

# SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

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**SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL 2018 SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN!**

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Entries are now open for the 65<sup>th</sup> Sydney Film Festival, returning to light up the city from 6 – 17 June 2018.

Each year, the Sydney Film Festival presents a diverse slate of films from Australia and around the world. In 2017, over 280 films from 55 countries were screened to an audience of almost 185,000.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2018 Sydney Film Festival. Entries are open to features, documentaries and short films (under 40 minutes). Get to it!

Submissions for the Festival are being accepted through [FilmFestivalLife](http://FilmFestivalLife). Closing dates are: **31 January 2018** for international productions, **28 February 2018** for Australian productions and Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films, and **23 March 2018** for Documentary Australia Foundation Award.

2018 will mark the 48<sup>th</sup> year of the Festival presenting its Australian short film competition, making it the oldest short film competition in Australia. Since 1970, the competition has served as launch pad for emerging Australian film talent, spring-boarding countless directors, producers and actors down a path towards international success.

2018 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> year that Dendy Cinemas have been sponsoring the Festival's short film awards.

"Dendy is once again proud to support Australian short films and new and emerging talent in this amazing long running competition at Sydney Film Festival for 2018. We cannot wait to see the visions and the fruition of hard work of filmmakers come to life, and the artistic diversity that draws talent to this competition," said **Dendy Cinemas National Film, Content and Programming Manager, Claire Gandy**.

Past winning films have included film luminaries from across Australia's creative landscape including directors Gillian Armstrong, Jane Campion, George Miller, Phil Noyce, Rolf de Heer and Alex Proyas; cinematographers such as Don McAlpine and Dean Semler; and actors from Bryan Brown to David Wenham.

Entries are open to features, documentaries and short films (under 40 minutes) in all categories of the Festival program, including:

- The Documentary Australia Foundation (DAF) Award for Australian Documentary. The prize is supported by Documentary Australia Foundation with a \$10,000 cash partnership.
- The Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films Live Action Award and Best Director (the Rouben Mamoulian Award) – both winners receive cash prizes of \$7,000 sponsored by Dendy

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Cinemas, who have supported the Awards for 30 years. The winner of the Live Action Award is eligible for Academy Award consideration.

- The Yoram Gross Animation Award, named in memory of the Australian animation producer and director Yoram Gross, provides a \$5,000 cash prize to the best Australian animated short film. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- The Event Cinemas Australian Short Screenplay Award (cash prize \$5,000).

The Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films and the DAF Australian Documentary competition are open exclusively to Australian productions.

From feature film debuts, to the latest shorts and fascinating documentaries, Sydney Film Festival invites all filmmakers to submit their films now for 2018.

Before entering, Festival organisers urge all entrants to review the submission requirements closely, to ensure all entries meet premiere status and broader eligibility requirements. A small fee applies.

Head to: [www.sff.org.au/submissions](http://www.sff.org.au/submissions) for full eligibility criteria and submission details.

FilmFestivalLife encourages committed filmmakers to submit via FilmFestivalLife. With monthly subscriptions and pro accounts FilmFestivalLife is the smartest way to save money with a strategic approach. Join the platform where award-winning filmmakers and quality festivals meet.

#### **DEADLINE DATES:**

The closing date for entries are as follows:

- International productions (any length) **31 January 2018**
- Australian productions (any length) **28 February 2018**
- Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films **28 February 2018**
- Documentary Australia Foundation Award for Best Documentary **23 March 2018**

**SUBMISSIONS:** [www.filmfestivallife.com/Sydney-Film-Festival](http://www.filmfestivallife.com/Sydney-Film-Festival)

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