

OSCAR-WINNING IRANIAN THRILLER GETS POWERHOUSE PREMIERE

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre announces Sydney Film Festival April screening!

Sydney Film Festival and **Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre** (CPAC) will screen 2017 Oscar-winner for Best Foreign Language Film, *The Salesman*, for their next monthly film screening. The haunting thriller by Iranian master Asghar Farhadi (*A Separation*), will get its South Western Sydney debut on **Friday 7 April at 7:30pm**.

Book in a Middle Eastern mezze feast of hommus, baba ghanoush and a meat skewer and kafta - or tabouli and falafel for vegetarians - before the screening, made by the CPAC's new Head Chef **Federico Rekowski.**

The Salesman follows Rana (Taraneh Alidoosti) and Emad (Shahab Hosseini), an Iranian couple involved in Iran's bustling theatre scene. Forced to leave their apartment due to a dangerous construction project in a neighbouring building, the couple moves to the centre of Tehran where they become embroiled in a life-altering situation involving the previous tenant.

"The Salesman is testament to why Farhadi, a two-time Cannes Film Festival Award winner, is one of the most celebrated filmmakers in the world today," said Sydney Film Festival Director Nashen Moodley.

"Audiences can now expect an incredible program of award-winning cinema at Casula Powerhouse year round," said **CPAC Acting Director Craig Donarski.**

"From the Sydney Film Festival to the Alliance Francaise Film Festival (8 – 9 April), and everything in between, CPAC will cherry pick the very best film festivals and bring them to Liverpool, so local audiences can easily access the most important cinematic events," he said.

"CPAC is rapidly developing a reputation as the cultural capital of South Western Sydney," said **Liverpool Mayor Wendy Waller**. "Liverpool has a growing population and the popularity of these monthly screenings is testament to our community's interest in world-class cinema – and programming that reflects our cultural diversity."



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EDITOR'S NOTES

Fast Facts

What: Sydney Film Festival
Where: Casula Powerhouse, 1 Powerhouse
Road, Casula NSW 2170 (don't forget, Casula has its own train station!)
When: Screening begins at 7.30pm on Friday
7 April, 2017

Film Prices: Adult \$17.50, Concession \$14.50, Under 16s \$11.50 with NO additional booking fees.

Book: <u>HERE</u>

Dinner Prices: Pre movie dinner \$22.00 per person – served from 6pm-7pm. **Updates:** <u>HERE</u>

Sydney Film Festival

Sydney Film Festival screens feature films, documentaries, short films and animation across greater Sydney: at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Newtown, Dendy Opera Quays, Skyline Drive-In Blacktown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall, Casula Powerhouse and the SFF Outdoor Screen. 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>

Casula Powerhouse

Located on the banks of the Georges River, the Casula Powerhouse is a multi-disciplinary arts centre. Showcasing six galleries and featuring a range of permanent and temporary exhibitions, the Casula Powerhouse is a premier art space in South West Sydney. Boasting a 321-seat theatre, Casula Powerhouse plays host to a range of theatre and cinematic productions each year. The Casula Powerhouse's **Bellbird** will be serving meals with every screening.

Liverpool City Council

Located in South West Sydney, Liverpool City Council governs 42 suburbs with residents from a range of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. The Council is dedicated to supporting the community by providing high levels of facilities and resources and to establish Liverpool as "the vibrant regional city of opportunity, prosperity and diversity."