# YDNEY **ILN** FESTIVAL 05-16 JUNE 2019

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## EMBARGOED UNTIL 11.00am WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2019 SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL (5 – 16 JUNE) 2019 MEDIA INFORMATION

<u>INFO/ TICKETS</u> KEY DATES	sff.org.au/1300 733 733
Wed 8 May	Sydney Film Festival 2019 Program Launch 9am Full program outline at sff.org.au, 9am All tickets on sale and Flexipasses redeemable 9am Single tickets on sale via sff.org.au, 1300 733 733, iPhone and Android Apps 9am Tickets on sale at SFF Box Office 9am
Sat 11 May	Festival program guide inserted in the Sydney Morning Herald
Wed 5 June	Tickets on sale at venues, see program for Box Office hours Opening Night Gala at State Theatre 7:30pm
	After-party at Centennial Hall, Town Hall 10pm Screenings in all Festival venues, talks, Q&As, Special Presentations at the State, Official Competition
Thurs 6 - Sun 16 June	Festival Hub at Lower Town Hall open
Sun 16 June	Final day of screenings
Sui 10 Julie	Closing Night Gala and official awards ceremony at State Theatre 7.30pm
VENUES	
49 Market St, Sydney	State Theatre
505-525 George St, Sydney	Event Cinemas George Street
2 East Circular Quay, Sydney	Dendy Opera Quays
261-263 King St, Newtown	Dendy Newtown
45 St Pauls St, Randwick	The Ritz Cinema
380 Military Rd, Cremorne	Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne
206 Bent St, Moore Park	HOYTS Entertainment Quarter
Art Gallery Rd, Sydney	Art Gallery of NSW
1 Powerhouse Rd, Casula	Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
483 George St Sydney	Festival Hub @ Town Hall
Pitt Street Mall	SFFTV @ Pitt St

#### 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** 

Full Sydney Film Festival media pack available HERE









#### MEDIA SCREENERS

Some SFF 2019 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 Original Spin.

#### MEDIA MEETING POINT

**SFF Media Meeting Point will open in the lobby of Parkroyal Darling Harbour**, 150 Day Street, Sydney from 9am-6pm, 5-16 June. Parkroyal is located a short stroll from Town Hall Station and most SFF venues.

#### **TICKETING PROCEDURES**

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

Single-session tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 8 May, 9am.

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 5 June. Once approved, media can have their tickets sent directly via email, where they can either be printed or, better yet, using the SFF 2019 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 2019 IPHONE AND ANDROID APP

Sydney Film Festival and Ferve Tickets have collaborated to bring you the official SFF 2019 iPhone, iPad and Android app, free to download now. The full 2019 program will go live on the app on Wednesday 8 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 2019 program
- Vote for your favourite films for the 2019 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

(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/info/access</u>, call 1300 733 733 or email <u>tickets@sff.org.au</u> for more information on the Screenability program, and for accessibility access to the Festival.





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The full Sydney Film Festival 2019 program can be found online at sff.org.au.

Sydney Film Festival runs 5 – 16 June 2019. Tickets for Sydney Film Festival 2019 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit <u>sff.org.au</u> for more information.

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#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

#### ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From Wednesday 5 June to Sunday 16 June 2019, the 66<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: *The Heiresses* (2018), *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: sff.org.au.

The 66<sup>th</sup> Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW and Destination NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney. The Festival's Strategic Partner is the NSW Government via its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.





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