

MEDIA RELEASE: WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018 THE SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS 6 – 17 JUNE

From **Wednesday 6 June** to **Sunday 17 June 2018**, the **65th Sydney Film Festival** brings the world's best new films to Sydney for 12 days and nights of inspiring and entertaining premieres, talks, parties, international director and actor guests and more.

Sydney Film Festival Director Nashen Moodley says, "2018 is already shaping up to be another incredible year for Sydney Film Festival. Audiences will dive into 12 days of cinematic splendour, both world class features and fascinating documentaries plucked straight from Cannes, Sundance, Berlinale, and many more prestigious festivals on the international circuit."

Over **250 films from the four corners of the globe** will screen alongside a public program of free and ticketed talks and parties that will enrich the Festival experience. Over 150 local and international festival guests will attend the Festival, including directors, actors and industry professionals.

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

The first titles in this year's program will be announced on **Wednesday 4 April**, with the full festival program revealed in **May**.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From Wednesday 6 June to Sunday 17 June 2017, the 65th 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: *On Body and Soul* (2017); *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 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 65th 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 65th Sydney Film Festival (6-17 June 2018) are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au/tickets/flexipasses for more information.







