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THE SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS 8-19 JUNE

From **Wednesday 8 June** to **Sunday 19 June 2016**, the 63rd Sydney Film Festival brings an exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, in-depth discussions, international guests, and more.

Sydney Film Festival Director Nashen Moodley says, “The Festival is delighted to again present an especially exciting 12 days of world-class cinema. Documentaries and feature films have been carefully selected and curated from prominent film festivals around the world, including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the Berlinale; and we will also present some of Australia’s finest productions.

More than **250 films from all over the world** will be screened alongside a public program of free and ticketed talks, exhibitions, and parties, focused on enriching the Festival experience. Over **150 festival guests** including directors, actors and industry professionals from around the world and Australia, will attend the festival.

The Festival takes place across Sydney at; the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, Dendy Newtown, Skyline Drive-In Blacktown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and SFF Outdoor Screen.

A sneak preview of the 2016 program will be announced on **Wednesday 6 April** with the full festival program revealed in **May**.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 8 June** to **Sunday 19 June 2016**, the 63rd Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, in-depth discussions, international guests and more. Each year the Festival’s programming team curates 12 days of cinema sourced from world-famous film festivals, including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the Berlinale; as well as Australia’s finest productions.

Sydney Film Festival also presents an Official Competition of 12 films that vie for the Sydney Film Prize, a highly respected honour that awards a \$60,000 cash prize based on the decision of a jury of international and Australian filmmakers and industry professionals. Previous Sydney Film Prize

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winners are: *Arabian Nights* (2015); *Two Days, One Night* (2014); *Only God Forgives* (2013); *Alps* (2012); *A Separation* (2011), which went on to win an Academy Award; *Heartbeats* (2010); and *Bronson* (2009).

The Festival takes place across greater Sydney: at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, Dendy Newtown, Skyline Drive-In Blacktown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and SFF Outdoor Screen.

The Festival is a major event on the New South Wales cultural calendar and is one of the world's longest-running film festivals. For more information visit: www.sff.org.au.

The 63rd Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW and Destination NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney. The Festival's Strategic Partner is the NSW Government through Destination NSW.

Flexipasses and subscriptions to the 63rd Sydney Film Festival (8-19 June 2016) are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au/preview for more information.

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