

# MEDIA RELEASE EMBARGOED UNTIL 11.00am WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2017 SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL (7 – 18 JUNE) 2017 MEDIA INFORMATION

<u>INFO/ TICKETS</u> KEY DATES	sff.org.au/1300 733 733
Wed 10 May	Sydney Film Festival 2017 Program Launch 11am Full program outline at sff.org.au, 11am SFF 2017 iPhone, iPad and Android Apps launch 11am All tickets on sale and Flexipasses redeemable 11am Single tickets on sale via sff.org.au, 1300 733 733, iPhone and Android Apps 11am Tickets on sale at SFF Box Office 9am open, 11am on sale
Fri 13 May	Festival program guide inserted in the Sydney Morning Herald
Wed 7 June	Tickets on sale at venues, see program for Box Office hours
Wed 7 June	Opening Night Gala at State Theatre 7:30pm After-party at Centennial Hall, Town Hall 10pm
Thurs 8 - Sunday 18 June	Festival Hub at Lower Town Hall open Screenings in all Festival venues, talks, Q&As, Special Presentations at the State, Official Competition
Sun 18 June	Final day of screenings Closing Night Gala and official awards ceremony at State Theatre 7.30pm
VENUES	
49 Market St, Sydney	State Theatre
380 Military Rd, Cremorne	Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne
505-525 George St, Sydney	Event Cinemas George Street
2 East Circular Quay, Sydney	Dendy Opera Quays
261-263 King St, Newtown	Dendy Newtown
483 George St Sydney	Festival Hub @ Town Hall
Art Gallery Rd, Sydney	Art Gallery of NSW
Cricketers Arms Rd, Blacktown	Skyline Drive In Blacktown
Pitt Street Mall	SFFTV @ Pitt St
1 Powerhouse Rd, Casula	Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
45 St Pauls St, Randwick	The Ritz Cinema

#### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION**

Sydney Film Festival accreditation is exclusively reserved for media professionals. Festival accreditation is required to gain access to Sydney Film Festival screenings, advance screenings, the media centre, red-carpet events and other associated events.

# MEDIA IMAGES

Film stills from titles screening at SFF 2017 are available via ImageNet (image.net). Media need to register with ImageNet to access images and search for Sydney Film Festival 2017. Registration is free. **Full Sydney Film Festival media pack available** <u>HERE</u>













## MEDIA SCREENERS

Some SFF 2017 titles will be available for media to preview in advance of the Festival on request. A limited number of press screenings will also be scheduled in advance and during the Festival. Please forward any requests for access to media screeners and screenings to Cardinal Spin.

#### MEDIA MEETING POINT

**SFF Media Meeting Point will open in the lobby of Parkroyal Darling Harbour**, 150 Day Street, Sydney from 9am-6pm, 7-18 June. Parkroyal is located a short stroll from Town Hall Station and most SFF venues. For a map view, <u>click here.</u>

## **TICKETING PROCEDURES**

Flexipasses, Opening Night Gala and Closing Night Gala tickets are now on sale.

Single-session tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 10 May, 11am.

All tickets and passes can be bought and redeemed through the Festival website, sff.org.au, or over the phone on 1300 733 733.

## **Please Note:**

- Media Tickets need to be requested via email before Wednesday 7 June. Once approved, media can have their tickets sent directly via email, where they can either be printed or, better yet, using the SFF 2017 app on iPhone and Android, be scanned at the door.
- Accredited media will be issued with single tickets only.
- Media tickets are issued on a first-come basis.
- Some limited sessions have a restricted media allocation and requests for tickets will need to be filed with the film distributor directly.
- Smaller venues have limited capacity and therefore have a limited number of media tickets.
- Opening and Closing Night Galas are invitation-only events.

# SFF 2017 iPHONE, iPAD, ANDROID APP

Sydney Film Festival and Ferve Tickets have collaborated to bring you the official SFF 2017 iPhone, iPad and Android app, free to download now. The full 2017 program will go live on the app on Wednesday 10 May.

With this app you can:

- Buy tickets securely with your credit card
- Scan your phone at the door no paper tickets required
- Watch film trailers
- Browse and search SFF's 2017 program
- Vote for your favourite films for the 2017 Audience Awards
- Sync up your films with iCal and share with friends
- Create a wishlist of must-see films
- Identify sessions that are selling fast and sold out
- Find your way to the screenings with venue maps
- Keep up to date with SFF's Official Competition and guest announcements
- Get the latest Festival news and gossip with one-touch access to SFF's Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube pages

(Please note: Allocated seating sessions at the State Theatre allow you to purchase the very best available seat, but you cannot see the location of the seat in the app.)

Left your printed tickets at home? If you buy tickets using the same SFF account details, you can retrieve all the barcodes on your App regardless of how you purchased (counter, web or phone). These barcodes can be scanned on your App for entry at the cinema door.













# ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Sydney Film Festival welcomes all visitors to screenings and events and is committed to ensuring the program is accessible for all attendees. See the print program, visit <u>sff.org.au/access</u>, call 1300 733 733 or email <u>tickets@sff.org.au</u> for more information on the new Screenability program, and for accessibility access to the Festival.

#### Sydney Film Festival runs 7 – 18 June 2017.

Tickets for Sydney Film Festival 2017 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit <u>sff.org.au</u> for more information.

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## ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 7 June** to **Sunday 18 June 2017**, the 64<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 winners: *Aquarius* (2016); *Arabian Nights* (2015); *Two Days, One Night* (2014); *Only God Forgives* (2013); *Alps* (2012); *A Separation* (2011); *Heartbeats* (2010); *Bronson* (2009); and *Hunger* (2008).

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, Randwick Ritz, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and SFF Outdoor Screen in Pitt Street Mall.

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: <u>www.sff.org.au</u>.

The 64<sup>th</sup> 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.





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