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# Sydney Film Festival announces return of Screenability Program for fifth year

The 68<sup>th</sup> Sydney Film Festival today announced the return of Screenability for a fifth year. This program is an exciting platform for screen practitioners with disability, in partnership with Create NSW.

Curated by Guest Programmer Rebecca McCormack, Screenability Programming Assistant, six cutting edge works by filmmakers with disability will be showcased: feel good features *Best Summer Ever* and *Beautiful Minds*, and documentary *No Hay Camino – There is No Path*, as well as three Australian short films selected as part of the Screenability Filmmakers Fund from Create NSW: *Blockhead and Sparkles* and *The Flood of Tears*, *Deafying Gravity* and *We Have Me*.

For the fifth year, the Festival also maintains its inclusion policy, with audio described and open captioned screenings, and over 90 English-subtitled films.

Screenability at the Sydney Film Festival is part of a suite of initiatives designed to boost the participation of underrepresented groups in the screen industry. The focus of Screenability is to grow participation with a wide range of industry professionals, showcasing films by filmmakers with disability in a festival context.

**Head of Screen NSW Grainne Brunson** said, “Screenability will take over Sydney Film Festival screens across the city with the unique voices and insights of filmmakers with disability. I encourage you to check out the program that stars three homegrown short films from emerging filmmakers Samuel Martin, Danni Wright, Jacob Melamed, Emily Skerri-Rickert, Digby Webster, Lauren Orrell and their teams.”

The full Sydney Film Festival 2021 program can be found online at [sff.org.au](http://sff.org.au).

Sydney Film Festival runs in cinema 3–14 November 2021. SFF On Demand’s online program runs 12-21 November. Tickets to Sydney Film Festival 2021 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit [sff.org.au](http://sff.org.au) for more information.

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### ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From Wednesday 3 November to Sunday 14 November 2021, the 68th Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, in-depth discussions with film guests, and now a virtual offering with SFF On Demand streaming nationally from 12-21 November.

Sydney Film 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](http://sff.org.au).

The 68th Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney.



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