

# SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

JUNE 08–19 2022

## SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL 2022 SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN!

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Entries are now open for the next Sydney Film Festival, returning to cinemas from 8–19 June 2022 for its 69th Edition. The Festival will continue to showcase the best of Australian and international cinema.

Each year, Sydney Film Festival presents a diverse slate of features, documentaries and short films from around the world at venues across Sydney.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2022 Sydney Film Festival. Entries are open to features, documentaries, and short films. Get to it!

Submissions for the Festival are being accepted through [Film Freeway](#) and will close on 25 February 2022 for international productions, as well as Australian productions, Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films, Sustainable Future Award and Best Australian Documentary competition.

The 2022 season will mark the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of the Festival's Australian short film competition, making it the oldest short film competition in Australia. Since 1970, the competition has served as a launch pad for emerging Australian film talent, spring-boarding countless directors, producers and actors towards international success.

Entries are open to features, documentaries and short films in all categories of the Festival program, including:

- The Best Australian Documentary competition, open to Australian documentaries of any length, winner receives a \$10,000 cash prize. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- The Sustainable Future Award, presented to a narrative or documentary film of any length that deepens our knowledge and awareness of the impact of the global climate emergency. The director of the film receives a \$10,000 cash prize, made possible by a syndicate of passionate climate activists led by award sponsor, Amanda Maple-Brown.
- The Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films Live Action Award and Best Director (the Rouben Mamoulian Award) - both winners receive cash prizes of \$7,000, sponsored by Dendy Cinemas, who have supported the Awards for 34 years. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- The Yoram Gross Animation Award, named in memory of the Australian animation producer and director Yoram Gross, provides a \$5,000 cash prize to the best Australian animated short film. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- Screenability, a non-competitive program for screen practitioners with disability, open to productions from Australia and overseas.
- First Nations program: submissions are encouraged from First Nation filmmakers around the world.

The Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films and the Best Australian Documentary competition are open exclusively to Australian productions.

Before entering, Festival organisers urge all entrants to review the submission requirements closely, to ensure all entries meet premiere status and broader eligibility requirements. A small fee applies. Head to <https://www.sff.org.au/about/submissions> for full eligibility criteria and submission details.



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## DEADLINE

The closing date for all entries is 25 February 2022.

**SUBMISSIONS:** <https://filmfreeway.com/SydneyFilmFestival>.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

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### ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From Wednesday 8 June to Sunday 19 June 2022, the 69th Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, in-depth discussions, film guests and more.

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 69th Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney.

