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TRAVELLING FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES SPECIAL GUESTS FOR NEWCASTLE

Sydney Film Festival's Travelling Film Festival will bring Australian actor / writer **Osamah Sami**, director **Jeffrey Walker** and producer **Helen Panckhurst** to Newcastle on Friday 23 June for the Festival's opening night film *Ali's Wedding*.

Direct from sold out screenings at Sydney Film Festival, *Ali's Wedding* tells the hilarious real-life story of **Sami**, whose own arranged marriage lasted less than two hours. The film is a humorous yet clever insight into multicultural life in contemporary Australia.

Sami, **Walker** and **Panckhurst** will introduce the screening of their film and participate in a special audience Q&A session after the session. TFF Newcastle brings some of the most talked about films in the world to the Newcastle region after sell out sessions at Sydney Film Festival.

Also screening are Cannes-winning Indigenous director **Warwick Thornton's** documentary *We Don't Need A Map*, Academy Award-nominated documentary *I Am Not Your Negro* by political documentarian **Raoul Peck**, **Kirsten Tan's** Sundance Special Jury Prize award-winner *Pop Aye*, and **Claude Barras'** Oscar-nominated family animation *My Life as a Zucchini*.

Winner of Best Director Un Certain Regard at Cannes *Wind River* starring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen, Sundance winner *Ingrid Goes West*, dark Czech comedy *The Teacher*, and clever Israeli comedy *Holy Air* will also screen at the Travelling Film Festival in Newcastle.

Tickets to Australia's longest running travelling film festival are on sale now.

Don't miss your chance to experience a unique and exciting array of award winning local and international cinema. 'Subscribe and Save' packages offer great value for multiple ticket purchases.

Travelling Film Festival acknowledges the financial assistance of Screen Australia and the New South Wales Government through Screen NSW and is supported by media partner ABC Newcastle and distinguished partner Princess Cruises.

Opening Night: Friday 23 June

- [*Ali's Wedding*](#) - Ali's arranged marriage is looming, but he loves someone else. What's a Muslim cleric's son to do? This Australian comedy was a huge audience favourite at Sydney Film Festival.

Saturday 24 June

- [*My Life as a Zucchini*](#) - An Oscar-nominated Swiss-French stop-motion family animation that's realistic and life affirming, dealing with real issues in a way that doesn't patronise or traumatise its audience.
- [*Pop Aye*](#) - A downtrodden architect and his long-lost elephant take a road trip across Thailand to find their childhood home in this offbeat and very funny Sundance screenwriting award-winner.
- [*Ingrid Goes West*](#) - **Aubrey Plaza** is hilarious as awkward loner Ingrid, a social media addict who heads to LA to meet her Instagram idol. Winner of the Sundance Screenwriting Award.

- [Wind River](#) - Straight from Cannes, this intelligent crime drama with **Jeremy Renner** and **Elizabeth Olsen** is the directorial debut of screenwriter **Taylor Sheridan** (*Hell or High Water*, *Sicario*).

Sunday 25 June

- [The Teacher](#) - **Zuzana Maurery** gives an award-winning performance as an unscrupulous school teacher in this crowd-pleasing dark comedy set in Communist era Czechoslovakia.
- [I Am Not Your Negro](#) - Narrated by **Samuel L Jackson**, this mesmerising Oscar-nominated film channels the impassioned words of writer **James Baldwin**, one of the most incisive commentators on race in America.
- [Holy Air](#) - In this clever comedy, a Nazareth businessman must negotiate with the holy city's rulers, gangsters and his own family when he tries one last idea to get rich, selling 'holy air'.
- [We Don't Need A Map](#) - Filmmaker **Warwick Thornton** investigates our relationship to the Southern Cross, in this fun and thought provoking ride through Australia's cultural and political landscape. Screens with short *Finding Maawirangga*

WHAT: Travelling Film Festival Newcastle
WHEN: Friday 23 June - Sunday 25 June, 2017
WHERE: Tower Cinemas, 183 – 185 King St, Newcastle NSW 2300
SINGLE TICKETS: \$14 / \$12 / \$10 (Adult / Concession / Student & Kids)
SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE: FULL SUBSCRIPTION: \$81 Adult / \$72 Concession 5-FILM
 FLEXIPASS: \$53 Adult / \$48 Concession
 Note: films must be selected at time of purchase.

HOW TO BOOK: Book tickets online in advance at sff.org.au/newcastle

For ticket enquiries please contact Sydney Film Festival on 02 8220 6600 or contact the cinema box office.

SUBSCRIBE AND SAVE: Save 30% on regular ticket prices with a subscription: all nine films for only \$9 per film (\$8 concession), including Opening Night film. Or dip into the festival with a 5-film Flexipass for just \$10.60 per film (\$9.60 concession).

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