

MEDIA INORMATION WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2015

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL, 3-14 JUNE 2015 MEDIA INFORMATION

INFO/ TICKETS

sff.org.au/1300 733 733

KEY DATES

Fri 8 May

Sydney Film Festival 2015 Program Launch 11am Wed 6 May

Full program outline at sff.org.au, 11am

SFF 2015 iPhone 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 Festival program guide inserted in the Sydney Morning

Herald

Friday 29 May Tickets on sale at Event Cinemas George Street Box Office

Wed 3 June Opening Night Gala at State Theatre 7:30pm

After-party at Cargo Bar 10pm

Thurs 4 - Sunday 14 June Festival Hub at Lower Town Hall opens

Screenings in all venues, talks, Q&As, Special Presentations

at the State, Official Competition

Sun 14 June Final day of screenings

Closing Night Gala and official awards ceremony at State

Theatre 7.30pm

VENUES

49 Market St, Sydney **State Theatre**

Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne 380 Military Road, Cremorne

505-525 George Street, Sydney **Event Cinemas George Street**

2 East Circular Quay, Sydney **Dendy Opera Quays** 261-263 King Street, Newtown **Dendy Newtown**

483 George Street Sydney **Festival Hub at Town Hall**

Art Gallery Road, Sydney **Art Gallery of NSW**

Cricketers Arms Road, Blacktown **Skyline Drive-In Blacktown** Between Pitt & Castlereagh Streets Festival TV @ Martin Place

Apple Store Sydney 367 George Street,

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre 1 Powerhouse Road, Casula

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.

















The accreditation application deadline is Friday 15 May 2015. Any accreditation requests received after this date will be subject to restrictions.

Application forms are available on request from Cardinal Spin - contact details below. Accredited media will be contacted once their application has been lodged and will be processed in order of application.

MEDIA IMAGES

Film stills from titles screening at SFF 2015 are available via ImageNet (image.net). Media need to register with ImageNet to access images and search for Sydney Film Festival 2015. Registration is free.

MEDIA SCREENERS

Some SFF 2015 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 (see end of release).

Note: SFF media preview screeners have gone digital! For a list of available preview screeners for accredited media, please contact Cardinal Spin. There will be limited access to view media screeners at the Media Meeting Point at Parkroyal. Please contact Cardinal Spin with any advance requests.

MEDIA MEETING POINT

An SFF Media Meeting Point will open in the lobby of Parkroyal Darling Harbour, 150 Day Street, Sydney from 9am-6pm, 4-15 June. Parkroyal is located a short stroll from Town Hall Station and most SFF venues. For a map view, click here.

TICKETING PROCEDURES

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

Single-session tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 6 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 3 June. Once approved, media can have their tickets sent directly via email, where they can either be printed or, better yet, using the SFF 2015 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 Night and Closing Night Galas are invitation-only events

SFF 2015 iPHONE APP

Sydney Film Festival and Ferve Tickets have collaborated to bring you the official SFF 2015 iPhone and Android app, free to download now. The full 2015 program will go live on the app on Wednesday 6 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 2015 program and 'What's On' at the Festival daily
- Vote for your favourite films for the 2015 Audience Awards
- Shake the App and get suggestions on what is on close to you
- Sync up your films with iCal and share with friends
- Create a wish list of must-see films
- Identify sessions that are selling fast or 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 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.

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL HUB AT TOWN HALL

Experience the Festival as an insider at the Sydney Film Festival Hub. The Hub is a lounge, gallery, bar and Festival party space, with a packed calendar of things to see, do and hear. Located opposite the QVB at the heart of the Festival district, the Hub is a hive of activity and a great location to meet up for drinks or a snack before or after a screening. The Hub Ticketing Lounge is also the only place to purchase \$10 SFF tickets (with no booking fee!) to selected screenings.

The Hub is open daily 4-13 June | Saturday, Sunday, Monday: noon-midnight | Tuesday-Friday: 5pm-midnight | Critics Corner, weekdays from 5-6pm. All events are open to over-18s and FREE unless otherwise indicated.

SFF 2015 TALKS

The Apple Store Sydney and Festival Hub at Town Hall will host a series of free talks and events as part of the Sydney Film Festival 2015. Please see sff.org.au for up-to-date info.

GETTING THERE

Check out sff.org.au for special SFF parking rates and the nearest parking locations.

Sydney Film Festival runs 3 – 14 June 2015.

Tickets for Sydney Film Festival 2015 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au for more information.

ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 3 June** to **Sunday 14 June 2015**, the 62nd Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, panel discussions, international guests and more. Each year the Festival's programming team curates 12 days of cinema sourced from world-famous film festivals, including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the Berlinale; as well as Australia's finest local productions.

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 are: *Two Days, One Night* (2014); *Only God Forgives* (2013); *Alps* (2012); *A Separation* (2011), which went on to win an Academy Award; *Heartbeats* (2010); and *Bronson* (2009).

The Festival takes place across greater Sydney: at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, Dendy Newtown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace







Strategic Partners







Cremorne, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and 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: www.sff.org.au.

The 62nd Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen 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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