

# **MEDIA RELEASE MONDAY 20 MARCH 2017**

## THE SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS 7-18 JUNE

From Wednesday 7 June to Sunday 18 June 2017, the 64<sup>th</sup> Sydney Film Festival brings the world's best new films to town 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, "2017 promises to be another spectacular year for Sydney Film Festival. Audiences will immerse themselves in 12 days of film, both world class features and stunning documentaries from the four corners of the globe and plucked from the most prestigious film festivals on the international circuit including Cannes, Sundance and Berlinale."

More than 250 films from all over the world will be screened alongside a public program of free and ticketed talks and parties, focused on enriching the Festival experience. Over 150 festival guests including directors, actors and industry professionals will attend the Festival from around the world and Australia.

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

A sneak preview of the 2017 program will be announced on Wednesday 5 April with the full festival program revealed in May.

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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 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.

The 64th 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 64th Sydney Film Festival (7-18 June 2017) are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au/tickets/flexipasses for more information.









