FESTIVALS Rhode Island: Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... One Fine Day, Snow Cake

TAXIDERMIA

György Pálfi_Hungary/Austria/France_2006_91min

9:45pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 4:30pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 1



Pálfi's Hukkle was one of the successes of AFFO3 and now his rousing Rabelaisian tale confronts you with everything about human bodily functions that your polite upbringing wants to deny. Pálfi converts three generations of Hungarian history into an exuberant story of bodies. Rural sex is celebrated as a messy exchange of barnyard fluids; Hungary's major spectator sport becomes speedeating. One protagonist, Kálmán, even has a new technique of vomiting named after him. It seems that what goes down, eventually comes up. And what goes around, comes around. After a career of stuffing himself. Kalman produces a son who stuffs animals. Thus does the new Europe acknowledge its relation with the Soviet era. Pálfi has found his excessively surrealist imagery in the stories of popular Hungarian author, Lajos Parti Nagy. A thoroughly enjoyable film guaranteed to have something to make everyone squirm

'A raucous comedy which manages to cram an unimaginable number and range of bodily functions into its trim running time. Revolting, provocative, funny and base, Taxidermia is certainly not for the fainthearted (or weak stomached) LONDON FILM FESTIVAL

AWARDS Best Director, Transylvania Film Festival; Best Film, Brussels European Film Festival; Sundance/NHK Filmmakers Script Award, 2004 FESTIVALS Karlovy Vary; London; Melbourne; Moscow

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Lunacy, The Bothersome Man, Court of Lonely Royals, First on the Moon

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

WEST

fIPRESCI

Daniel Krige_Australia_2007_99min

9:45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 ONE SCREENING ONLY



The explosion in low-budget Australian filmmaking is going to be the big news this year, and West, the second feature funded by the Australian Film Commission's Indivision Lab, is your opportunity to get in on the ground floor. This hard-edged drama set in the suburban badlands west of Sydney takes an unflinching look at the lack of choices available to young people and the resulting aggression and frustration. Two inseparable cousins, Pete and Gerry, dream of something better, but their relationship is tested and their lives changed dramatically when they both fall in love with the same girl. West is the eagerly anticipated first feature for writer/director Daniel Krige, who has cut his teeth on television drama after having short films nominated for BAFTA and AFI Awards. Khan Chittenden (Blue Water High, The Caterpillar Wish) and Nathan Phillips (Wolf Creek, Australian Rules head an ensemble cast which includes David Field (The Oyster Farmer, Tom White) and Anthony Hayes (AFI award nominee, Best Supporting Actor for Look Both Ways, Suburban Mayhem).

'Every filmmaker has their baby, the film they simply have to make. The film that is closest to their heart, the film they have lived. For me, that film is West.' DANIEL KRIGE

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Boxing Day, Madeinusa, Special

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

WOMAN ON THE BEACH ONUI YOIN

Hong Sang-soo_South Korea_2006_128min

2:15pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 12:00pm \$ATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 1



Hong Sang-soo is now Korea's best regarded director on the international festival circuit, where he has established a reputation as a kind of Eric Rohmer of Asian cinema. Like Rohmer, his films are variations on a theme, and his standard scene is built around conversation which conceals its ironic moral sting in its tail. Hong's major theme is the vanity of men in pursuit of women. His protagonists (who are usually filmmakers) generally succeed in their erotic conquests, though their sense of self-satisfaction typically lies in ruins by the end of the film. They attempt to seduce women only to discover that they don't really know what they are dealing with. In the depths of women, they discover only their own shallowness. In this film, director Jung-rae pursues two women, serially and then simultaneously, at a beachside resort. As the action progresses, the women turn out to be much more interesting characters so that the tables are well and truly turned as a story about a man and two women turns out to have been about a woman's choices between

'It perfectly satisfies every cinematic desire, from stimulating, original storytelling and air-tight scripts to spontaneous style, engaging performances and all-around elegance. GIOVANNA FULVI. TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS New York: Pusan: Toronto: Vancouver

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Private Fears in Public Places, Isabella, Invisible Waves



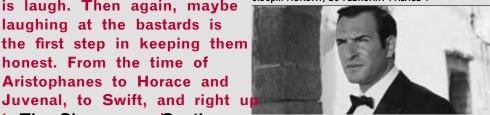
POLITICAL SATIRE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

OSS 117: CAIRO, NEST OF SPIES OSS 117: LE CAIRE NID D'ESPIONS

Michel Hazanavicius_France_2006_99min

1:30pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 5:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



It's men like Hubert Bonisseur de La Bath (alias OSS 117) who have made France the world power that it is today. Jean Bruce created this Gallic James Bond in 1949 in a pulp fiction series that finally ran to 265 novels and spawned seven film versions between 1956 and 1970. Now 117's back in a delicious parody, suavely outwitting and the inspired barbs of Johnazis before enjoying a bracing and manly game of beach tennis with his very good friend and fellow agent, Jack. Then on to the Middle East where, under the cover of running a poultry factory, he will be plunged into a dastardly intrigue involving the Russians, the taking the piss, knowing that Brits and assorted Islamic fundamentalists. He will need all of the humour is a form of power that cultural sensitivity and deference to other ways of life for which the to a place where Europeans can feel safe to wear a tuxedo and cut a nifty samba.

> 'On a superficial level these clichés are the clichés of fifties movies, and at a deeper level, they are the clichés of the controlling western philosophy.' MICHEL HAZANAVICIUS

AL FRANKENGOD SPOKE

Nick Doob; Chris Hegedus_USA_2006_90min

6:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 4 3:30pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 4



Al Franken first came to notice as a comedian on Saturday Night Live, though lately he has become a noted political satirist and best-selling author of books such as Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot (you can't argue with that) and Lies and the Lying Ligrs Who Tell Them The film follows Franken through the lead up to the 2004 elections as he crosses satirical swords with an array of right wing commentators including Michael Medved, who frequently denounces Hollywood as a bunch of anti-American liberals. Keen to disabuse Americans of the notion that the Almighty is the exclusive property of the Bushists, Franken sees it as his god-given mission to take on right-wing talk radio's "simplistic black-and-white babble about the way the world works." Cinema verité documentarists Hegedus (the wife and longtime collaborator of D.A. Pennebaker who executive produces) and Doob, who recently made the acclaimed concertdoc Down From the Mountain catch every throbbing vein in every temple as they record the high stakes of satire.

'I take what they say and use it against them. What I do is jujitsu. They say something ridiculous and I subject them to scorn and ridicule. That's my job.' AL FRANKEN

FESTIVALS Tribeca, Edinburgh, Melbourne

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE..

The Diplomat: A Conversation with José Ramos Horta, The Monastery: Mr. Vig and the Nun, Death of a President

variety of ways that taking a cheap laugh at the expense of WARDS Best Feature, Seattle; Grand Prix, Tokyo

This strand demonstrates the

operates effectively from the

bottom up.

Sometimes all you can do

honest. From the time of Aristophanes to Horace and

to The Simpsons and South

Park, or closer to hothee

Chaser's War on Everything

Clarke, satirists have been

is laugh. Then again, maybe laughing at the bastards is the first step in keeping them

the powerful has been both ar important part of film history and, increasingly, of the way political processes operate.

Classic works by Chaplin and Kubrick demonstrate the tough-mindedness needed to laugh at the madness of the twentieth century, while

winning secret agent satire suggests a strong continental European tradition of satire.

Michel Hazanivicius's award-

changed the landscape of popular political discourse in the U.S. and our documentary of biting irony, and how could you find richer material for black on Al Franken is an exploration have a kick today? You bet your precious bodily fluids it does. of the role played by satire in contemporary American politics. See also Mike Reiss's Beyond any question the most shattering sick joke I've ever

Values (see page 33) for an insider's view on how animators take the mickey.

FESTIVALS Seattle; Tokyo

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, Lunacy, Forbidden Lie\$

DR STRANGELOVE or **HOW I LEARNED TO STOP** WORRYING AND LOVE THE BOMEHE GREAT DICTATOR

Stanley Kubrick_UK_1964_96min

SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARYPALACE 3 2:30pm

ONE SCREENING ONLY



The mother of all movie satires. If humour is an arabesque over the Michael Moore has undoubtedly sysses of terror, the image of Slim Pickens straddling the atomic bomb all the way down to the apocalypse stands out as the sanest and most elegant response to the Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) policies of the Cold War. Stanley Kubrick showed in Paths of Glory and again in A Clockwork Orange that he was a master comedy than the politics of a nuclear stand-off? Does the film Peter Sellers' President Merkin Muffley has something of the folksy, mealy-mouthed nature of Dubya, and if Donald Rumsfeld could head the Pentagon for so long, George C. Scott's General Buck Turgidson seems almost plausible. Don't let any preverts stand between you and a chance for a laugh-out-loud seat at the apocalypse.

forum on The Simpsons' Family come across." THE NEW YORK TIMES

SCREENS REGIONALLY, SEE PAGE 20

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Air Guitar Nation, The Lives of Others

Charles Chaplin_USA_1940_124min

12:15m SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 3 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Given the silly little moustache it was inevitable that Charlie Chanlin would give the world an early insight into Hitler's lunacy. As a European, Chaplin was immensely disturbed by the rise of fascism and decided that the most effective response was that "Hitler must be laughed at." In Hollywood at this time, it was still considered boldly leftist to speak out against Nazism and risk offending the German-American population as well as the isolationists who feared that America would be dragged into another European war. Chaplin's dual role as the little Jewish barber and the egomaniacal hatemonger, Adenoid Hynkel, dictator of Tomania, has been acclaimed as one of the most clear-sighted responses to the horror that was about to envelop the world. The Little Tramp speaks for the first, and last, time on screen to demonstrate the utopian resistance to authority, which had always been at the heart of his funniest

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...The Wizard of Oz with the ASO, The Mini Regent Cinema Experience, Dr Plonk, The Pervert's Guide to Cinema



MOZART'S VISIONARY CINEM



Naimozart 2006 New Crowned

AFF owes a significant debt of gratitude to Peter Sellars. During his time as dire the 2002 Adelaide Festival of the Arts, Sellars and Bridget Ikin commissioned a s of films (includinghe TrackerAustralian Rules andWalking on Water The success of this initiative laid the groundwork for the AFF Investment Fund.

Sellars was recently director of Vienna's New Crowned Hope Festival, commemor the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth. Keen to repeat the experience of bringing closer to more traditional arts, Sellars collaborated with Simon Field (who made Rotterdam International Film Festival one of the world's leading film events) and Keith Griffith of Illuminations Films to commission films which foreground the ma intriguing filmmakers and emerging regions in world cinema. The only brief was the films respond to the masterworks created during the last year of Mozartes life Magic FluteLa clemenza di TitandRequiem. The resultant six features and one sho have created enormous excitement at the world's leading festivals. The AFF is p to present their Australian premieres. Details of two other NCH-alimston and Syndromes and a Centurgan be found on the Natuzzi Competition pages.

NEW CROWNED HOPE FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: PETER SELLARS_VIENNA_NOVEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 13, 2006 A FESTIVAL WITHIN WIENER MOZARTJAHR 2006 EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: WIENER FESTWOCHEN WWW.NEWCROWNEDHOPE.OR

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

DARATT

DRY SEASON

TIPRESCI

Mahamat-Saleh Haroun_France/Belgium/Chad/Austria_2006_95min

12:00pm \$UNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 2:45pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



In war-ravaged Chad, Atim, an embittered young man, on hearing that the government has decided to grant amnesty to all war criminals, is bent on revenge. He tracks down his father's killer, only to find that instead of a bloodthirsty mercenary, the killer is an ordinary man, a baker. Taken in by the man and his pregnant young wife, Atim is taught to make bread. Slowly a strange bond develops between the two men. One day the older man suggests adoption and Atim is faced with a choice between honouring the traditions of the past or embracing the uncertainties of the future. Taking inspiration from Mozart's final operaLa clemenza de Tito Haroun (whose Abouna screened at AFFO3) emerges with this film as one of the most eloquent voices of African cinema, and delivers a vital meditation on the possibilities for breaking out of the cycle of war and hate that has consumed his continent and now threatens to engulf us all.

'Using a simple storytelling style that grows stronger with each passing scene. Dry Season draws the viewer into its small two-character drama set in post-war Chad, while it offers a deep reflection on injustice and frustrated revenge. VARIETY

SCREENS WITH Meokgo and the Stick Fighter (p.18) AWARDS Grand Special Jury Prize, Venice FESTIVALS Pusan; Toronto; Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Boxing Day, Bamako, Lucky Miles

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

I DONT WANTTO SLEEP ALONEAUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

HEI YANQUAN

Tsai Ming-liang_Taiwan/France/Austria_2006_118min

5:30pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 12:30m THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 4



With films such as What Time Is It There? Taiwan's Tsai Ming-liang has built a reputation as one of the most influential filmmakers in contemporary cinema for his use of eloquent silences and absorbing long takes which allow different parts of the frame to come into play at surprising moments. This is a story about care-giving and the ways that, improbably, tenderness manages to survive in a world of environmental and emotional dislocation. A mattress and a wounded man are brought home by a group of Bangladeshis who are squatting in a disused Kuala Lumpur construction site, and the mattress proves to be no less important to the story than the man. Tsai is a master of creating spaces that we are invited to enter imaginatively to supply motivations, to round out the off-screen spaces and to momentarily marvel at the new ways of looking at images, and perhaps at new ways of seeing the world.

'For years the foreigner in Taiwan, now he's filming foreigners in Malaysia, capturing their sense of being cut off from the society around them and making the intense sexual drive never love, but a need for companionship - more meaningful.'

AWARDS Cinema for Peace Award, Venice FESTIVALS London; Pusan; Toronto; Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Colossal Youth, Still Life, Woman on the Beach



OPERA JAWA

Garin Nugroho_Indonesia_2006_120min

7:00pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:15m MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



This is a lushly operatic marvel from Indonesia's leading director. Garin Nugroho, returning to the stylised theatricality of his earlier work. On a scene by scene basis, there is an immense amount in this film to dazzle as effects of mise en scène, dance, and music predominate, linked by striking design motifs of shape and colour. A young wife, Siti, who used to play the role of Sinta in the Ramayana dances, has married a poor artisan who makes earthenwarepots. When the son of a rich matriarch pursues her, class warfare breaks out and the story of Sinta is played out with a fresh twist. Mixing gamelan music, puppet theatre, traditional forms of dance and narrative but with a distinctively modern inflection, Nugroho asserts that cultural traditions should be constantly reinvented to restore the relevance to everyday life which has always been at their heart. 'Like nothing you've ever seen or heard.' TONY RAYNS GARIN NUGROHO IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS London: Pusan: Toronto: Venice

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
Passio, Bamako, Prince of the Himalayas





AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

PARAGUAYAN HAMMOCH HAMACA PARAGUAYA

Paz Encina_France/Argentina/Netherlands/Paraguay/Austria/ Spain/Germany_2006_78min

5:00pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 3:15pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 1



It is 1935 and in a remote part of Paraguay, an older couple sit together in a hammock, talking, drinking tea, and undertaking everyday tasks as they wait for their son to return from the Chaco war. He is an optimist and believes their son will return; she speaks of her son as if he is dead and dispassionately waits for the passing of time to end so she can stop waiting—waiting for the rain to come and waiting for the dog to stop barking. As with most of us, the couple's pain and their anxiety emerges in what they don't (and can't) say to each other. Visually poetic, the film's use of sound is equally hypnotic as human voices and the sound of the elements are brought to the fore. After several acclaimed shorts, Paz Encina's debut feature film is a mesmerising and absorbing experience of loss, hope and anguish

'A landmark in cinema.' TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH Signs (p.34)
AWARDS FIPRESCI Award, Cannes FESTIVALS Cannes; Pusan; Toronto; Vienna

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Colossal Youth, Voices of Bam, Into Great Silence



SHORT

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE MEOKGO AND THE STICK SEKALLI LE MEOKGO FIGHTER

Teboho Mahlatsi_South Africa/Austria_2006_16min

12:00pm \$UNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 2:45pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



Teboho Mahlatsi brings together the fabulist materials of the mythic pre-colonial past with the vibrant styles of contemporary Africa—as well as an admiration for Sergio Leone. Although his background is in pulsating Kwaito music, Mahlatsi has spoken of The Magic Flute as his inspiration, with a handsome prince setting out on a quest to rescue the daughter of the Queen of the Night. The prince here is Kgotso, a cursed young hero with a magical concertina who is enchanted by the sight of a beautiful woman who is then captured by Mokgodutswane, an evil horseman. A vision of Africa, infused by the mystical energy of magic.

There is something deeply mystical and magical about these mountains and the people there. I started imagining lyrical battles with traditional fighting sticks on wintry landscapes covered with snow.' TEBOHO MAHLATSI

SCREENS WITH Darratt (p.17) FESTIVALS Toronto: Venice Vienna **BOOK NOW!**

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AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

BLOCKADE BLOKADA

Sergei Loznitsa_Russia_2005_52min

12:45pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 12:45pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



The Siege of Leningrad is one the emphatic turning points of the 20th century. The city withstood the German forces from September 1941 to January 1944, enduring unimaginable hardship and a ferocious loss of life. By the time the siege was lifted, the power of the Nazi military machine had effectively been broken. Loznitsa is not concerned with the military action, but rather the way ordinary people survived, and died, within the besieged city. He has compiled this documentary from newsreel footage but refrained from adding any voiceover commentary or music. Instead, there is only a sparse soundtrack of muted sounds. The silence allows the immediacy of the images to come to the fore and eloquently confronts us with the depths of human suffering and endurance. We can only stand mute before events of such magnitude, and contemplate the way that tragedy on this scale is both mundane and heartrending

By providing the originally silent images with a meticulously reconstructed and almost perfect soundtrack, the scenes from everyday life under siege seem to be set in the present. They do not evoke memories of the past, but become a breathtaking reanimation of reality.' ROTTERDAM INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH The Present (p.34)
AWARDS Golden Dragon, Cracow; Grand Prix, Kiew FESTIVALS IndieLisboa; Karlovy Vary; Rotterdam; Vienna

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...

Ghosts of Cite Soleil, Zidane: A Twenty-First Century Portrait, Manufactured Landscapes, Into Great Silence, Voices of Bam

FIRST ON THE MOON PERVYE NA LUNE

Alexei Fedorchenko Russia 2005 75min

3:15pm | WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 9:00PM THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 3



Something more than just a mockumentary this film, which proposes that the Soviets landed on the moon in 1938, is a deeply-felt critique of Stalinism. Using footage as supposedly diverse as newsreel celebrations of Soviet economic miracles to instructional films on how to use mini surveillance cameras, it pieces together the story of a group of cosmonauts including a model worker, a female athlete and a circus dwarf who train for an audacious mission. As their craft hurtles toward the moon and falls back to earth only for the hero to be lost amid the obsessive secrecy, suspicion and bureaucratic smallmindedness which marked the Soviet era, we see how the race for the stars was fatally compromised by the deep-seated flaws that held the Soviet system leadenly to earth. This is a film that is richly inventive in its knowledge of Soviet filmmaking and often hilarious in spite of the darkness it contemplates.

'On the face of it, the movie is a merciless mockery of the former Soviet Union's obsession to be the first in everything even manipulating history. In essence, the film pays homage to Fake in the cinema, ridiculing the power of the film as a document of the times.' FIPRESCI

SCREENS WITH When Objects Dream (p.34) AWARDS Horizons Documentary Award, Venice FESTIVALS Buenos Aires; Hong Kong; IndieLisboa

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, Lunacy, Forbidden Lie\$, Taxidermia

NEW RUSSIAN CINEM

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE THE ISLAND OSTROV

Pavel Langin_Russia_2006_112min

3:00pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 1

The collapse of the Soviet Union meant the of a view of history geared toward the perfect 30pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 future of a communist paradise. It also meant the collapse of film production with the loss of stat supports for the industry. We are now starting to see the emergence of a new economy, a new politics, and a new cinema in place of the old Nazis and forced into an act of cowardice for which there can be Russia is once again becoming home to a project father Anatoly, who lives on an island and has the ability and diverse film industry. Filmmakers are look in this despair has learned of the need to believe in back to re-evaluate the Soviet period; looking best associated with Tarkovsky, though Pavel Lungin has produced a transcendent study in which the colour has been leached from the colour has been lea around with a blackly humorous sense of the the world. The craggy faced protagonist is brought vividly alive by ex-rock star and now hermit, Petr Mamonov. absurd to see the type of society that is coming figure in almost the end, he is also a pariah. Balding,

is wartime and Anatoly, a sailor on a coal barge, is captured by no forgiveness. Thirty years pass and word has spread about a mad to life at the cost of his soul, consumed by a terrible and enduring something bigger than himself. In Russian cinema this is the territory

bearded and bedraggled, with decaying teeth and eccentric into being; and looking beyond to contemplate conditions (most scandalously, he faces the wrong way in church), this living, breathing embodiment of guilt and grief will remain indelibly etched in the memory." DIMITRI EIPIDES, TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS Moscow; Toronto; Venice Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... The Monastery: Mr Vig and the Nun, The Page Turner, Half Moon

THE ITALIAN **ITALIANETZ**

Andrei Kravchuk Russia 2005 99min

4:45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 3:00pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 4

matters of the spirit.



The orphan has recently become a figure with a powerful resonance in post-Soviet filmmaking. This film is set in a privatised institution run by a profit-oriented proprietor and effectively administered by a gang of juvenile inmates. Things are looking up for six-year-old Vanya, though. He is about to be adopted (or purchased might be a better way of putting it) by a benevolent Italian couple. However, Vanya is a child as dogged and resourceful as he is inconvenient when his imagination is fired by the prospect of finding his mother. Andrei Kravchuk's film is a delight for the ears with its densely layered soundtrack conjuring up an off-centre world in which you can never feel truly at ease or at home

'Briskly helmed by feature debutant Andrei Kravchuk, pic depicts the hard-knock life in a remote Russian children's home with stark realism, evolving smoothly into a taut adventure tale as protag hits the road in search of his mum.' VARIETY

AWARDS Grand Prix; Kinderhilfwerk, Berlin FESTIVALS Telluride, Berlin, Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Grbavica, I Am, Family Law

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

PLAYING THE VICTIM IZOBRAZHAYAZHERTVU

Kirill Serebrennikov_Russia_2006_100min

2:45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 7:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



Recently voted Best Film at the Rome Film Festival, this critical hit references Hamlet as a way of getting at the current cultural moment. The use of Shakespeare is not surprising given that Serebrennikov is one of Russia's leading theatre directors and this film adapts his stage production from the Chekhov Moscow Art Theater. The action, which is interspersed with animation, is set in a contemporary Russia where black humour is the best alternative to despair. Valya, an ironic slacker who lives with his mother and uncle, plays the victim in police video crime reconstructions. The hilariously inept attempts at CSI-type investigation build to a memorable outpouring of social bile in a Japanese sashimi restaurant. This is the first in a multi-film project entitled New People. The project's manifesto emphasises: "All the films are united by the presence of a main hero no older than 35 who passes through a cycle of collisions amid the realities of present-day life."

'It's about a loss of connection with the time he lives in—which brings on the Hamlet idea—and the question of what to do. It's not a path of clear action, but one of imitation, leading toward destruction. It becomes like the appearance of a black hole.' KIRILL SEREBRENNIKOV

AWARDS Best Film, Rome FESTIVALS Moscow; Rome

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
The Bothersome Man, Prince of the Himalayas, How Is Your Fish Today?

THE SUN SOLNTSE

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Alexandr Sokurov_Russia_2005_110min

2:15pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 3 4:45pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 3



The Sun completes Sokurov's trilogy Moloch [1999] about Hitler, and Taurus [2001] dealing with Lenin's death) by focussing on Emperor Hirohito at the close of World War 2. At the heart of this film is an astonishing performance by Issei Ogata, hunkered down into a set of mouth gestures which indicate both the Emperor's hesitancy and his sympathy for marine creatures rather than people. Like Sokurov's Russian Ark (AFFO3) this is a richly atmospheric film full of small marvels, from the bombers destroying Tokyo imagined as darting fish, to a wonderfully intricate scene in which the shy and polite emperor and an equally deferential scientist take a full minute of manoeuvring before they can get themselves seated, to the interactions with MacArthur as cautious conqueror who relishes holding the fate of a defeated god in his hands

'The Sun resembles a dream-like newsreel filmed by a secret camera deep in the emperor's bunker'. J.G. BALLARD

AWARDS Grand Prix, Yerevan FESTIVALS Berlin; Hong Kong; Melbourne; New York

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Syndromes and a Century, The Great Dictator, Zidane: A Twenty-First Century Portrait

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2:15pm	COLOSSAL YOUTH 155min PALACE 1	8
2:30pm	LUCKY MILES 105min Q&A PALACE 3	6
3:00pm	FEET UNBOUND 90min Q&A PALACE 4	26
5:00pm	PRINCE OF THE HIMALAYAS 108min PALACE 3	14
5:15pm	PLEASE VOTE FOR ME 55min Q&A PALACE 4 The Isabel Fish (14min)	24
5:30pm	OSS 117: CAIRO NEST OF SPIES 99min PALACE 1	16
5:30pm	ROGER GRAEF IN CONVERSATION 80min MERCURY	35
7:00pm	MADE IN SA 120min ACADEMY 2	34
7:15pm	ZIDANE 90min PALACE 3	29
7:30pm	INTO GREAT SILENCE 164min Q&A PALACE 1	24
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9:00pm	RED ROAD 113nin PALACE 3	9
9:45pm	NEXT DOOR 76min PALACE 4	14

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3:15pm	THE MONASTERY - MR VIG AND THE NUN 84min PALACE 3	26
3:30pm	STILL LIFE 108min PALACE 4	9
4:30pm	THE ISLAND 112min PALACE 1	19
5:00pm	THIN ICE 58min Q8A PALACE 3 Motordrome (9min)	29 29
5:45pm	MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES 86min PALACE 4	27
6:30pm	MINI REGENT CINEMA EXPERIENCE (bus leaves from Rundle Street)	30
6:00pm	InSite SCREENPLAY READING 150min MERCURY	36
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7:00pm	PLAYING THE VICTIM 100min PALACE 3	19
7:30pm	PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC PLACES 120min PALACE 4	15
9:00pm	THE LIVES OF OTHERS 137min PALACE 1	9
9:00pm	KINO KABARET ELECTRIC LIGHT HOTEL	30
9:30pm	DOG BITE DOG 109min PALACE 3	12
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1:15pm	FULL OR EMPTY 98min PALACE 3	12
2:45pm	DARATT 95min PALACE 1 Meokgo And The Stickfighter (16min)	17 18
3:00pm	THE ITALIAN 99min PALACE 4	19
3:15pm	FIRST ON THE MOON 75min PALACE 3 When Objects Dream (14min)	18 34
5:00pm	PARAGUAYAN HAMMOCK 78min PALACE 1 Signs (39min)	18
5:15pm	MADEINUSA 100min PALACE 3	9
5:30pm	HOW IS YOUR FISH TODAY? 83min PALACE 4	13
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6:30pm	MINI REGENT CINEMA EXPERIENCE (bus leaves from Rundle Street)	30
7:30pm	CALL ME MUM 76min PALACE 1 Crocodile Dreaming Q6A (26min)	11 34
7:30pm	SA SHORT SCREEN AWARDS ACADEMY 2	34
7:45pm	BOTHERSOME MAN 95min PALACE 3	11
9:30pm	BIG BANG LOVE 85min PALACE 4	11

9:45pm TAXIDERMIA 91min PALACE 3 10:00pmLOVING MARADONA 75min PALACE 1

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10:00an	THE 21ST CENTURY ALL DAY MERCURY	31
12:00pn	n FORBIDDEN LIE\$ 106min Q&A PALACE 1	25
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2:15pm	THE SUN 110minPALACE 3	19
2:30pm	SNOW CAKE 112minPALACE 1	15
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5:00pm	SYNDROMES AND A CENTURY 105min PALACE 1	10
6:00pm	AL FRANKEN: GOD SPOKE 90min PALACE 4	16
6:30pm	AFTER THE WEDDING 120min PALACE 3	11
6:30pm	MINI REGENT CINEMA EXPERIENCE (bus leaves from Rundle Street)	30
7:15pm	KALAUPAPA – HEAVEN 90min Q&A PALACE 1	25
7:30pm	FAKE 2: THE SEQUEL ACADEMY 2	30
8:00pm	SPECIAL 85min PALACE 4	15
9:00pm	KINO KABARET ELECTRIC LIGHT HOTEL	30
9:00pm	FIRST ON THE MOON 75min PALACE 3 When Objects Dream (14min)	18 34
9:30pm	BOXING DAY 82min Q&A PALACE 1	8
9:45pm	APT. 90min PALACE 4 Happy Birthday 2 U (14min)	11

12.45pn	nBLOCKADE 52min PALACE 3 The Present (8min)	18 34
1:00pm	PARDONNEZ-MOI 86min PALACE 1	14
1:30pm	OSS 117: CAIRO NEST OF SPIES 99min PALACE 4	16
2:15pm	WOMAN ON THE BEACH 128min PALACE 3	15
3:00pm	THE ISLAND 112min PALACE 1	19
3:30pm	THE CHANCES OF THE WORLD CHANGING 99min PALACE 4	27
4:45pm	THE LIVES OF OTHERS 137min PALACE 3	g
5:15pm	9 STAR HOTEL 78min PALACE 1 3494 Houses + 1 Fence (6min)	26
5:30pm	I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP ALONE 118min PALACE 4	11
7:00pm	OPERA JAWA 120min Q&A PALACE 1	1
7:15pm	DEATH OF A PRESIDENT 90min ACADEMY 2	12
7:45pm	THE MONASTERY - MR VIG AND THE NUN 84min PALACE 3	26
8:00pm	THE PAGE TURNER 85min PALACE 4	14
8:00pm	PASSIO 74min TOWN HALL	6
8:00pm	THE WIZARD OF OZ 101min FESTIVAL THEATRE	30
9:30pm	BOXING DAY 82min Q&A PALACE 3	8
9:45pm	FEET UNBOUND 90min Q&A PALACE 1	26
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12:15pm	A SUNDAY IN HELL 112min PALACE 3	29
12:30pm	HOW IS YOUR FISH TODAY? 83min PALACE 1 On The Other Ocean (8min)	13 34
1:00pm	INVISIBLE WAVES 115min PALACE 4	13
1:45pm	NEXT DOOR 76min PALACE 2	14
2:00pm	THE WIZARD OF OZ 101min FESTIVAL THEATRE	30
2:30pm	PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC PLACES 120min PALACE 1	15
2:45pm	PLAYING THE VICTIM 100min PALACE 3	19
3:00pm	ZIDANE 90min ACADEMY 2	29
3:15pm	SNOW CAKE 112min PALACE 4	15
4:45pm	THE ITALIAN 99min PALACE 3	19
5:00pm	MADEINUSA 100min PALACE 1	9
5:00pm	THE DIPLOMAT 82min Q8A ACADEMY 2	35
5:00pm	YOU MADE IT FOR HOW MUCH? DISTILL, UPSTAIRS	36
5:30pm	BLACK GOLD 78min PALACE 4	27
7:15pm	RED ROAD 113minPALACE 3	9
7:30pm	THE SOCIALIST, THE ARCHITECT & THE TWISTED TOWER 59min Q&A PALACE 1 Blessed Are The Dreams of Men, NYC Weights & Measures	25 34
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7:45pm	THE GIRL WHO LEAPT THROUGH TIME 98min PALACE 4	33
7:45pm	THE HOME SONG STORIES 105min Q&A ACADEMY 2	9
8:00pm	THE WIZARD OF OZ 101min FESTIVAL THEATRE	30
8:45pm	SWEET & SOUR 30min CHINATOWN	33
9:30pm	THE HOST 119min Q&A PALACE 1	12
9.45pm	WEST 99min Q&A PALACE 4	15
10:00pm	GHOSTS OF THE CITÉ SOLEIL 86min PALACE 3	25

12:00pn	BOTHERSOME MAN 95min PALACE 1	
12:00pn	DARATT 95min PALACE 4 Meokgo And The Stickfighter (16min)	
12.45pn	nBLOCKADE 52min PALACE 3 The Present (8min)	
2:00pm	GRBAVICA 91min PALACE 1	
2:15pm	THE SIMPSONS' FAMILY VALUES 60mins PALACE 4	
2:30pm	DR. STRANGELOVE 96min PALACE 3	
2:45pm	ONE FINE DAY 93min PALACE 2	
3:45pm	TENTH DAY (Work In Progress Screening) 120min Q&A PALACE 4	
4:00pm	FAMILY LAW 102min PALACE 1	
4:30pm	THE HOST 119minQ&A PALACE 3	
6:15pm	GHOSTS 97min PALACE 1	
6:45pm	MODERN LOVE 95min Q&A PALACE 4	
7:00pm	CLUBLAND 108min Q&A ACADEMY 2	
7:15pm	LUNACY 118min PALACE 3	
7:30pm	INTOLERANCE 124min w/live music MERCURY	
8:15pm	SYNDROMES AND A CENTURY 105min PALACE 1	
9:00pm	COURT OF LONELY ROYALS 93min Q&A PALACE 4	
9:00pm	KINO KABARET ELECTRIC LIGHT HOTEL	
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	FRIDAY 2 MARCH	
10:00am	TIDEOLOGY OF THE IMAGINARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY ALL DAY MERCURY	31
12:00pn	LUNACY 118minPALACE 3	13
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12:30pn	SURPRISE SCREENING TBA ON 26 FEB	
2:15pm	MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES 86min PALACE 4	27
2:30pm	HALF MOON 114minPALACE 3	9
3:00pm	SPECIAL 85min PALACE 1	15
4:00pm	CALL ME MUM 76min PALACE 4 Crocodile Dreaming Q8A (26min)	11 34
4:45pm	WHAT REMAINS 84min PALACE 3 Shift In Perception (16min)	25 34
5:00pm	ISABELLA 91min PALACE 1	13
6:30pm	SNAPSHOT 87min PALACE 4	35
6:45pm	FULL OR EMPTY 98min PALACE 3	12
7:00pm	GRBAVICA 91min PALACE 1	8
8:15pm	LOVING MARADONA 75min PALACE 4	29
8:45pm	STILL LIFE 108min PALACE 3	9
8:45pm	WORDS FROM THE CITY 85min Q8A ACADEMY 2 (Plus after party)	23
9:00pm	DRAWING RESTRAINT 9 145min PALACE 1	31
10:00pn	BIG BANG LOVE 85min PALACE 4	11
11:00pn	MIRRORBALL ANIMATION 70min PALACE 3	23

12:00pn	n WOMAN ON THE BEACH 128minPALACE 1	15
12:15pn	THE GREAT DICTATOR 124minPALACE 3	16
12:30pn	GHOSTS 97min PALACE 4	26
2:00pm	COLOSSAL YOUTH 155min PALACE 2	8
2:30pm	BLUE BLOOD 93min PALACE 1	29
2:45pm	VOICES OF BAM 90min PALACE 3	25
3:00pm	INVISIBLE WAVES 115minPALACE 4	13
3:00pm	INFAMOUS 110minACADEMY 2	13
4:30pm	TAXIDERMIA 91 min PALACE 1	15
4:45pm	THE SUN 110minPALACE 3	19
5:30pm	DRAWN & QUARTERED 80min PALACE 4	33
6:30pm	BAMAKO 118minPALACE 1	8
7:00pm	FAMILY LAW 102min PALACE 3	8
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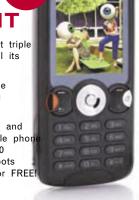


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MUSIC ON FIL

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

AIR GUITAR NATION

Alexandra Lipsitz_USA_2006_78min

9:45pm TWESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 7:15pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 4



AGN follows a group of young, born-to-mock motorheads, dudes and real life Waynes & Garths all the way from the first East Coast air guitar championships in New York City to Finland, where otherwise normal men and women transform into 11 year olds on their first teguila shot to compete for the WORLD air quitar championships. If you thought those spelling bee films were enthralling, thenAir Guitar Nation will make you lose your mind. While gut-achingly hilarious from the word 'let's rock', this is no joke. To make a dent with the judges—a panel of none other than Brian May of Queen, Nina Gordon of Veruca Salt and Tom Morella of Audioslave (rock on!)— you gotta have method, technique, shtick and balls the size of Rundle Mall. But to win its gotta come from deep inside... but for everyone's sake, not too deep. The mullets, the heartache, the groupies and the sheer naffness of it makes for a rock journey not to be missed at any cost. As they say: To air is human, but to air guitar is divine. Now make a fist, raise your index and little fingers and bite your lower lip hard because AGN is coming to get you!

INTOLERANCE WITH LIVE SCORE FROM THE DEADBEATS

D.W. Griffith_USA_1916_124min

7:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY MERCURY 7:30pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY MERCURY



One of the quickest sessions to sell out at AFF05 was the re-score of *Metropolis* by The New Pollutants. This year we're back with a new musical accompaniment to D.W. Griffith's epic masterpiece Intolerance (1916) performed live by Adelaide band, The Deadbeats (ex-members of Bumblebeez 81, a winner of JJJ's Unearthed competition). The work recently provoked an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response at the Media Resource Centre's Silent Remasters series. The intricately building rhythms improvised by the band provide a strong underpinning to the narrative experimentation of the film. Intolerance interweaves four stories: the fall of Babylon, the story of Christ, the St Bartholomew's Day Massacre, and a contemporary story, with Griffith's signature frantic last minute dash to the rescue providing superb material for musical bravura. The music accentuates the essentially abstract nature of Griffith's spectacular enterprise

ALL TICKETS \$25

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AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

LIFE IN LOOPS (A MEGACITIES RMX)

Timo Novotny_Austria_2006_79min

9:30pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 4 5:45pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 4



The remix has become a celebrated fixture in music but surprisingly it has been little explored in cinema. Austrian multimedia artist Timo Novotny (himself a musician/VJ with post-rockers The Sofa Surfers) takes Michael Glawogger's city filmMegacities (1997) and, interweaving his own filmed footage and a music score, creates something entirely unique. Taking the raw footage from the original film, Novotny shot additional material in Tokyo withMegacities DOP Wolfgang Thaler. Where Glawogger's mesmerising essay film originally uncovered hidden aspects of some of the world's metropolises (the Bombay dye maker, the workers in a New York sweatshop, the seedy spectacle of a Mexico City sex show) this experimental music documentary, which carried off the Best Feature Documentary prize at Karlovy Vary last year, offers an enlivening new cinematic experience. It invites debate and discussion about the aesthetic possibilities of documentary as well as the dialectical interaction between image and music.

SCREENS WITH What the Future Sounded Like AWARDS Best Feature Documentary, Karlovy Vary FESTIVALS Graz; Karlovy Vary; Oslo; Warsaw

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Zidane: A Twenty-First Century Portrait, Blockade, Mirrorball | Animation

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MIRRORBALL ANIMATION

11:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 3 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Mirrorball has always been a favourite with AFF audiences, bringing us all that's new in music video, straight from Edinburgh. This year animation has dominated the music promo scene. See inside the most creative, twisted industry minds with delightful fairytales and disturbing nightmares, including videos for The Knife, Smog, The Go! Team, The Presets and They Might Be Giants. Crank your speakers up to 11 and rock on!

MIRRORBALL GLOBAL SELECTION

10:30pm \$UNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 ONE SCREENING ONLY

From Cat Power to Sigur Rós, Kanye West to The White Stripes, an international smorgasbord of the best promos from across the planet. Mirrorball | Global Selection offers up a feast of worldwide directorial talent. No matter where you're from, you'll find something to relate to in this Global Selection: the way that bad mornings always suck, the extraordinary effects of mixing dogs with trampolines and how to escape from the boot of a fast-moving car.

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WORLD PREMIERE WHAT THE FUTURE SOUNDED LIKE

Matthew Bate_Australia_2007_26min

9:30pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 4 5:45pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 4



Post-war Britain was a period of intense scientific and industrial experimentation where art participated in, and reflected, wider social change. Out of this context came Electronic Music Studios (EMS), a radical group of avant-garde electronic musicians who composed a futuristic soundscape for the New Britain. Comprising of pioneering electronic musicians Tristram Cary (famed for his work on Dr Who) and Peter Zinovieff, EMS was one of the world's most advanced computer-music facilities. Its great legacy is the VCS3, Britain's first synthesizer and rival of the American Moog. The VCS3 was a uniquely British invention, which changed the sounds of popular musicians including Brian Eno, Hawkwind and Pink Floyd. Almost thirty years on, the VCS3 is still used by electronic artists like Aphex Twin and Chicken Lips. Local filmmakers Matthew Bate and Claire Harris uncover a lost chapter in music history, emphasising a group of composers who used technology to re-think the boundaries of music and sound.

THE FILMMAKERS AND TRISTRAM CARY ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH Life in Loops

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Mirrorball Global, Al Franken: God Spoke

WORLD PREMIERE

WORDS FROM THE CITY

Natasha Gadd; Rhys Graham_Australia_2007_85min

8:45pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH ACADEMY 2 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Get the word. Its about time someone made a film on the edgiest and most exciting movement to emerge on the local music scene. This feature-length documentary explores contemporary Australian hip hop through intimate and candid observations of some of the nation's most compelling and in-your-face artists. Focusing on a diverse range of bands such as TZU, MC Trey, Wire My Cuz, Koolism, Downsyde, and the Hilltop Hoods, Words From the City explores the social and cultural compulsion of young Australians to embrace the verbal battleground of hip hop in order to find their personal, political and creative voices. Words from the City explores the process of turning rebellion into a viable career as these bands attempt to cement their position at the vanguard of Australian hip hop, a movement that has only recently exploded onto the musical landscape as one of Australia's most urgent, powerful and energetic

To celebrate this world premiere, join us at SOCO in The Garden of Unearthly Delights for the official after party.

THE FILMMAKERS AND MANY OF THE FEATURED ARTISTS ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

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LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Ghosts of Cité Soleil, Zidane: A Twenty-First Century Portrait



ARTE TV



Since beginning transmission in 1992, the INTO GREAT BENCE Franco-German television network, Arte, has been one of Europe's top public service filip Gröning France/Switzerland/Germany_2006_164min broadcasters. It is unique in the world as 2730pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 international joint venture, which broadcast 2:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 across two countries - bilingual, yet vastly diverse in its content.

In an era of shrinking arts budgets, in which investment in creative risktaking is often the first casualty, ARTE TV stands tall within a tiny group of prestige broadcaster around the globe. As films struggle to find financial support from broadcasters, ARTE (along with a select few including BBC's

Storyville, the Sundance Channel and HBOhe Grand Chartreuse monastery in the French Alps is home to commissions films that simply could not but Carthusians, an order of monks who have taken strict vows of made without its support

along with narrative project colossal Youth—see page 8], ARTE films are not jue hounces all voiceover narration, dialogue, music and other forms 'made for television' but are ambitious and fivisual distraction. The result is meditation on stillness and silence sometimes groundbreaking films that offer that helps explain why the film has had an extraordinary impact on audiences wherever it has been shown. The viewing experience genuinely cinematic experience. becomes one of watching and listening intently. You will see no other

Curated by ARTE France commissioning editor Christoph Jörg, with support from his German counterpart Hans Robert Eisenhower, and presented withe support of Programmes Culturels FranchHemands aware of themselves, they are in the face of God." CINEMA-SCOPE dans les Pays Tiers, through the Alliance Française and the Goethe Institute and in AWARDS Best Documentary, Bavarian Film Awards; Best Documentary, association with the Australian International Purpose Film Awards; Special Jury Prize, Sundance FESTIVALS Hong Kong; Melbourne; Venice Documentary Conference, these films illustrate the importance of ARTE's role in Syndromes and a Century fostering and supporting the film industry.

DIE GROSSE STILLE



contemplation and silence. Director Philip Gröning waited 13 years for permission, and then made a simple and memorable film in the Specialising in long form, pure documentarily months he spent living among the monks, filming their daily routines, and watching the turn of the seasons with them. The film enters completely into the mindset of those within the walls, as it

> film this year in which sound becomes a such a palpable force. 'The simplicity and repetition, the routine and functionality of the monks' existence, serves not to draw them away from the world but to affirm their place within it; to be aware of themselves, explains Gröning, and knowing that "by being

Syndromes and a Century, The Island, The Monastery: Mr Vig and the Nun, Zidane: A Twenty-First Century Portrait

WORK IN PROGRESS

THE TENTH DAY (WORKING TITLE)

Gonzalo Arijon_France/Spain_2007_120min

3:45pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 ONE SCREENING ONLY



The most extraordinary survival story ever...

In October 1972 an amateur rugby team from Montevideo boarded a plane to Chile. After bad weather, the control tower lost contact with the plane. Sixteen survived the crash—and the 72 days it took to be rescued—living in almost complete darkness at an altitude of over 4000 metres in the Andes. Thirty-three years after the event, director Gonzalo Arijon, a friend from childhood of many of the young men on plane, has unparalleled access to the survivors in this fascinating film. Many of the survivors are speaking on camera about their extraordinary ordeal for the first time. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see this work in progress screening.

'The tenth day arrived, the day when we hear on the radio, that the search has been called off, the day when we had no more food at all... Then, we said to ourselves: if Christ could offer His flesh and His blood to his Apostles during the Last Supper, then surely He had shown us the way and we must do the same: take His blood and His flesh as incarnated in our friends who had died in the crash... So that this became an intimate Communion for all of us... and this is what helped us to survive...' ALFREDO DELGADO

GONZALO ARIJON IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE.. , The Island, Kalaupapa – Heaven blurs, and simplistic, sensationalist journalism dominates newspapers and broadcasters, the role of documentary in our society becomes more and more important. From the cinematographic and poetic to verité and reportage. documentary in the 21st century is a vital part of our cultur challenging, insightful, inspiring, comic or painfully sad.

As the role of the media morphs an

In 2007 as we run again alongside the Australian International Documentary Conference, our program reflects this diversity with an astonishing lineup of films, including our celebrations of French German broadcaster ARTE and the International Documentary Festival of Amsterdam alongside our music, sports and Ecoscreen programs. Documentary is not just alive and well-it is leading the way and demanding our attention in our festivals, our cinemas and our loungerooms.

THE PERVERT'S GUIDE TO CINEMA

Sophie Fiennes_Austria, Netherlands_2006_150min

3:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE IA 12:30pm \$UNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 4



What do you say about a man who thinks that Groucho, Chico and Harpo represent the super-ego, ego and id? (Perhaps; where does that leave Zeppo?) Well, you'll be able to say a lot more after you've seen Sophie Fiennes' Hoover Street Revival AFFO3) three part introduction to the work of Freudian psychoanalyst, philosopher and film theorist Slavoj Žižek, author of Enjoy Your Symptom and Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Lacan (But Were Afraid to Ask Hitchcock. The compulsively talkativeŽižek asserts that films embody the elements of psychical fantasy which underpin and sustain our sense of reality. He cites copious scenes from famous films by Hitchcock, Chaplin, Coppola, George Lucas, even inserting himself into the sets of some classics. He returns constantly to David Lynch's work with strikingly insightful readingsŽižek answers all the questions about movies that you never thought to ask: why are movie screens like toilet bowls, and why are flowers so disgusting?

'Like a ghost, Žižek haunts the famous locations and mockup sets of classic movies in order to harangue us, like some intellectual Ancient Mariner. He fires off fluent reveries in his mangled, dentally challenged English like a virtuoso. Tremendously exhilarating stuff. THE GUARDIAN

FESTIVALS Hong Kong; Karlovy Vary; Melbourne; Sydney; Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...

Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, The Great Dictator, Taxidermia

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME

Chen Weijun_China_2006_55min

5:15pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 1:00pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



Is democracy a universal value? Do politicians all over the world behave in the same way-even when they are children in Communist China? In Wuhan, central China, a class of grade three students have their first encounter with democratic structures via a class experiment. Three eight-year old children stand for election to be Class Monitor. Influenced by doting parents for whom, as enforced by state policy, they are their only child, they take up the challenge in different ways through their campaign strategies, their canvassing and election promises. Less self-conscious than their parents, they reflect existing social values bluntly and honestly—and provide an insight into how, if democracy came to China, it might be received. One of ten films commissioned around the world by Steps International exploring emerging and diverging notions of democracies, this is a charming, insightful and intimate portrait of a society through a school, its children and its families. It challenges those committed to China's democratisation to consider the feasibility of, and the processes involved in, its implementation.

CHEN WEIJUN IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH The Isabel Fish (p.34)

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Black Gold, Bamako, How Is Your Fish Today?, Al Franken: God Spoke

DOCUMENTARIES

WORLD PREMIERE

FORBIDDEN LIE\$

Anna Broinowski_Australia_2007_106min

9:30pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALAGE 3 12:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 1



In July 2004, Norma Khouri, the best-selling author of Forbidden Love, was exposed as a major literary fake. Her book, which had sold 250,000 copies worldwide, purported to tell of her experiences in Jordan where a friend, Dalia, had been stabbed to death by her father after she had fallen in love with a Christian man. Khouri claimed to have fled Jordan to Australia after being targeted with a fatwah over her campaign against honour killings. In reality she seems to have left Chicago in 1999 one step ahead of the FBI who wanted her for questioning over property transactions and other assorted frauds. Director Anna Broinowski, who made the 2004 success Helen's War about Helen Caldicott, has been able to get remarkable access to Khouri (or rather Norma Bagain) who emerges as a charismatic and manipulative figure, as well as to her victims and the law enforcement agencies she has left in her wake. A real-life literary thriller.

'I am excited by the magnificent scope of geography, culture, people and politics opened up by Norma's story. I am also interested in the delightful symbiosis that exists between the con-artist and the filmmaker. Both use a million imperceptible deceptions to manipulate the way people think. Both are in the business of making illusions real.' ANNA BROINOWSKI ANNA BROINOWSKI & SALLY REGAN ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...What Remains, OSS117: Cairo, Nest of Spies, The Pervert's Guide to Cinema

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GHOSTS OF CITÉ SOLEIL

Asger Leth; Milos Loncarevic_Denmark/USA_2006_86min

10:00pm \$ATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 2:45pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



Jean-Bertrand Aristide rose to power in Haiti as the champion of the poor, but in order to maintain that power he employed the Chimères (ghosts), armed gangs from the Cité Soleil slums. This documentary shows the fall of Aristide in 2004 and its aftermath from inside the Chimères, focussing on two brothers, Haitian 2pac and Bily, who style themselves as gangsta rap heroes. Rapper Wyclef Jean produced the film and appears in it as a kind of aspirational model for the Haitian underclass. This is an enthralling portrait of the ways politics plays out on the streets of impoverished countries, dominated by young men with illusions of power, who are also conscious that they won't be living long lives. There is an unmistakable sense of how captivating violence and the prospect of death can be, seen from those under its thrall (and here you would have to include the filmmakers.) Director Asger Leth, the son of Jørgen Leth of The Five Obstructions (AFFO5) fame, has made a film sure to spark vigorous debates about the ethics of engagement with documentary subjects under extreme conditions. A documentary you will not forget quickly

'An amazina film' HARMONY KORINE

FESTIVALS Göteborg; IDFA; Telluride; Toronto

WORLD PREMIERE

KALAUPAPA - HEAVEN

AFFIF

Paul Cox_Australia_2007_90min

7:15pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 1 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Kalaupapa, 20 minutes by plane from Honolulu, is a peninsula on the island of Molokai. It is a tropical paradise with beautiful beaches and swaying palms—and for the past 140 years it has been one of the world's most famous leprosy colonies. In 1998 prolific Australian director, Paul Cox, was permitted by the former patients who still live there, to make Molokai, a biopic of Father Damien, in which David Wenham played the famed missionary who treated the inmates from his arrival in 1873 until his own death from leprosy (now known as Hansen's Disease, which has long been treatable and non-contagious) in 1889. Documentary has long been a strong part of Cox's output, and he has returned to make a record of the lives of those at Kalaupapa today. This is a moving and intimate portrait of people who, despite having so much suffering in their lives, remain a strong, compassionate and generous community.

'A place of stunning beauty, it's been blessed by nature's grandeur, and cursed by humanity's ignorance and fear. VISITMOLOKAI.COM

PAUL COX & MARK PATTERSON ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Still Life, What Remains, Voices of Bam

2006 90min

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Boxing Day, What the Future Sounded Like, Big Bang Love, Juvenile A, Life In Loops

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE THE SOCIALIST, THE ARCHITEC VOICES OF BAM AND THE TWISTED TOWER Maasia Ooms; Aliona van der Horst_The Netherlands/Iran_

Fredrik Gertten_Sweden_2006_59min

7:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



The socialist is Johnny Örbäck, a former social democrat politician who is now the CEO of a co-operative housing company. The architect is Santiago Calatrava, one of the world's leading architects with commissions ranging from the Museum of Modern Art, to the Athens Olympic Sports Complex to bridges and opera houses around the globe. And the twisted tower is the Turning Torso building in Malmö, Sweden, a daringly experimental apartment tower with the potential to win awards or wreck careers. Calatrava's innovative design, based on the human body in motion, ignites the imagination of Örback, one of the legion of European social democrats who must balance his social beliefs and his desire to make the world a better place with the pragmatics of delivering results to an increasingly sceptical public. Come on an engrossing voyage of discovery to find out how an artistic vision is given concrete form in an environment that demands collaboration and in which problems can suddenly blow out to deficits of millions of dollars—a bit like filmmaking.

FREDRIK GERTTEN IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH Blessed Are The Dreams Of Men & NYC Weights And Measures (p.34)

AWARDS Best Documentary (Architecture) DocFest Venice
FESTIVALS Calgary

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE. The Chances of the World Changing, What Remains, Manufactured Landscapes





2:45pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE B ONE SCREENING ONLY



In Bam they know a lot about death and loss. In December 2003 an earthquake destroyed this southern Iranian city killing 30% of the population. This extraordinary documentary quietly and poignantly captures the way people are trying to rebuild both their interior and exterior worlds. It grew out of a project to reunite families with still photographs found in the rubble. These photos of inconsequential family moments are the most tangible objects people have on which to build memories, small fixed moments in a time which has been thrown radically out of joint. Images of rebuilding and of life in the rubble are accompanied by the voices of survivors as they quietly try to decipher God's hand in this calamity. One sequence interweaves these voices with random movement on the streets, suggesting that everyday life is now full of conversations with the dead.

'When I was in Bam I met a man who had lost his wife and two daughters and he had only their picture. He was talking to them everyday. I asked him if he would do it loud in front of me. He accepted because he loved to talk to his dead. I think Iranians have a very strong and incredible imagination.' ALIONA VAN DER HORST

AWARDS Special Jury Prize, Tribeca FESTIVALS Edinburgh; Rotterdam; Tribeca

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Paraguayan Hammock, Manufactured Landscapes, Kalaupapa—Heaven

WHAT REMAINS

Steve Cantor_USA_2005_84min

4:45pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 3 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Sally Mann is one of America's most lauded articulate and controversial art photographers. Her earlier exhibition of photographs of her family, denounced by the Christian right as pornographic, was the subject of Steve (oudQUIETloud: A Film About The Pixie) Cantor's 1993 filmBlood Ties. In response to her husband's diagnosis with an incurable degenerative disease, Mann has now turned her attentions to the mortality of the flesh. Cantor visits the artist and her family at their Virginia farmhouse over a period of ten years, providing a painstaking background to the evolution of her work. From the remains of one of the family's pet dogs to decaying corpses kept for forensic experimentation, Mann tries to understand the link between our sense of what it is to be human and the perishable stuff of which we are made. From Mann's continuing commitment to wet-plate chemical photography to her problems finding a gallery in which to exhibit, this is one of the best records of what it is to be a working artist today.

'I dig deeply for the spiritual utilities that restore me, my love for the place, for the one man left, for my children and friends and the great green pulse of spring.' SALLY MANN

SCREENS WITH A Shift In Perception (p.34) AWARDS Best Documentary, Jacksonville; Jury Prize, Atlanta FESTIVALS Atlanta; Oslo; Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Blue Blood, The Socialist, The Architect and the Twisted Tower, Forbidden Lie\$, Al Franken: God Spoke



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anniversary of the Internationa 6:15pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:45pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1

Documentary Filmfestival Amsterdam (or IDFA), which has established a position as the world's largest and most important documentary festival. Each year IDFA showcases approximately 300

the world. The festival programmorovised huts and coffin-like cubicles, a stark contrast to the focuses on creative and authoremes for themselves, complete with cosy pillows and even power, driven documentaries and urgent stories. IDFA hosts 6 competition program strands and all films in competition have to be international premieres. The AFF and the **Australian International Documentary Conference,** which is also celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Ghosts, Please Vote For Me, Still Life are pleased to present a series of the best documentaries

Director Ally Derks, includes The Monastey-Mr Vigand the Nun, which was the winner of the Joris Ivens Award for Best Documentary at this year's IDFA. Thin Ice screening in the Sports programme (page 29) is also part of the IDFA selection

from IDFA 2006. This selection AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY CONFERENCE



In Israel's occupied territories, thousands of Palestinians work documentaries from all around illegally as construction labourers. They undertake arduous and dangerous journeys in search of employment. At night they sleep luxury apartment complexes they build by day. But they have made generated by batteries they have scraped together. In 9 Star Hotel, the filmmakers follow Ahmed and Muhammad. Together, they share food, belongings and stories, and live under the constant threat of arrest, as police, soldiers and the secret service are all tirelessly on the alert for illegal workers. With raw, handheld images, this disconcerting yet touching film documents friendship, nostalgia and the uncompromising urge to survive

> 'I made the film to give the Israelis a wake up call, to make them aware of what is happening, so that they don't allow themselves any longer to indulge the illusion that the separation wall makes any real difference to the situation or that our lives have suddenly become more peaceful.' IDO HAAR

SCREENS WITH 3494 Houses + 1 Fence (p.34) AWARDS Best Documentary, Jerusalem FESTIVALS IDFA

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE FEET UNBOUND

Khee-jin Ng_Australia_2006_90min

9:45pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 3:00pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 4



The Long March, beginning in 1934, during which the Chinese Red Army withdrew from the Nationalists, was one of the largest troop movements in history. The losses during this 10,000-kilometre journey were tremendous. This is the story of the few thousand women, many of them teenagers, who took part in this odyssey. Khee-Jin Ng, a Singaporean who re-located to Australia in 2004, adopts a double perspective. Six women who undertook the Long March tell of the hunger and continuous enemy attacks, but also of the way that women who had been captured (and often seriously maltreated) were later rejected by the Party. We also meet a young Beijing journalist who, tired of her job, retraces the route of the march, though with more comfortable means of transport, Offering a bowl of rice to the souls of the dead, she poses the question of the relevance of the event for contemporary Chinese

'The March, which was a reprieve that led to the eventual victory of the Communists over the Nationalists, is a watershed in modern Chinese history. It has become the stuff of legend, engraved in the national consciousness.' KHEE-JIN NG KHEF- IIN NG IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

FESTIVALS IDFA

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Ghosts of Cité Soleil, Still Life, Lucky Miles, Kalaupapa – Heaven

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

THE MONASTERY MR VIG AND THE NUN

Pernille Rose Grønkjær_Denmark_2006_84min

7:45pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 3:15pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



The eccentric looking Mr Vig walks through rooms and ponders what nuns need. Ashtrays? No. nuns don't smoke. Are the blankets thick enough? They're used to roughing it, right? The rooms belong to a Danish castle, which Mr Vig bought with the idea of establishing a monastery. Since 1950 he's been dreaming of this, and his dream appears to be nearing realisation now that an orthodox community in Russia has agreed to send nuns and priests to help with its development. The delegation is lead by Sister Amvrosija, who has her own ideas about how a Russian monastery should be run. The scene is set for a test of wills between the stubborn nun and the equally obstinate Mr Vig. Filmmaker Pernille Rose Grønkjær follows Mr Vig throughout the monastery's first year. During the shoot, he often asks her for advice and even physical help, as she interviewshim about his childhood, his views on love, religion, and Sister Amvrosija.

'Nature and culture, the prayer hours and the seasons, winter scenery and the iconostasis, the nun's kitchen and Vig's library. The secular and the sacred. Grønkjær's film details two different kinds of beauty. Like Vig, it cannot choose one over the other, depicting them side by side, closely cut together.' DANISH FILM INSTITUTE

FESTIVALS IDFA: Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
The Island, The Socialist, The Architect and the Twisted Tower, Special

which was curated by IDFA's GHOSTS Nick Broomfield_UK_2006_97min

> 6:15pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:30pm \$ATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE 4



To ensure her son's future. Ai Oin leaves the Chinese provinces. to seek work in Britain. In England, she ends up with Mr Lin, who houses illegal immigrants in overcrowded rooms for extortionate prices and tries to tempt her into prostitution. Hovering between homesickness and despair, she works long hours in the food industry. After a hard day's work in an onion field, Ai Qin goes to a store and realises that she cannot even afford the spring onions she dug herself. Finally, Mr Lin's house is raided, and the group travels north, hoping to make better money collecting cockles. When the locals chase them away, it is the overture to the disaster that took place on 5 February 2004 in the British town of Morecambe Bay. Director Nick Broomfield Kurt & Courtney, Biggie and Tupad explores the grey area between fact and fiction with this dramatised reconstruction in which former illegal immigrants play all the roles 'Shot so sparely, and with agonisingly aesthetic dexterity.

I am awed by the accomplishment. THE INDEPENDENT

AWARDS Solidarity Prize, San Sebastián FESTIVALS London; San Sebastián; Sundance

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Still Life, Lucky Miles, Feet Unbound

ECOSCREE

The success of Al Gore's recent An Inconvenient

Truth demonstrates both the urgency of the environmental issues facing us today, as well as the potential power of film in addressing them. Filmmakers around the world are finding that they can make have you ever thought that the latté you're going to drink after the a difference in political debate rovie has consequences for a family in Ethiopia? The global coffee trade is now worth \$US80 billion, making coffee the most valuable by combining observational techniques with activist agendas and using new forms 74,000 growers from bankruptcy. Structured as a dialogue between of distribution to bring the work to a wider audience. Notorporate culture which has grown up around our favourite cup. This is a cogent analysis of the Starbucking of the world and the only are these intelligent and vitally important films, their accompanying web presences also make them entryways for Black Gold, one of the strongest documentaries I've seen. a larger process of discovery and action. Complementing these screenings is the ongoin LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
The Diplomat: A Conversation with José Ramos Horta, Bamako and hugely successful EcoTV initiative with its winning entries screening throughout our program.

And as the first CO2 free film 5:45pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 festival in Australia, thanks to Carbon Planet, we are also keen to explore ways that filmmakers and media content creators can practice what they preach and lower their CO2 footprint - don't miss the Plan Greencode forum [p.36]

BLACK GOLD

Marc Francis; Nick Francis_UK/USA_2006_78min

5:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 ONE SCREENING ONLY



trading commodity in the world after oil. However, prices paid to coffee farmers have been forced so low that many have abandoned their fields. Nowhere is this paradox more evident than Ethiopia, the birthplace of coffee. Tadesse Meskela is on a mission to save his the west and Africa, the film alternates between the increasingly desperate situation of Tadesse's local growers' cooperative and the failure of the World Trade Organisation to address the crucial issue of agricultural subsidies. Time for us all to wake and smell the coffee. Want more information about Fair Trade coffee? www.blackgoldmovie.com/action.php

'You will need to watch Marc and Nick Francis's remarkable STUART KLAWANS, THE NATION

FESTIVALS London; Melbourne; Rio de Janeiro; Sundance

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

THE CHANCES OF THE WORLD CHANGING

Nell Carden Grey; Eric Daniel Metzgar_USA_2005_99min

3:30pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 12:15pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 4



New Yorker Richard Ogust has somehow found himself as a champion for an environmental cause which threatens to consume him. After rescuing a terrapin from a Chinese restaurant, one thing has led to another and he has turned his loft into a sanctuary for rare, endangered turtles. 1200 of these marvellous creatures soon find their way to him. With his apartment and his relationship with the authorities at breaking point, he sets out to find a solution in the form of a research institution in New Jersey. Ogust is a reasonable, resourceful and thoughtful man who finds himself in a completely irrational situation. His dilemma is that faced by many environmentalists—the need to do something is obvious and immediate but the personal cost can be enormous. Ogust emerges as one of the most articulate and reflective victims of the ecology wars. As he says, "In your grave, process doesn't matter. It's getting it done that matters."

'A triumphant film... [The Chances] stands as an object lesson in the kind of inspired things that are possible within slender means.' CINEMASCOPE

FESTIVALS Toronto, Hot Docs

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Please Vote For Me, What Remains, Thin Ice

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES

Jennifer Baichwal_Canada_2006_86min

2:15pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 4



Most of the things in the world are now made in China for consumption in the west. This documentary gives us a close look at what this involves. The opening shot tracks endlessly across an eerily silent factory floor. Appliances are assembled and components recycled on a scale which is quite hypnotic. This film successfully turns its critique back on itself by suggesting that art is not above this process. We follow internationally renowned photographer Ed Burtynsky through the manufacturing badlands as he converts environmental degradation into graphic compositions for the appreciation of western audiences such as ourselves. Jennifer Baichwal's images perform a similar function as the staggering scale of China's industrialisation is set at an aesthetic remove by a now-familiar ambient music wash. For all its contemplative style, you will find this a quietly confronting experience, leaving no safe moral high ground from which to judge our implicit participation in the global system

AWARDS Best Documentary θ Best Canadian Film, Toronto Critics Association **FESTIVALS** Atlanta; Calgary; Toronto; Vancouver

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Still Life, What Remains, Voices of Bam

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pushing yourself to your limits and Stevan Riley_UK_2006_93min

beyond; this is what makes sport sue #Opm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE | ONE SCREENING ONLY rich material for film. The beauty, th

emotion, the enormous difference tha something as apparently meaningless as kicking a ball or peddling a bicyc can make in people's lives makes th collection absorbing viewing.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

MOTORDROME

MOTO DROM

Jörg Wagner_Germany_2006_9min

SHORT

5:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 3



A short love poem for those to whom vroom is the most beautiful word in the English language. The Moto-drom, the wall of death, sends men, cars and motorbikes spinning in a gasoline ballet. Finally, we have a film that makes going round and round in small circles make sense.

SCREENS WITH Thin Ice FESTIVALS IndieLisboa; Sheffield DocFest Oxford is not generally associated with boxing, but every year its team goes head to head with the hated Cambridge. Those selected for Oxford are awarded Blues, a prestigious mark of personal achievement. This engrossing study follows five prospective blues, all new to boxing, as they go on a journey of self-discovery. Kavanagh is a scrawny philosophy student who couldn't be more different from Justin, an American with boundless reserves of can-do attitude. Fred wants to get in touch with his edgier side, while Boiler seeks his father's respect. The enigmatic, opera-singing Charlie, with his wry crooked grin, simply wants to see something through. Working class builder Des has precious few weeks to mould this unlikely combination into fighters. Even those with no interest in boxing will find themselves caught up with strong narrative and characters on an arc of development in this film, all of which provides a beautifully

'A film that puts athletics back in perspective, and on a human scale.' VARIETY

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

LOVING MARADONA

AMANDO A MARADONA

Javier Martín Vázquez_Argentina_2005_75min

10:00pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 8:15pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 4



You think that football (please don't upset me by calling it soccer) is just a game? Here is a film to show you just how wrong you are. Diego Maradona exploded on to the football scene from the slums of Villa Fiorito and the world has never been the same. This effervescent Argentinian exploration of The Great One's life tells you everything you want to know about Diego as footballer, as extramegasuperstar (excuse me, but it is necessary to make up new words when contemplating Maradona's stature), as social conscience of Latin America, as rocker, as victim of the establishment who came to earth to suffer for our sins, and even as GOD-there I've said it. From Maradona himself, to his family, his friends, his tattooist, this film will bring you to the inescapable conclusion that there is no alternative other than loving Maradona. There is only one word for this film: Goooooooooooooooooool!

SCREENS REGIONALLY, SEE PAGE 20

FESTIVALS Tribeca: Woodstock: 7urich

classical model of documentary construction

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Family Law, The Socialist, The Architect and the Twisted Tower, Al Franken: God Spoke

FESTIVALS Buenos Aires; Göteborg; Helsinki

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE.. Air Guitar Nation, The Host, OSS117: Cairo, Nest of Spies

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A SUNDAY IN HELL

EN FORÅRSDAG I HELVEDE

Jørgen Leth_Denmark_1976_112min

12:15pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 ONE SCREENING ONLY



Just as every sport has its classic events, it has its classic films. In 1976. Jørgen Leth (of ive Obstructions fame AFF05) documented the famed Paris-Roubaix bike race. This is an event whose reputation is that it pushes its champions to the limits of their skills and endurance. A 270 kilometer race with significant stretches over the cobblestoned cow-paths of l'enfer du nord the infamous hell of the north, this is an intense test of tactics and of muscle. Before lycra, before carbon fibre racing frames, before funny chemicals, there were the Belgians—the famed Eddie Merckx and his arch-rival Roger De Vlaeminck who squared off against each other in this decisive duel. Leth captures every crucial moment of the race: the hopeful fools in the breakaway, the grinding mass of the peleton, the choking dust of the pavée, the fallen and bleeding by the roadside, and the final, desperate, sinew-wrenching sprint forla gloire.

'You can see every bead of sweat on the cyclists and every smashed-up ankle. It really makes you never want to get on a bike again. But it is an amazing film." NICK FRASER, BBC COMMISSIONING EDITOR SCREENS REGIONALLY, SEE PAGE 20

FESTIVALS Centre Pompidou: ICA London: Sheffield

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Family Law, OSS117: Cairo, Nest of Spies, Loving Maradona

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

THIN ICE

Håken Berthas_Sweden_2006_58min

5:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 1.30pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 3



Ever since ice hockey was introduced into the northern Indian province of Ladakh, it has been a male preserve. Until Dolkar, a young Buddhist woman, decided to put together a woman's team to participate in the national championships. Here is the stuff of unlikely underdog stories so beloved by Hollywood-except this is for real. Before she can put a stick on the ice, Dolkar must face the formidable challenges of getting through Himalayan passes to recruit players from the predominantly Muslim town of Kargil in the shadow of the Line of Control. The mullahs have no problem with the idea that Buddhists and Muslims are brothers, but need some convincing on women's sporting attire. Because sport is so essentially trivial, it might just have the greatest potential to bring people together. Having reconciled differences of gender and religion, Dolkar and her teammates prepare to put the puck in the back of the net

'As a former ice hockey player I immediately fell in love with Dolkar and her friends. The landscape in Ladakh is fantastic. But the thing which struck me even more was the people living there. Everyone was singing while working and complaints did not exist...' HÅKEN BERTHAS

PRODUCER FREDRIK GERTTEN IS A GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH Motordrome FESTIVALS IDFA

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE.. Prince of the Himalayas, Feet Unbound





ZIDANE, A 21 PORTRAIT ZIDANE, UNPORTRAIT DU 21E SIÈCLE

Douglas Gordon; Philippe Parreno_France_2006_90min

3:00pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY ACADEMY 2

7:15pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 3



From the kickoff to the final whistle—a stretch of time which normally defines a game, but here is something more personal. On April 23, 2005 Zinédine Zidane, arquably the greatest football player in the world, took the field for Real Madrid, but this time he had 17 cameras (supervised by SeTen cinematographer Darius Khondji) trained on him for the length of the game. This ingenious film turns the sport inside out, concentrating on the individual rather than the contest. The sporting spectacle is stripped of the tactical and emotional overlays normally provided by commentary. Instead we concentrate selectively on the sound of boot on ball and mesmerising music of Glaswegian band, Mogwai. Here is a portrait of existential man, profoundly alone in the middle of a crowd. Zidane emerges as a remarkably focussed artist, whose bursts of dazzling skills, like his flashes of temper, seem to arise suddenly from nowhere. As Zidane himself puts it in an intertitle: "Magic is sometimes very close to nothing at all."

'This is, in the end, less a film about a sportsman than about the isolated energies of a man in his workplace. The intensity of concentration required, the physical grace, strength and skill. FDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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FESTIVALS Cannes: Edinburgh: Toronto

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Drawing Restraint 9, Manufactured Landscapes, Blockade



SPECIAL EVENTS

FAKE 2:THE SEQUEL



Returning to the AFF after 2005's night of GlamourFAKE taps into the modern filmmaker's repertoire by asking aspiring and established directors, editors, animators and digital media practitioners to put together films in three categories.

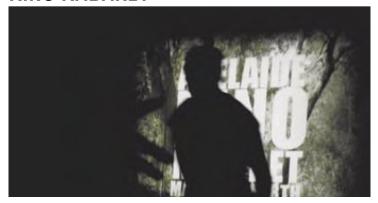
FAKE FEATURES The grandest epics and the most woeful concepts will be squeezed into a maximum of three minutes-trailer style.

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FAKE is proudly brought to you by the Glamour Collective in conjunction with the Adelaide Film Festival with support from the Media Resource Centre & The Kojo Group.

7:30pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH	ACADEMY 2
ALL TICKETS \$15	

KINO KABARET



"Do well with nothing, do better with less, do it now!" The Kino microcinema movement was born in Montreal in 1998, and has since spread across the globe with over 40 Kino cells currently in existence. Adelaide's very own Kino cell formed during the highly successful Kabaret held at the 2005 Adelaide Film Festival, and KinoAdelaide is back with a Kabaret in 2007! Intrepid local Kinoites and their international quests will write, shoot, edit and screen short films every 48 hours. This is raw short filmmaking for filmmakers whose energy and creativity knows no bounds Come to the Electric Light Hotel at 25 Grenfell Street in the city to see the fruits of this process

9:00pm SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY	ELECTRIC LIGHT HOTEL
9:00pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY	ELECTRIC LIGHT HOTEL
9:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH	ELECTRIC LIGHT HOTEL
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MINI REGENT CINEMA EXPERIENCE PG



For three nights a lucky few will experience The Mini Regent Cinema. You'll catch a bus from outside Palace Cinemas on Rundle St and meet your hosts from Coco Loco. After sipping champagne and eating tempting lollies on your ride, like Alice in Wonderland you'll arrive and enter a tiny cinema, lovingly created from the golden days, swathed in red velvet and luxurious fittings. This exquisite jewellery box is a 24-seat cinema (housed in a suburban corrugated iron shed) recreating in miniature the Regent Cinemas from the golden age of movie palaces in the 1920s. You'll enjoy a classic feature, Howard Hawks' 1940 masterpiece His Girl Friday complete with newsreels and cartoons. Jaffas may even roll down the aisles.

6:30pm TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 1 MARCH **BUS LEAVES FROM THE PALACE CINEMA** TICKETS: \$25

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8:00pm	FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY	FESTIVAL THEATRE
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EXPERIMENTA VANISHING POINT



The Experimenta Vanishing Point exhibition presents media art and videos inspired by th twisted realities of *Alice in Wonderlana* and *Being John Malkovict*. Showcasing the works of Australian and international digital media artists, filmmakers, scientists, video artists, animator and sound artists working at the forefront of nev media art, the exhibition features miniature worlds and photographs that come to life. This is an exhibition of artworks you can touch are play with: art like you've never experienced

MEDIA ARTISTS FEATURED Narinda Reeders, David MacLeod (Australia), June Bum Parl (Korea), Shaun Gladwell (Australia), Daniel Crooks (Australia), Minim++ (Japan

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY - SATURDAY 10 MARCH ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CURATORIAL FLOORTALK Caroline Farmer, Executive Director of Experimenta

12:45pm-1:45pm TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY no bookings required

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IDEOLOGY OF THE IMAGINARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY



A project presented by the Experimental Art Foundation, in collaboration with AFF, explorir the interconnected issues of art, culture and new media through symposium and exhibition

The Symposium is aimed at defining concepts and processes characteristic of the early 21 century. Some of the themes the speakers are urged to visit: What are the decisive theoretic and practical developments of this decade? How has the ideological framework of image shifted? How can we measure the real power of these images? Are some aesthetic categoric or concepts of the late 20th century already obsolete? Are new categories appearing on the horizon? Bio-technology and wireless technologies are offering themselves to us quite open but perhaps more important are hidden, underlying processes, which w constantly seem to neglect. Invited Speakers: Anna Munster, Mark Dery, Tania Fraga, Lev Manovich, Andreas Strol McKenzie Wark, Friedrich Kirschner and Melentie Pandilovski (EAF Director

At the Experimental Art Foundation, Lev Manovich's installation Soft Cinema mines the creative possibilities at the intersection of software culture, cinema, and architecture. Its manifestation include films, dynamic visualisations, computer-driven installations, architectural designs, princatalogues, and DVDs. For more information **www.softcinema.net**

SYMPOSIUM: 10:00am-4:00pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH; FRIDAY, 2 MARCI MERCURY EXHIBITION: 10:00am-4:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH - SATURDA; 7 APRIL EAF FREE ADMISSION

DRAWING RESTRAINT

Matthew Barney_USA/Japan_2005_145mii

9:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 1 |



Matthew Barney's Cremaster cycle of films (AFFO5) bridged the gap between theatrical cinema and art gallery filmmaking, opening the way for this lush collaboration between the artist and his partne Björk, who co-wrote and appears in the film, as well as providing its soundtrack. The plot (but if you saw Cremaster, you know not to set too much store by story) involves Barney and Björk boarding Japanese whaling vessel and preparing for a stylised Shinto wedding ceremony. Meanwhile, the ship's crew moulds a huge sculptur out of vaseline. As the sticky liquid melts and floods the cabins the wedding participants begin to hack at each other with knive in a tender, gruesome and transformative ritual. There has bee intense debate over the meaning and value of the film, with Barne describing it as dealing with "the relationship between self-imposer resistance and creativity." Prepare for a flood of gorgeous imagery, mythic artistic canvas, and an interpretive puzzle that will confound and mesmerise in equal measure

'The final phase may be the only half-hour of filmmaking which will appeal equally to subscribers to Artforum and Fangoria'
THE ONION

FESTIVALS Venice, Edinburgh, IndieLisboa

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Biq Banq Love, Juvenile A; Taxidermia; Passio; Zidane; Lunacy

SCARY MOVII



Scary Movie is an exhibition of four recent video works by artist based in the UK and Sweden. Each work makes reference to differer ways that film or video technology are used in the world around u and to the languages and forms that have grown from these—fror surveillance and scientific documentation, to the 'home-video', 'th documentary' and finally 'the drama'. In addition the works allude to ideas of the 'fantastic' and the 'uncanny' and explor the media of film and video as repositories and carriers of these in contemporar culture.

CURATOR: Richard Grayson (UK)

ARTISTS AND WORKS: Mark Wallinger (UK) Sleeper, Anna Barribal (UK) Draw, Mark Boulos (UK) The Gates of Damascus, Erik Bunger (Sweden) Gospels

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY, 4 MARC

11:0Cam-5:00pm MONDAY TO FRIDAY 1:00pm - 5:00pm SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTRE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FREE ADMISSION

G COMPANY PRESENT



Contemporary café and video art lounge g company is an adjunct to Greenaway Art Gallery. g company presents new video works by Subased artists James Geurtz and Emma Northey

James Geurtz' Always Forever is a conversation between recording and projection, celluloid and digital processes. Using the site of former Drive-in Theatre Salinize explores the relationship betweer internal space and the vast salty interior of Australia, an Inhale pulses x-ray glimpses of a breathing organism

Emma Northey's Electronic Devils (Best Believe) uses themes of spirituality, sex and death in a distorted simulation of an earl morning television viewing session and was inspired by the way tha these programs use repetition of key phrases and images delivere with a sense of urgency, preying on the anxieties of the viewer, in manner that can be likened to hypnosis

11:0Cam - 6:00pm TUESDAY TO SUNDAY

GREENAWAY ART GALLERY

FREE ADMISSION



THE BROADCAST SUMMIT

The Broadcast Summit will explore the interface between television and digital delivery that will constitute the screen environment for broadcasters and consumers over the next decadet is an exciting time, with digital delivery increasingly offering consumers a relationship to audio visual materials that previously has been limited to music: the chance to interacflexibly and creativelywith the moving image; to file share, to mix, collage, edit; to control their consumption rather than be controlled by it.

Following on from Crossover Australia, this one-day symposium will showcase some of the best models from around the globe that are repositioning analogue broadcasters as ground-breaking digital providers who are simultaneously bringing their audiences with them.

National and international speakers include Frank Boyd (Unexpected Media, UK), Marc Goodchild (Cross Platform Development Executive, BBC, UK), Kim Dalton (Director of Television, ABC), Daryl Karp (Chief Executive Officer, Film Australia), Mark Strong (Head of Content & Programming, Digital Media, Network Ten), Simon Hackett (Managing Director, Internode), Justin Milne (BigPond Group Managing Director, Telstra), Paula Le Dieu (Managing Director, Magic Lantern, UK), Heather Croall (Director, Sheffield Doc/Fest, UK), Jennifer Wilson (Managing Director, HWW Pty Ltd), Paul Vincent (Manager SBS Online, SBS), Paul Gerhardt (Project Director, Creative Archive, BBC, UK), Paul Melville (Development Executive and Executive Producer, Southern Star), Katie Cordes (Manager, Product and Content Development, ABC Enterprises), Hal Josephson (President, MediaSense, US), Matt Adams (Blast Theory, UK), Priscilla Davies (New Media Producer, Triple J and JTV, ABC), Carla Drago (New Media Producer, Massive) as well as many more.

The Broadcast Summit will explore the creative opportunities and challenges that this new and active relationship with the audience provides. Find out about the future of content delivery, meet the new content commissioners, discover how to breathe new life into archives and think through the prospects for quality TV in Australia.



9:30am - 11:00am RICH MEDIA, POOR MEDIA

What is the future of content delivery? How do you produce innovative, immersive, compelling projects for multiple platform delivery? Hear some of the world leaders in the field talk about work that embraces new technology and new delivery media. Discover how opportunities for cross platform production are expanding. This session delivers insights into how to design projects that work —come see what the future may hold!

11:15m - 12:30pm CONTENT COMMISSIONING 2.0

Who are the new kids on the block and what are their content strategies? What do IP and mobile TV promise for content producers? How can content producers respond to the challenges of making programs for these new platforms? With the emerging importance of cross platform distribution, what does the future hold for independent content producers?





1:30pm-2:30pm ALL MIXED UP

Hear first-hand what the experience has been for the Creative Archive Licence Group in the UK. Discover the opportunities that exist for breathing new life into content archives. Can content have a second life that is completely independent of its original intention?

2:45pm- 4:30pm IS THIS GOODBYE FOR TV?

Will the new gatekeepers take control of media consumption—or will the audience themselves exercise choice, seek out quality, and create their own media experiences? How will broadcasters react? How should producers adapt? Which new players might emerge? What are the prospects for quality TV in Australia?

9:00am - 4:30pm THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY REGISTRATION FEE: \$30

MERCURY CINEMA

MACHINIMA





Art, Science and Attitude

At the heart of this fast emerging artform, Machinima (machines meet cinema), is the idea that any bedroom-bound auteur-geek can create these animated webfilms. Using the existing virtual worlds created for popular computer games, you can shoot your own film using the video game characters as the actors for your own scripts. This is DIY filmmaking at its best! As Machinima moves more and more into the mainstream, it is attracting serious attention, with Graham Leggat, former Director of Communications for the Film Society of Lincoln Center, likening episodes of Rooster Teeth's online hit Red vs Blue: The Blood Gulch Chroniclesto Samuel Beckett in terms of sophistication. The instant and ongoing appeal of Machinima is its irreverent humour, sharp and provocative writing, political advocacy and satire and the bending of gaming aesthetics to Machimima's own ends. This day-long forum will explore the promise of Machinima with leading international practitioners: Paul Marino (USA), Eddo Stern (USA), Jessica Hutchins (USA), Friedrich Kirschner (Austria), Gustavo Sorola and Jason Saldana (USA).

11:00am - 6:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

MERCURY CINEMA

ADMISSION FREE



11:00am-11:45am MACHINIMA 101 WITH PAUL MARINO

An entertaining guided tour through the history, highlights and science of Machinima, giving those new to Machinima a proper introduction and providing Machinima fans with a walk down a virtual memory lane. Paul Marino is an Emmy award-winning animator, who now runs the Academy of Machinima Arts and Sciences. He is the author of 3D Game-Based Filmmaking.

12:00pm-1:00pm EDDO STERN/JESSICA HUTCHINS

Eddo Stern is a writer, theorist, new media artist and founder of C-level [AFF guests in 2003], an artist-run new media lab in L.A. Eddo and his collaborator, writer Jessica Hutchins, will present examples of their work including/Waco Resurrection, Tekken Torture Tournamenand new Machimima Landlord Vioilante

2:00pm-2:45pm

FRIEDRICH KIRSCHNER

Friedrich Kirschner is a filmmaker and visual artist who re-purposes computer games to create animated narratives and interactive performances.



Friedrich will illustrate how to use computer games, household input devices and other rarely seen interfaces for content creation.

3:00pm-4:00pm

Selected highlights from the Machinima Academy of Arts and Science 2006 Mackie Awards.

Commentary by founder Paul Marino followed by Q&A.

4:15pm-5:15pm BEST OF ROOSTER TEETH PRODUCTIONS

Cult Machinima giants Rooster Teeth have sent out two members, Gustavo Sorola and Jason Saldana, to screen episodes of their Red vs Blue series 4, The Strangerhood, their sci-fi reality TV sitcom, and PA.N.I.C.

5:30pm-6:30pm PANEL DISCUSSION

Paul Marino, Eddo Stern, Jessica Hutchins, Gustavo Sorola, Jason Saldana and Friedrich Kirschner in discussion about the broader commercial possibilities, and the emerging cultural and aesthetic directions of Machinima.

ANIMATIO

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE SWEET & SOUP



Eddie White_Australia/China_2007_15min

8.45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY CHINATOWN SPECIAL EVENT



Adelaide's People's Republic of Animation [PRA] is fast emerging as one of Australia's most interesting animation studios. Their latest project breaks new ground by forming a creative collaboration with the powerful Shanghai Animation and Film Studio [SAFS] which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. InSweet & Sour Errol, a stray dog living on the city streets, stumbles into Chinatown while foraging for food. Intoxicated by its alluring smells, tastes and exotic culture, Errol believes that he has discovered paradise-but everything changes dramatically when he starts to think that he may be soon on the menu.

Screening with two multi-award winning short films from each of the collaborators: PRA's Carnivore Reflux [Eddie White & James Calvert/7 mins/2006] and SAFS' Monkey's Fish for the Moon [Zhou Kequin/10 mins/1981]. This free outdoor screening is an official part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, so come and celebrate the Year of the Pig Also screens in Made in SA (p.34).

FREE ADMISSION

WORLD PREMIERE

ANIFEX



Anifex, one of Australia's leading animation companies, invites you to come behind the scenes to experience the world and techniques of animation in an exhibition of works, models and sets from their animated TV commercials and short films.

Meet Louie the Fly and his cockroach buddies, Rusty and Sandy from Home Hardware and characters from award-winning Anifex

ANIMATION—LIFE AT 25 FRAMES PER SECOND is a fascinating exhibition showcasing the art of animation.

ANIMATION—LIFE AT 25 FRAMES PER SECOND

Oury Atlan; Thibault Berland; Damien Ferrie_France_2006_5min

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE, ARTSPACE

10 FEBRUARY - 4 MARCH 2007 FREE ADMISSION

THE SIMPSONS' FAMILY VALUES

2:15pm | SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARYPALACE 4



Emmy-winner Mike Reiss presents his reflections on nearly two decades writing and producing The Simpsons. It's a unique glimpse inside the cutting edge of entertainment including rare video clips from The Simpsons and The Critic. He takes audiences inside the lives of Springfield's first family, revealing secret trivia of the show, insane dealings with network censors and lots of juicy gossip about celebrity quest stars (and the quest stars who got away, including Bill Clinton and the Archbishop of Canterbury!) He also describes how the show is perceived in other countries, particularly the controversial Australia episode. Reiss also discusses his broad range of other work, from best-selling children's books to Queer Duck (an animated feature about a gay duck). Any and all questions about The Simpsons will be answered in this lively presentation.

FREE FORUM

DRAWN & QUARTERED

With the phenomenal success Hortppy Feet it's been another huge year for animation-but some of the most interesting and diverse work has been made in the short form. From AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE mystical tiger rendered in fluid colour animation and puppetry to a gentle hand-drawn depictio GIRL WHO LEAPT of a young girl with a big heart, we present Drawn & Quartered 07 – back again at AFTHROUGH TIME

5:30pm SATURDAY, 3 MARCH PALACE A

ONE SCREENING ONLY

DREAMS AND DESRES-FAMILY TIES

Joanna Quinn_UK_2006_10min

GARGOYLE

MATILDA

drawings.

MILCH

With her new camera, Beryl becomes obsessed with the filmmaking process, using it to articulate her dreams and desires in a video diary, after agreeing to video her friend Mandy's wedding

Michael Cusack_Australia_2006_10min

In this visual poem, a grieving woman

moves through a churchyard at night

stone quardians of the church.

and attracts the attention of one of the

Marieka Walsh_Australia_2006_5min

quest for a horse is beautifully told through exquisitely animated, childlike

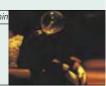
The poignant story of a young girl's



OVER TIME

Nicholas Kallincos_Australia_2005_10mir

In his search for understanding and love, a grieving insect collector is pitted against the cyclical nature of things both inside and outside of his reclusive world



THE LUMINARY

A tender homage to the late Jim Henson that imagines Kermit and his

bring their maker back to life.

muppet friends vainly endeavouring to



TRAGIC STORY WITH HAPPY

Regina Pessoa_Portugal_2005_8min

Some people are different, against their will. All that they wish is to be equal to the others, mixing among the crowd. Here is one such story, featuring the voice of Elina Löwensohn.



Igor Kovalyov_USA/Russia_2005_15min

An intriquing story about a family's secret and a young boy's desire. An eight year-old boy discovers love and suffering as he faces his family's mortality



TYGER

Guilherme Marcondes_Brazil_2006_5min

In this film, inspired by William Blake's poem of same name, a giant tiger mysteriously appears in a big city, revealing the hidden reality in an otherwise ordinary night.



TOKI O KAKERU SHÔJO Hosoda Mamoru_Japan_2006_98min

7:45pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 4

12:15m THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 3



You simply can't hold a film festival without anime. The Japanese continue to achieve nothing less than to reinvent the scope for which animation can be used. Using the hyper-realist depiction of nature we've also seen in Miyazaki (and director Hoseda was originally slated to direct Howl's Moving Castle, this time travel story about a strong-willed, tomboyish schoolgirl is one of the most engaging anime of recent years, which helps to explain its huge uccess in Japan. At first Makoto, our heroine, uses her newfound

ENDING Success in Japan. At illst maketo, our netonic, despendance problems ability to leap backwards in time to fix small, everyday problems and to extend her after-school karaoke sessions till her voice gives out. Before long, however, she is creating all kinds of problems for herself and her schoolmates by retracing her steps in time so that she won't have to grow up and face the moment when boys are something more than just schoolmates. It's a film for your eye (with character design by the team from Neon Genesis Evangelion and yes, for your heart as well.

'Blending belly-laugh humour, adventure and wistful memories of the twilight of childhood, this feature is, quite simply, one of the best films I've seen in recent years.' FRAMES PER SECOND MAGAZINF

AWARDS Grand Prize, Japan Media Arts Festival FESTIVALS Pusan; Sitges

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...
The Wizard of Oz with the ASO, Dr Plonk, Mirrorball Animation



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SHORTS WITH FEATURES

3494 HOUSES + 1 FENCE

Fabian Astore; Mireille Astore_Australia_2006_6min

5:15pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:45pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1

Brief glimpses of thousands of typical Australian houses set to the sounds of falling bombs evoke the devastation of a far-off war. SCREENS WITH 9 Star Hotel (p.26)

A SHIFT IN PERCEPTION

Dan Monceaux_Australia_2006_16min

4:45pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 3

Inventive imagery including whimsical animation is used to illustrate the soundtrack of Leanda, Edna and Rhonda candidly reflecting on the frustrations and joys of their sightless lives.

SCREENS WITH What Remains (p.25)

BLESSED ARE THE DREAMS OF MENthers, Burrimmilla and Charlie, who must struggle against their

Jem Cohen_USA_2005_6min

7:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 1

In honour of astronaut John Glenn, paper debris fills the sky over Manhattan streets as subway trains rattle by.

SCREENS WITH The Socialist, The Architect And The Twisted Tower(p.25)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2 U

David Alcalde_Spain_2006_14min

9:45pm THURSDAY, 1 MARCH PALACE 4

A social worker discovers a dark secret on her way to help a child supposedly suffering from child abuse. In this disturbing tale, nobody is who they seem to be, not even her. SCREENS WITH APT. (p.11)

THE ISABEL FISH

Lara Zizic_USA/France_2005_14min

5:15pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 4 1:00pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 4

Thirteen year-old Maddy loves her fish, the water and her brother Sage's girlfriend, Isabel. After an accident both Sage and Maddy are implicated and Maddy must learn to face the future in a new way. SCREENS WITH Please Vote For Me (p.24)

NYC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Jem Cohen_USA/France/Austria_2006_7min

7:30pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 12:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY PALACE 1

Fragments of motorway scenery are glimpsed through foggy windows as the camera meditates on passengers asleep on a coach. SCREENS WITH The Socialist, The Architect And The Twisted Tower(p.25)

ON THE OTHER OCEAN

Amiel Courtin-Wilson_Australia_2006_8min

12:30pm \$ATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 5:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 4

A tangle of bleached, beach memories and images of a family outing in the car surround this gruesome tragedy. SCREENS WITH How Is Your Fish Today? (p.13)

THE PRESENT

Julietta Boscolo_Australia_2006_8min

12:45pm FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY PALACE 3 12:45m \$UNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY PALACE 3

Living in Sydney, Miyoko's seemingly simple existence is complicated by the weakness of her body and the strength of her memories SCREENS WITH Blockade (p.18)

WHEN OBJECTS DREAM

Pia Borg_Australia_2006_14min

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARYPALACE 3 THURSDAY, 1 MARCH

Arcane contraptions, a junkyard and homing pigeons are imaginatively edited and animated in this collage of new and old footage. SCREENS WITH First On The Moon (p.18)

CROCODILE DREAMING

Darlene Johnson_Australia_2007_26min

7:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 4:00pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH PALACE 4



Crocodile Dreaming is a project developed by Darlene Johnson and the legendary Australian actor (and winner of AFF's inaugural Don Dunstan Award) David Gulpilil. It tells the story of two estranged half-

own jealousy and distrust for each other. A violent death upsets the spiritual world, and Burrimmilla is called upon to fulfill an ancient tribal obligation. He must find the sacred stone which holds the power of his mother's dreaming and return it to its secret belonging place. When the brothers finally come together, they are confronted by the spirit of their mother, who leads them to the special creation place, and opens up the possibility of restoring harmony in the natural world. The film not only stars Gulpilil but also Tom E. Lewis. the star of The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith and, more recently, the subject of Ivan Sen's Yellow Fella Crocodile Dreaming represents a bold step forward in the telling of distinctively Australian stories.

'Crocodile Dreaming is important to me because of the journey it has allowed me to make, a journey that is not yet over, nor probably ever will be—a spiritual journey to connect with the origins of what I am, and why I am.' DARLENE JOHNSON DAVID GULPILIL, TOM E. LEWIS, DARLENE JOHNSON AND SUE MILLIKEN ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

SCREENS WITH Call Me Mum (p.11)

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE... Moekgo And The Stickfighter, Lucky Miles, Daratt

SIGNS

AFFIF

Eugène Green_France_2006_39min

5:00pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1 3:15pm SUNDAY, 4 MARCH PALACE 1



The basis of this story might be from a D.W. Griffith film: a woman waits endlessly for her fisherman husband to return from the sea. One of her sons insists on searching for his father, while the other encounters the world as a series of puzzles to be deciphered. The search for narrative answers is thus converted into a search for signs which resonate in the world. Green is the director of prize-winning features Tous les nuits (2001) and Le Monde vivant (2003), and this film was regarded by many critics as one of the highlights of Cannes in 2006. Green has written that, "all of my films and my writing express the idea that the world has a meaning but that its mystery remains always impenetrable. Hence the importance of art as a system of signs which point toward larger mysteries." The cryptic dialogue and geometrically precise decoupage provide no answers but rather, immerse us in this great abstraction we call the real world.

'Sweetly enigmatic, exquisitely poised and with a fascinating ability to fabricate rhymes and metaphors that are at once verbal and visual. Les Signes is as precisely hewn and as resonantly strange as a Mallarmé sonnet. A true aesthete as well as a subtle farceur, Green continues to be French cinema's great undiscovered treasure'. JONATHAN ROMNEY, SIGHT AND SOUND

SCREENS WITH Paraguayan Hammock FESTIVALS Cannes; Vienna

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE...Pardonnez-moi, The Lives Of Others, Colossal Youth, Intolerance

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WORLD PREMIERE

SPIKE UP

Anthony Maras_Australia_2007_30min



Steve is a well-meaning but volatile suburban cop struggling to find any connection with his young family. Over the course of an agonising night with the broken down Tolly, his old buddy from the force, Steve undergoes a crisis of conscience as his previously straight-edged moral code is warped completely out of shape. Starring Roy Billing, Marcus Graham and Lisa Flanagan.

WORLD PREMIERE

MY LAST IBIOURS WITHYOU

Sophie Hyde Australia 2006 15min



Two men together until the sun rises. At 6am Jeremy is leaving, Mark is staying. Over one hot night they wait it out... making love, drinking and fighting their way around each other.

FILMMAKERS AND STARS FROM EACH OF THESE FILMS ARE GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL. PLEAE NOTE: THE WINNER OF ECOTOC (P.27) WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED.

WORLD PREMIERE

SWING

Christopher Houghton_Australia_2007_25min



Sarah is 17, Australian-Vietnamese, and hates the rotten hand that life seems to have dealt her. After the death of her father she rebels against her family and takes a job cleaning for a blind Vietnam vet. Her friendship with the old man forces her to face her own torment and realise that her life is something truly beautiful. Starring Chris Haywood and Vi Nguyen.

WORLD PREMIERE SWEET & SOUR THE 9.13

E White Aust/China 2007 15min

Matthew Phipps Aust 2005 16min



In the PRA's latest animation Errol, a stray dog living on the city streets, stumbles into Chinatown while foraging for food. Errol believes that he has discovered paradise.. (also p.33)



AFFIF

Two men Thunder and loe meet and board a surburban train. One is gregarious and threatening, one is quiet. A harrowing journey ensues, but who is insane and who is dangerous?

SNAPSHOT ARCHIVA

A STRANGE HYSTERIA

Sally Golding_Australia_2006_6min

Light and shadow conjure images of flight and madness. A flickering and scratched dreamlike spectacle echoing cinema's early days.



FESTIVAL Brisbane

BREATHE

Juliet Porter_Australia_2005_15min

Sleep-deprivation and worries about the health of their new baby bring the emotions of a couple to the brink.

AWARDS Audience Choice, IF Awards; Best Student Live Action Film, Palm Springs **FESTIVAL** Interfilm Berlin; Montreal World;



BROTHER

Galvin Scott Davis Australia 2005 12min

Blood proves to be thicker than water when brotherly love is put to a brutal and shocking test.

AWARDS Best Short Film, Beverly Hills; Best Short Film (Foreign), Silver Lake
FESTIVAL Cinema Tout Ecran; Seattle; Sydney



LOOK SHARP

Amy Gebhardt_Australia_2006_9min

A woman confronts relationship dynamics with her camera after making a dangerous deal to get the shot she



FFSTIVAL Melhourne: Palm Springs: Revelation

NATURE'S WAY

Jane Shearer New Zealand 2006 11min

When a crazed man stalks and attacks a young girl in the forest, revenge is only

AWARDS Audience Choice . IF Awards: Best Student Live Action Film, Palm Springs FESTIVAL Interfilm Berlin; Montreal World; Naoussa: St Kilda



SMALL BOXES

Rene Hernandez_Australia_2006_15min

A young Hispanic-Australian works the night shift unloading boxes at a produce market. On an outing he discovers an unexpected opportunity, and a buried hope is awakened.

AWARDS Best Australian Short Film, Melb. FESTIVAL Aspen; Brisbane; Melbourne;

THIS KING OF THING

Luhsun Tan_Australia_2007_7min

Humans are dwarfed and alienated by a futuristic urban environment in this experimental animation about time and a strange blue force.



HALF WINDSOR

Sophie Miller_Australia_2006_12min

A homeless man camped on the footpath outside a house for sale is too much for a Sydney real estate agent.



THIS SPLENDID HOBBY OF OURS

Carly Turner_Australia_2007_50min

11:30am WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY PALACE 1



We're told that with the availability of digital technology anyone can make a movie these days, but there are many South Australians to whom this is old news. There have long been groups who believed that film should belong to ordinary people. Since the 1930s, these spirited amateurs have produced a body of work that is both inventive and intensely local. Join us for an overview of the South Australian Amateur Cine Society and the Adelaide Filmo Club, two groups who made films against the odds, simply for the love of working with the medium. Thrill to the adventures of aviator Jimmy Melrose in The Lone Girl Flyer, marvel at the DIY surgery of The Operation, and catch up with our own Mr Photography, John Mack. Produced by Flinders University Screen Studies and the State Library of South Australia and narrated by Lionel Williams, longtime Adelaide TV personality and star of The Felt Hat.

FREE ADMISSION: NO BOOKING REQUIRED

SA SHORT SCREEN AWARDS

PROUDLY DRIVEN BY TOYOTA



THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE AND THE ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL PRESENT THE 8TH SA SHORT SCREEN AWARDS.

Four screenings of the best short films made in SA in the past year and an awards night and party with the who's who of South Australian filmmaking out in force, the 8th SA Short Screen Awards will be one of the highlights of the Film Festival.

See South Australia's most creative new talent in drama, animation, documentary and comedy as well as the best craft achievements in editing, cinematography, design and composition. Major awards include Best Film, Best Director, and Innovation in Digital Media.

Previous winners have gone on to recognition at the AFI and If Awards, so this is a chance to see films and filmmakers before they hit national and international screens.

BEST OF THE AWARDS PUBLIC SCREENINGS

7:30pm FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 7:30pm SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 7:30pm FRIDAY, 2 MARCH

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MADE IN SA (p.34) 7:00pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

AWARDS GALA

7:30pm WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY ACADEMY 2 TICKETS: CEREMONY ONLY: \$15

CEREMONY AND PARTY: \$25











THE DIPLOMAT A CONVERSATION WITH



During the Indonesian occupation of East Timor, José Ramos Horta played a vital role as the international face of the independence movement. He spent a quarter of a century criss-crossing the globe and using the international media to keep alive the case for a Timorese state. Following a screening of Tom Zubrycki's landmark documentary, The Diplomat (2000), which follows Ramos Horta in the lead up to the pivotal independence referendum, we will be having a very special forum which will bring together: José Ramos Horta, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Prime Minister of East Timor;Tom Zubrycki, one of Australia's leading documentary filmmakers; and the Hon, Mike Rann Premier of South Australia. The conversation will range broadly across both politics and film, and is not to be missed.

5:00pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY ACAD 110min (WITH DISCUSSION)

FREE ADMISSION

IN CONVERSATION WITH ROGER GRAEF

IN CONVERSATION



Roger Graef, criminologist and documentary filmmaker, is one of the pioneers of the cinema verité movement. He is best known for his work exposing closed institutions from ministries to courts and prisons, although he also made the classic documentary The Secret Policeman's Ball about a series of Amnesty benefit concerts by a cast of brilliant British comedians and performers, including Monty Python. His groundbreaking films include the Thames Valley Police which helped change the way the police deal with rape victims and In Search of Law and Order an exploration of radical new forms of juvenile rehabilitation. More recently he has executive produced many award-winning documentaries. Roger is a Grierson Trustee and in 2004 he was awarded the BAFTA Fellowship for outstanding achievement

5:30pm MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 80min MERCURY

FREE ADMISSION

EMY 2



FORUMS

INSITE: SCREENPLAY READING



Insite has unveiled two wonderful screenplays so far. In 2003 we read Cut Snake by Blake Ayshford, and in 2005 we readMoving South by Cath Moore. Both are now in development and we'll see them on the screen in the next couple of years. The Australian Writers Guild and AFF sent out a call for un-produced screenplays by Guild members in August 2006. Over 100 scripts were submitted in response. This year director Kriv Stenders #oxing Day will be working with the writer and a cast of professional actors over two days, culminating in a public reading. The winning writer [announced early February 2007] will receive valuable feedback, and audiences will have the chance to gain fascinating insights into the script development process.

PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN WRITERS' GUILD.



6:00 - 8:30pm TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

FREE ADMISSION: NO BOOKING REQUIRED

YOU MADE IT FOR HOW MUCHWRITING THE STORY INDIE FILMMAKING IN AUSTRALIA OF THE FUTURE



In a country with no dominant commercial, studio-based film industry (à la Hollywood), what constitutes indie filmmaking? Is the classification simply a budgetary one, an indicator of aesthetic strategies, or something else entirely? Three young Australian filmmakers—Kriv Stenders, Rowan Michael Hoole and Alex Frayne who have films at AFF07, will discuss their experiences of low budget filmmaking around Australia, as well as discussing the ways these films can fit into emerging structures of distribution and exhibition.

5:00pm - 6:00pm SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY DISTILL

FREE ADMISSION: NO BOOKING REQUIRED

The Australia Council for the Arts invites you to a one-day seminar exploring a universe in which the book is a game without buttons.

Join US games creators Eddo Stern and Jessica Z. Hutchins: awardwinning scriptwriter Simon Hopkinson; writer, producer and AFTRS lecturer Jackie Turnure and new media educator Christy Dena in an exciting discussion of the ways that digital media are transforming our storytelling.

AFTRS



9.00am - 4.30pm, MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY MERCURY CINEMA

FREE ADMISSION: NO BOOKING REQUIRED

PLANET GREENCODE MAKE MEDIA THAT HAS NO IMPACT

Hey filmmakers—worried about the state of the planet? YOU can make a difference. Following on from discussions at IDFA, this brainstorm will generate ideas about how we can come together to establish a voluntary, international GreenCode for the Screen Industries. We'll explore what simple behavioural changes we all can make in our offices, our production processes and how you can offset carbon emissions in your filmmaking. Facilitated by Peter Wintonick, and featuring Dave Sag (CEO CarbonPlanet) and presented in association with the Australian International Documentary Conference.

5:00pm THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

MERCURY

FREE ADMISSION: NO BOOKING REQUIRED

MERCURY CINEMA

CROSSOVER AUSTRALIA



PRESENTED BY THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FILM CORPORATION AND THE ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL

Crossover Australia is a residential laboratory that brings together national and international practitioners from the film and new media sectors to think through the possibilities for innovation in interactive digital media. Forget being a couch potato. In the future, TV will come to you from many sources—and you will be able to interact with it, change it, inform it-even make it! Five international mentors will lead a course for twenty of Australia's most promising screenmakers. They will immerse themselves in a think tank for five days where the primary goal is to generate ideas for groundbreaking interactive projects.

Crossover Australia acknowledges the financial assistance of the Australian Film Commission and the South Australian Film Corporation, and support from the Australian International Documentary Conference.









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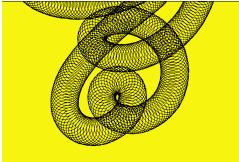
The AIDC is a must-attend four-day event for the factual film and broadcasting industry, attracting around 600 national and international delegates. The conference focuses on debate, discussion and deal-making opportunities. In addition, masterclasses and forums raise and explore current challenges and showcase work. February 2007 celebrates 20 years of the documentary community coming together at the AIDC, a key event on the international documentary festival and market circuit. The 2007 program aims to explore what inspires us, to discuss current models in factual filmmaking, and to stimulate marketplace opportunities.

Key events are: the Australian DOCUmart, a pitching/co-financing session; the MeetMarket for one on one meetings; and the Pitch ϑ Punt Competitions with prize purses to develop your project.

See more at www.aidc.com.au

FRIDAY, 23 - MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY HILTON HOTEL ADELAIDE

AIDC FRINGE



The Media Resource Centre (MRC) and Australian International Documentary Conference 2007 (AIDC) have partnered to create the AIDC Fringe, a day of seminars, workshops and master classes at the Mercury Cinema. The AIDC Fringe will take advantage of the nationally and internationally renowned documentary makers in town for the main AIDC event to present an inspiring program for our next generation of documentary talent.

It will be an intensive day of practical and inspirational information on the creative aspects of documentary, aimed at emerging documentary practitioner as well as anyone who has ever wanted to know what it takes to create documentary.

For more information call the MRC on 8410 0979 or see

AIDC FRINGE PASS: \$70/\$60

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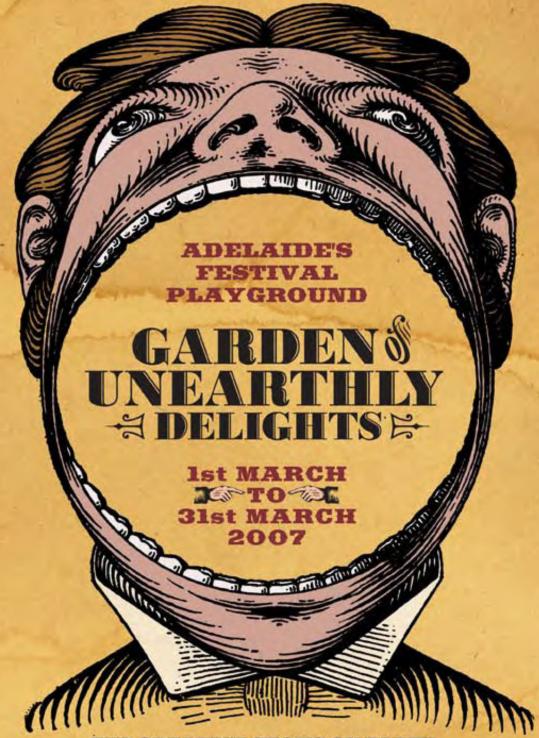


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