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SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES NEW IN 2014: EVENT CINEMAS AUSTRALIAN SHORT SCREENPLAY AWARD

The 61st Sydney Film Festival is proud to announce the new Event Cinemas Australian Short Screenplay Award.

This year, SFF announces the inaugural **Event Cinemas Australian Short Screenplay Award sponsored by Event Cinemas**. This award provides a \$5000 cash prize for best short screenplay in one of the short fiction films selected for the SFF program. All Australian short films screening in the Festival are eligible and the winner is announced at the Closing Night Gala on Sunday 15 June at the State Theatre.

"Event Cinemas is thrilled to extend its continued collaboration with Sydney Film Festival, as a venue partner," said **Event Cinemas George Street General Manager, Anthony Kierann**. "By supporting short-film screenwriting we are acknowledging our wonderful Australian writers – the storytellers that allow our home grown talent to create diverse, exciting, thought-provoking films that represent Australia to the world. Event Cinemas is pleased to be the Australian Short Screenplay Award partner for 2014."

The Australian short films eligible for the 2014 Event Cinemas Australian Short Screenplay Award are:

Crochet Noir Australia | 2013 | 8 mins | In English

Director, Screenwriter: Jessica Harris | Cast: Ant Neate, Chess Julia Allan, Jacinta Stapleton

Embrace Australia | 2013 | 16 mins | In English

Director: George-Alex Nagle | Screenwriter: Huna Amweero

Grey Bull Australia | 2013 | 15 mins | In English and Denka with English subtitles

Director, Screenwriter: Eddy Bell | Cast: Dylan Watson, Mayik Deng, Akuein Kueth

The iMom Australia | 2013 | 14 mins | In English

Director, Screenwriter, Producer: Ariel Martin | Cast: Matilda Brown, Marta Dusseldorp, Karl Beattie

I Want to Dance Better at Parties Australia | 2013 | 29 mins | In English

Director, Screenwriter: Matthew Bate, Gideon Obarzanek | Cast: Steven Rodgers, Elizabeth Nabben, Phillip Rose

MAN Australia | 2013 | 19 mins | In English

Director: Richard Hughes | Screenwriter, Producer: Dave Christison | Cast: Shane Connor, James Rolleston, Richard Sutherland

Meeting Susan Australia | 2014 | 9 mins | In English
Director: Darius Devas | Cast: Alison Bell, Jan Friedl, David Patterson

Phantom Limb Australia, UK | 2013 | 5 mins | In English
Director, Screenwriter, Producer: Alex Grigg | Cast: Clifford Hume, Sarah Jones

Pocket Money Australia | 2013 | 10 mins | In English
Director, Screenwriter: Matt Durrant | Cast: Majdi Slaibi, Taha Saleh, Bill Kalaoun

Showboy Australia | 2013 | 15 mins | In English
Director, Screenwriter: Samuel Leighton-Dore | Cast: Lucas Pittaway, Mal Kennard, Richie Finger

Stuffed Australia | 2013 | 22 mins | In English
Director, Screenwriter: Warwick Young | Cast: Travis Cotton, Anita Hegh, Jan Oxenbould

The Video Dating Tape of Desmond Ray, Aged 33 and ¾ Australia | 2013 | 4 mins | In English
Director, Screenwriter: Steve Baker | Cast: Bill Waters

Welcome to Iron Knob Australia | 2013 | 21 mins | In English
Director, Screenwriter: Dave Wade | Cast: Linda Cropper, Jessica Ryles, Chris Duncan

The 61st Sydney Film Festival runs 4-15 June and brings a packed program of screenings and special events to even more venues across Sydney. For tickets and full up-to-date program information visit sff.org.au

ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

Sydney Film Festival screens feature films, documentaries, short films and animated films across the city at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, the Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne, the Apple Store, SFFTV at Martin Place, Skyline Drive-In Blacktown, and the Festival Hub at Town Hall.

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

Sydney Film Festival also presents 12 films that vie for the Official Competition, a highly respected international 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 winners include: *Only God Forgives* (2013), *Alps* (2012), *A Separation* (2011) – which went on to win an Academy Award, *Heartbeats* (2010), *Bronson* (2009) and *Hunger* (2008).

The 61st Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia, and the City of Sydney. The Festival's Strategic partner is the NSW Government through Destination NSW.

What: Sydney Film Festival

When: 4-15 June, 2014

Tickets & Info: 1300 733 733 sff.org.au

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