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ACUTE MISFORTUNE

The film adaptation of Erik Jensen's biography of Adam Cullen is the story of the biographer and his subject as it descends into a dependent and abusive relationship.

PRODUCER Virginia Kay, Jamie Houge, Liz Kearney. Thomas M Wright **DIRECTOR** Thomas M Wright **SCREENWRITER** Thomas M Wright, Frik Jensen **LEAD ACTOR** Daniel Henshall, Toby Wallace **SUPPORTING ACTOR Max Cullen SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Gillian Jones. Genevieve Lemon **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Germain McMicking,

SOUND Chris Goodes. Steve Bond. **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Leah Popple **COSTUME DESIGNER** Sophie Fletcher HAIR AND MAKEUP Holly Anderson **CASTING DIRECTOR** Jane Norris

Stefan Duscio

EDITOR Luca Cappelli **COMPOSER** Evelvn Ida Morris

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ADAPTED **CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME** 90 mins **DISTRIBUTOR CINEMAPLUS RELEASE MONTH MAY**

ANGEL OF MINE

Divorced mother, Lizzie, an imbalanced woman battling for custody of her son, has her life turned upside down on crossing paths with Lola, a child who she believes to be the daughter she lost seven years ago in a hospital fire. Unable to let her suspicions go. Lizzie stalks and befriends Lola's mother. Claire, inching her way into Lola's life, to the bewilderment of her family. Claire grows suspicious on discovering that this strange woman is systematically following her little girl, appearing everywhere. As Lizzie's obsession heightens and her behaviour becomes increasingly disturbing, Claire confronts her, which brings deeply buried secrets to the surface and the devastating truth is revealed.

PRODUCER Brian Etting, Josh Etting. Su Armstrong **DIRECTOR** Kim Farrant **SCREENWRITER** Luke Davies, David Regal **LEAD ACTRESS** Noomi Rapace. Yvonne Strahovski **SUPPORTING ACTOR Finn Little SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Annika Whiteley **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Andrew Commis **EDITOR** Jack Hutchings **COMPOSER** Gabe Noel **SOUND** Ann Aucote, Chris Goodes, Luke Millar, Lee Yee **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Ruby Mathers **CASTING DIRECTOR** Allison Meadows

SCREENPLAY ADAPTED **CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 98 mins DISTRIBUTOR R&R FILMS RELEASE MONTH SEPTEMBER**

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Cornelia Parker, Cold Dark Matter: An Exploded View, 1991, Image courtesy the artist and Frith Street Gallery, London © the artist.



ANIMALS

After a decade of partying, Laura and Tyler's friendship is strained when Laura falls in love. But what is really stopping her from fulfilling her dreams? A fierce and unapologetic celebration of female friendship, ANIMALS is an intimate, funny and bittersweet examination of the challenges of turning talent into action, and being a modern woman, with faults, longings and competing desires.

Rebecca Summerton, Cormac Fox. Sophie Hyde **DIRECTOR** Sophie Hyde **SCREENWRITER** Emma Jane Unsworth **LEAD ACTRESS** Holliday Grainger, Alia Shawkat **SUPPORTING ACTOR Fra Free.** Dermot Murphy **SUPPORTING ACTRESS Amy Molloy CINEMATOGRAPHER** Bryan Mason **EDITOR** Bryan Mason **COMPOSER** Jed Palmer. Zoë Barry **SOUND** Josh Williams, Adrian Medhurst, Pete Smith, Emma Bortignon **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Louise Mathews **COSTUME DESIGNER** Renate Henschke **CASTING DIRECTOR** Shaheen Baig

PRODUCER Sarah Brocklehurst.

SCREENPLAY ADAPTED **CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 109 mins DISTRIBUTOR** BONSAI FILMS **RELEASE MONTH SEPTEMBER**

BILCHED

BILCHED is an Aussie teen comedy following best mates Hal and Matt as they blunder through their final days of High School, Raw. honest, hilarious and heart-warming in equal measure, Hal's striking writing, producing and acting debut (written when just 18) perfectly captures the banter and laconic humour of Australian coastal youth at the cusp of adulthood...knowing their lives are about to change and yet revelling in their youth and all the freedom and stupidity it affords.

PRODUCER Hal Cumpston, Rachel Lane. Jeremy Cumpston, Noel Vinson, James Campbell, Ewan Wall **DIRECTOR** Jeremy Cumpston **SCREENWRITER** Hal Cumpston **LEAD ACTOR** Hal Cumpston, Fred Du Rietz **LEAD ACTRESS** Mitzi Ruhlmann **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Otis Pavlovic, Ewan Wall, Will Johnston SUPPORTING ACTRESS Paloma Bolton-Brito, Juliet Lochrin **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Shane Kavanagh. James Campbell **EDITOR** Liam Vanderwaal, James Campbell **COMPOSER** Jonathon Zwartz, Ewan Wall **SOUND** Sam Petty. Gordon Fletcher

PRODUCTION DESIGNER Leonie Barker

COSTUME DESIGNER Monique Caldow

HAIR AND MAKEUP Lucy Woolfman

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION CTC RUNNING TIME 97 mins DISTRIBUTOR** INDEPENDENT **RELEASE MONTH MAY**

CASTING DIRECTOR Ann Fay



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BOOK WEEK

Book Week is a shaggy, dark comedy about a disgraced novelist turned English teacher trying to find redemption.

PRODUCER Heath Davis, Joanne Weatherstone **DIRECTOR** Heath Davis **SCREENWRITER** Heath Davis **LEAD ACTOR** Alan Dukes **LEAD ACTRESS** Susan Prior **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Thuso Lekwape, Rhys Muldoon, Tiriel Mora, Toby Schmitz SUPPORTING ACTRESS Matilda Ridgeway. Airlie Dodds, Rose Riley, Pippa Grandison **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Chris Bland **EDITOR** Romain Mongin **COMPOSER** Sam Lockwood, Heather Shannon **SOUND** Sasha Zastavnikovic **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Lee Launay **COSTUME DESIGNER** Cat de Lound HAIR AND MAKEUP Candice Hickson

BUOYANCY

A 14-year-old Cambodian boy secretly leaves home in search of a better life, but is sold to a Thai broker and enslaved on a fishing trawler. As fellow slaves are tortured and murdered around him, he decides his only hope of freedom is to become as violent as his captors.

PRODUCER Samantha Jennings, Kristina Ceyton, Rita Walsh **DIRECTOR** Rodd Rathjen **SCREENWRITER** Rodd Rathjen **LEAD ACTOR** Sarm Heng **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Thanawut Kasro. Mony Ros **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Michael Latham **EDITOR** Graeme Pereira **COMPOSER** Lawrence English **SOUND** Sam Petty **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Bethany Ryan **COSTUME DESIGNER** Kanchana Samrit HAIR AND MAKEUP Rachana Buon **CASTING DIRECTOR** Non Jungmeier

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE **SCREENPLAY** ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION M RUNNING TIME** 96 mins **DISTRIBUTOR BONSAI FILMS RELEASE MONTH NOVEMBER 2018** BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE **SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION M RUNNING TIME 92 mins DISTRIBUTOR UMBRELLA RELEASE MONTH SEPTEMBER**





CELESTE

Celeste was once Australia's most beloved opera singer. Yet she threw it all away to follow the man she loved to a crumbling property deep in the rainforests of Tropical North Queensland. Ten years after his tragic death, Celeste is ready to make one final return to the stage. But her stepson Jack, still haunted by the past, arrives at her behest amidst the preparations for the performance and finds Celeste is as he remembered beautiful, intoxicating and dangerous. When Celeste asks Jack for an impossible favour, the secrets that drove them apart explode back into rhapsodic life.

PRODUCER Lizzette Atkins, Raphael Cocks

DIRECTOR Ben Hackworth **SCREENWRITER** Ben Hackworth. Bille Brown **LEAD ACTOR** Thomas Cocquerel **LEAD ACTRESS** Radha Mitchell **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Odessa Young. Nadine Garner **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Katie Milwright **EDITOR** Peter Carrodus **COMPOSER** Jackson Milas, Antony Partos **SOUND** Dane Cody, Sam Gain-Emery, Phil Hevwood, Lachlan Harris **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Ross Wallace **COSTUME DESIGNER** Erin Roche HAIR AND MAKEUP Gail Kane. Jodie Hellingman

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE **SCREENPLAY** ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION M RUNNING TIME 105 mins DISTRIBUTOR CURIOUS FILM RELEASE MONTH APRIL**

CHOCOLATE OYSTER

CHOCOLATE OYSTER follows twentysomethings Ellie and Taylor, who live in Bondi apartments they can't really afford. and pursue their dreams in a city that seems intent on thwarting them. Taylor chases a dance career by day and works as a waitress at night, while supporting her new boyfriend Henry, an aspiring playwright. Tired of being with a dependent boyfriend, Ellie ends her relationship and begins to see Craig, a chef who dreams of creating a signature dish. With the story work-shopped between actors and director, and a great deal of improvisation. the monochrome CHOCOLATE OYSTER has a breezy quality that reflects both the beauty and difficulty of life in Sydney.

SCREENWRITER Steve Jaggi **LEAD ACTOR** Ryan Harrison, Aaron Glenane **LEAD ACTRESS** Rosie Lourde. Anna Lawrence **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Stephen Multari **SUPPORTING ACTRESS Stephanie King CINEMATOGRAPHER** Rhiannon Bannenberg **EDITOR** Adrian Powers, Paul Murphy **COMPOSER** Angela Little **SOUND** Craig Beckett

PRODUCER Christine Luby, Steve Jaggi

DIRECTOR Steve Jaggi

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE **SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 77 mins DISTRIBUTOR** INDIE VILLAGE **RELEASE MONTH MARCH**



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THE COMBINATION REDEMPTION

Six years have passed, and Lebanese-Australian John Morkos remains haunted by the events that led to his death of his brother. As John begins to rebuild his life, he finds solace in the boxing ring at his local gymnasium. Meanwhile, tensions are building on the streets of western Sydney, as a ruthless new crime boss, Nas, seeks to expand his empire, and the formation of a radical group of white supremacists threatens to shatter the social fabric of the entire community.

PRODUCER George Basha, David Field,
John Tedesco
DIRECTOR David Field
SCREENWRITER George Basha
LEAD ACTOR George Basha
LEAD ACTOR George Basha
LEAD ACTRESS Abbey Aziz
SUPPORTING ACTOR Tony Ryan,
Johnny Nasser, Simon Elrahi
CINEMATOGRAPHER Robert C. Morton
EDITOR Shelley O'Neill
SOUND Tim Lloyd

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 103 mins DISTRIBUTOR PINNACLE FILMS RELEASE MONTH FEBRUARY

DANGER CLOSE: THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN

South Vietnam, late afternoon on August 18, 1966 - for three and a half hours, in the pouring rain, amid the mud and shattered trees of a rubber plantation called Long Tan, a dispersed company of 108 young and mostly inexperienced Australian and New Zealand soldiers are fighting for their lives, holding off an overwhelming force of over 2,000 battle hardened North Vietnamese soldiers.

PRODUCER Martin Walsh, John Schwarz, Michael Schwarz **DIRECTOR** Kriv Stenders **SCREENWRITER** Stuart Beattie. Jack Brislee, James Nicholas, Karel Segers, Paul Sullivan **LEAD ACTOR** Travis Fimmel. Daniel Webber **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Luke Bracey, Anthony Hayes, Richard Roxburgh **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Ben Nott **EDITOR** Veronika Jenet **COMPOSER** Caitlin Yeo **SOUND** Liam Egan **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Sam Hobbs **COSTUME DESIGNER** Lizzy Gardiner HAIR AND MAKEUP Tess Natoli, Sean Genders, Anita Morgan **CASTING DIRECTORS** Kirsty McGregor, Stevie Ray

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 118 mins DISTRIBUTOR TRANSMISSION RELEASE MONTH AUGUST



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EMU RUNNER

EMU RUNNER is about the impact a mother's death has on an Indigenous family living in an isolated Australian community. The story is seen through the eyes of Gem, a spirited nine-year-old girl, who deals with grief by forging a bond with a wild emu, a mythical bird of her ancestors. It is a bond she will do anything to keep but one that puts her at odds with a young and inexperienced social worker.

PRODUCER Victor Evatt, Imogen Thomas, Antonia Barnard, John Fink **DIRECTOR** Imogen Thomas **SCREENWRITER** Imogen Thomas **LEAD ACTOR** Wayne Blair **LEAD ACTRESS** Rhae-Kye Waites **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Rodney McHughes. Robert Carlton, Lindsay Waites **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Stella Carter, Maurial Spearim, Georgia Blizzard, Letisha Bonev. Mary Waites **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Michael Gibbs **EDITOR** Jenny Hicks, Nicole Norelli **COMPOSER** Ben Fink, Peter Michael Davison, Glenn Skuthorpe **SOUND** Tom Heuzenroeder **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Lissa Coote **COSTUME DESIGNER** Tiffany Daro

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE
SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION PG
RUNNING TIME 95 mins
DISTRIBUTOR UMBRELLA
RELEASE MONTH NOVEMBER

ESCAPE AND EVASION

After his men are killed in Burma, a lone soldier returns home in search of solace. Hiding a dark secret and confronted by an unrelenting journalist, he's forced to face the ghosts of his past one last time.

PRODUCER Blake Northfield, Jane Corden DIRECTOR Storm Ashwood SCREENWRITER Storm Ashwood LEAD ACTOR Josh McConville LEAD ACTRESS Bonnie Sveen SUPPORTING ACTOR Hugh Sheridan SUPPORTING ACTRESS Rena Owen CINEMATOGRAPHER Wade Muller EDITOR Marcus D'Arcy COMPOSER Michael Lira SOUND David Gaylard PRODUCTION DESIGNER Michael Turner COSTUME DESIGNER Andrew Infanti HAIR AND MAKEUP Billie Weston CASTING DIRECTOR Gregory Apps

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION CTC
RUNNING TIME 97 mins
DISTRIBUTOR BRONTE PICTURES
RELEASE MONTH NOVEMBER



HEARTS AND BONES

A war photographer has just returned home to prepare for his latest exhibition when a South Sudanese refugee appears at his door with a request - that he not exhibit any photographs of the massacre in his village, taken 15 years earlier. What emerges is an unlikely friendship between the two men. While sifting through the photographer's archive, they make a startling discovery: the refugee's daughter, thought dead, may still be alive. As more revelations arise, both men begin to question their past and in their search, they discover salvation.

PRODUCER Matt Reeder **DIRECTOR** Ben Lawrence **SCREENWRITER** Ben Lawrence, Beatrix Christian **LEAD ACTOR** Hugo Weaving **LEAD ACTRESS** Hayley McElhinney **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Andrew Luri **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Bolude Watson **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Hugh Miller **EDITOR** Philip Horn **COMPOSER** Rafael May **SOUND** Angus Robertson, Phil Heywood, Sam Havward, Robert MacKav PRODUCTION DESIGNER Carlo Crescini **COSTUME DESIGNER** Rita Carmody **HAIR AND MAKEUP** Leah Taylor **CASTING DIRECTOR** Kirsty McGregor. Gemma Brown

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION CTC RUNNING TIME 110 mins DISTRIBUTOR MADMAN RELEASE MONTH NOVEMBER

HOTEL MUMBAI

HOTEL MUMBAI is based on the true story of the devastating terrorist attack on the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in 2008. The terrifying assault brings together the guests and staff of the luxurious hotel including wealthy new parents David and Zahra, Russian businessman Vasili, and newly promoted waiter Arjun and Head Chef in a desperate fight for survival. This story celebrates humanity, compassion, courage, resilience and the unwavering desire to survive.

PRODUCER Basil Iwanyk, Gary Hamilton. Julie Ryan, Jomon Thomas **DIRECTOR** Anthony Maras **SCREENWRITER** John Collee. Anthony Maras **LEAD ACTOR** Dev Patel **LEAD ACTRESS** Nazanin Boniadi **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Anupam Kher SUPPORTING ACTRESS Tilda Cobham-Hervey **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Nick Remy Matthews **EDITOR** Peter McNulty, Anthony Maras **COMPOSER** Volker Bertelmann (Hauschka) **SOUND** Sam Petty PRODUCTION DESIGNER Steven Jones-Evans **COSTUME DESIGNER** Anna Borghesi **HAIR AND MAKEUP** Fiona Rees-Jones **CASTING DIRECTOR** Ann Fav. Leigh Pickford, Trishaan Sarkar

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 123 mins DISTRIBUTOR ICON RELEASE MONTH MARCH

I AM MOTHER

I AM MOTHER is a sci-fi thriller about a teenage girl, who is the first of a new generation of humans to be raised by Mother, a robot designed to repopulate the earth after the extinction of humankind. But the pair's unique relationship is threatened when an injured stranger arrives with news that calls into question everything Daughter has been told about the outside world.

PRODUCER Timothy White, Kelvin Munro DIRECTOR Grant Sputore
SCREENWRITER Michael Lloyd Green
LEAD ACTRESS Clara Rugaard
SUPPORTING ACTRESS Hilary Swank
CINEMATOGRAPHER Steven D. Annis
EDITOR Sean Lahiff
COMPOSER Dan Luscombe, Antony Partos
SOUND Pete Smith
PRODUCTION DESIGNER Hugh Bateup
COSTUME DESIGNER Mariot Kerr
HAIR AND MAKEUP Tracy Phillpot
CASTING DIRECTOR Nikki Barrett

JUDY & PUNCH

In the anarchic town of Seaside, nowhere near the sea, puppeteers Judy and Punch are trying to resurrect their marionette show. The show is a hit due to Judy's superior puppeteering, but Punch's driving ambition and penchant for whisky lead to an inevitable tragedy that Judy must avenge. In a visceral and dynamic live-action reinterpretation of the famous 16th century puppet show, writer director Mirrah Foulkes turns the traditional story of Punch and Judy on its head and brings to life a fierce, darkly comic and epic female-driven revenge story.

PRODUCER Michele Bennett, Nash Edgerton, Danny Gabai **DIRECTOR** Mirrah Foulkes **SCREENWRITER** Mirrah Foulkes **LEAD ACTOR** Damon Herriman **LEAD ACTRESS** Mia Wasikowska **SUPPORTING ACTOR Terry Norris.** Benedict Hardie. Tom Budge SUPPORTING ACTRESS Lucy Velik, Gillian Jones, Virginia Gay, Daisy Axon **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Stefan Duscio **EDITOR** Dany Cooper **COMPOSER** François Tetaz **SOUND** Robert Mackenzie. Andrew Ramage **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Jo Ford **COSTUME DESIGNER** Edie Kurzer HAIR AND MAKEUP Kirsten Vevsev **CASTING DIRECTOR** Kirsty McGregor

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION M
CLASSIFICATION CTC
RUNNING TIME 114 mins
DISTRIBUTOR NETFLIX
RELEASE MONTH JUNE
SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION CTC
RUNNING TIME 106 mins
DISTRIBUTOR MADMAN
RELEASE MONTH JUNE
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JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

PRODUCER Neil Goss

Broken teens facing incarceration for a crime they were forced to commit decide not to accept their destiny and go about making a new one. The Juvenile Delinquents (JD's) form a new dysfunctional family as they manoeuvre around problems manifesting from their youth, competitiveness, irrationality and the gruesomeness of their new lives. Nobody said teen vengeance would be painless.

DIRECTOR Neil Goss
SCREENWRITER Neil Goss
LEAD ACTOR Phil Blevins, Cha-tah Ellem,
Xavier Michael, Moses Meads, Kaleal Cerafici
LEAD ACTRESS Corynn Treadwell,
Silvia Dionicio
SUPPORTING ACTOR John Living
SUPPORTING ACTRESS Marie Smalley
CINEMATOGRAPHER Dominick Sivilli
EDITOR James Sterling, Nicholas Levanti
COMPOSER Adonis Tsilimparis
SOUND Carlo Albuin, Henry Bellingham
PRODUCTION DESIGNER Marni Brucato
HAIR AND MAKEUP Anthony O'Brien

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION CTC RUNNING TIME 133 mins DISTRIBUTOR INDEPENDENT RELEASE MONTH TBC

THE KING

Hal, wayward prince and reluctant heir to the English throne, has turned his back on royal life and is living among the people. But when his tyrannical father dies, Hal is crowned King Henry V and is forced to embrace the life he had previously tried to escape. Now the young king must navigate the palace politics, chaos and war his father left behind, and the emotional strings of his past life—including his relationship with his closest friend and mentor, the ageing alcoholic knight, John Falstaff.

PRODUCER Brad Pitt, Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, Liz Watts, David Michôd, Joel Edgerton

DIRECTOR David Michôd

SCREENWRITER David Michôd, Joel Edgerton

LEAD ACTOR Timothée Chalamet SUPPORTING ACTOR Joel Edgerton,

Sean Harris, Ben Mendelsohn,

Robert Pattinson

SUPPORTING ACTRESS Lily-Rose Depp,

Thomasin McKenzie

CINEMATOGRAPHER Adam Arkapaw

EDITOR Peter Sciberras

COMPOSER Nicholas Britell

SOUND Robert Mackenzie. Sam Petty. Gareth

John, Leah Katz, Mario Vacarro,

Tara Webb

PRODUCTION DESIGNER Fiona Crombie,

Alice Felton

COSTUME DESIGNER Jane Petrie

HAIR AND MAKEUP Alessandro Bertolazzi
CASTING DIRECTOR Francine Maisler

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION CTC RUNNING TIME 133 mins DISTRIBUTOR NETFLIX RELEASE MONTH OCTOBER





LOCUSTS

Estranged tech entrepreneur Ryan Black returns to his remote post-mining boom hometown for his father's funeral, where he's reluctantly reunited with his ex-con brother. But when he becomes the target of an extortion scam at the hands of a gang of small-town criminals, Ryan is forced to resort to desperate measures, exposing the dark underbelly of the dystopian town.

PRODUCER Angus Watts **DIRECTOR** Heath Davis **SCREENWRITER** Angus Watts **LEAD ACTOR** Ben Geurens **LEAD ACTRESS** Jessica McNamee **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Nathaniel Dean. Justin Rosniak, Alan Dukes, Ryan Morgan **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Caroline Brazier **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Chris Bland **EDITOR** Romain Mongin, Scott Gray **COMPOSER** Burkhard Dallwitz **SOUND** Mark D'Angelo PRODUCTION DESIGNER Carlo Crescini **COSTUME DESIGNER** Zohie Castellano HAIR AND MAKEUP Candice Hickson **CASTING DIRECTOR** Angus Watts

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE **SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 86 mins DISTRIBUTOR BONSAI FILMS RELEASE MONTH OCTOBER**

THE NAKED **WANDERER**

Dumped by his girlfriend and sponsored by media scoundrel Brian King, desolate Jake walks all-but-naked up Western Australia's coast for charity, in the hope that his gesture will win back his ex. Jasmine. That is, until he meets mesmerising backpacker Valerie.

PRODUCER Alan Lindsay, Helen Clucas **DIRECTOR** Alan Lindsay **SCREENWRITER** Callan Durlik **LEAD ACTOR** Angus McLaren **LEAD ACTRESS** Natasha Liu Bordizzo **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Callan Durlik, Jamie Timony, Alan Little **SUPPORTING ACTRESS Megan Smart,** Lucy-Rose Leonard **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Michael McDermott **COMPOSER** Mark D'Angelo **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Nigel Devenport **COSTUME DESIGNER** Nicole Ferraro HAIR AND MAKEUP Hayley Atherton, Kate Anderson

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION M RUNNING TIME 101 mins DISTRIBUTOR UMBRELLA RELEASE MONTH SEPTEMBER





NEKROTRONIC

Howard North, a scruffy down-on-hisluck sewerage-waste worker, mysteriously orphaned while still a baby, learns that he is the only one with the ability to stop a demonic corporate billionaire's plot to devour the souls of a million human beings. And as if that wasn't bad enough, the corporate billionaire is Finnegan... his mother. Nekrotronic is a mind-bending, genremashing, sci-fi-horror film - funny, scary, thrilling and action-packed, this is a cinematic roller coaster, which traverses the full spectrum of human (and inhuman) emotion.

Andrew Mason, Trov Lum **DIRECTOR** Kiah Roache-Turner **SCREENWRITER** Kiah Roache-Turner. Tristan Roache-Turner **LEAD ACTOR** Ben O'Toole **LEAD ACTRESS** Caroline Ford **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Epine Bob Savea **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Tess Haubrich, Monica Bellucci **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Tim Nagle **EDITOR** Christine Cheung **COMPOSER** Michael Lira **SOUND** David White. Cate Cahill. Jed Dodge, Peter Purcell PRODUCTION DESIGNER Nicholas Dare, Peter Owens, Matt Milgate, Di Robertson **COSTUME DESIGNER** Xanthe Heubel HAIR AND MAKEUP Angela Conte, Paul Katte, Nick Nicolaou, Rosemary Saffioti **CASTING DIRECTOR** Nikki Barrett

PRODUCER Tristan Roache-Turner,

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 96 mins DISTRIBUTOR UNIVERSAL RELEASE MONTH SEPTEMBER

THE NIGHTINGALE

Set in 1825, Clare, a young Irish convict woman, chases a British officer through the rugged Tasmanian wilderness, bent on revenge for a terrible act of violence he committed against her family. On the way, she enlists the services of an Aboriginal tracker named Billy, who is also marked by trauma from his own violence filled past.

PRODUCER Kristina Ceyton, Bruna Papandrea, Steve Hutensky, Jennifer Kent **DIRECTOR** Jennifer Kent **SCREENWRITER** Jennifer Kent **LEAD ACTOR** Sam Claflin. Bavkali Ganambarr **LEAD ACTRESS** Aisling Franciosi **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Damon Herriman. Harry Greenwood, Michael Sheasby **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Magnolia Maymuru **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Radek Ladczuk **EDITOR** Simon Nioo **COMPOSER** Jed Kurzel **SOUND** Robert Mackenzie. Dean Rvan. Leah Katz. Pete Smith **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Alex Holmes **COSTUME DESIGNER** Margot Wilson HAIR AND MAKEUP Nikki Goolev. Larry Van Duynhoven, Cassie O'Brien **CASTING DIRECTOR** Nikki Barrett

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 136 mins DISTRIBUTOR TRANSMISSION RELEASE MONTH AUGUST





OUTBACK

Down Under for an adventure-filled vacation. a young American couple quickly find themselves stranded in the unforgiving Australian outback.

PRODUCER Mike Green, Julie Kneebone. Antonia Barnard **DIRECTOR** Mike Green **SCREENWRITER** Mike Green **LEAD ACTOR** Taylor Wiese **LEAD ACTRESS** Lauren Lofberg **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Brendan Donoghue **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Tim Nagle **EDITOR** Alan Harca **COMPOSER** Justin Bell **SOUND** Peter Climpson, Wayne Pashley, Derryn Pasquill, John Simpson **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Courtney Covey **COSTUME DESIGNER** Courtney Covey HAIR AND MAKEUP Lucy Woolfman

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION CTC RUNNING TIME 86 mins DISTRIBUTOR MONSTERFEST RELEASE MONTH OCTOBER**

PALM BEACH

PALM BEACH is a drama/comedy about a group of lifelong friends reuniting to celebrate a special birthday. Sydney's iconic Palm Beach provides a stunning backdrop for the unfolding drama. The good times roll, with loads of laughter, lavish meals, flowing wine and fantastic music, but tensions slowly mount and deep secrets soon emerge.

PRODUCER Bryan Brown, Deborah Balderstone **DIRECTOR** Rachel Ward **SCREENWRITER** Joanna Murray-Smith, Rachel Ward **LEAD ACTOR** Bryan Brown **LEAD ACTRESS** Greta Scacchi **SUPPORTING ACTOR Sam Neill,** Richard E. Grant **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Heather Mitchell. Jacqueline McKenzie **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Bonnie Elliott **EDITOR** Nick Mevers **COMPOSER** The Teskey Brothers **SOUND** Angus Robertson, Phil Heywood. Ben Osmo **PRODUCTION DESIGNER Melinda Doring COSTUME DESIGNER** Joanna Mae Park

CASTING DIRECTOR Kirsty McGregor

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION M RUNNING TIME 98 mins DISTRIBUTOR UNIVERSAL RELEASE MONTH AUGUST



PIMPED

Sarah Montrose is a conflicted, mysterious woman who meets the philosophical, smooth-talking Lewis Blake, Handsome and captivating, Lewis is the bait in a sick and twisted game conjured up with his low-liferich-kid housemate. Kenneth. When the men's sexual game backfires. Sarah has to do battle with a psychopath and her own inner demon.

PRODUCER Annie Kinnane. David Barker **DIRECTOR** David Barker **SCREENWRITER** David Barker, Lou Mentor **LEAD ACTOR** Benedict Samuel **LEAD ACTRESS** Ella Scott Lynch **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Joshua Flavell **EDITOR** Marianne Khoo **COMPOSER** Pete Jones **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Bethany Ryan **COSTUME DESIGNER** Olivia Simpson **CASTING DIRECTOR** Amanda Mitchell

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME** 79 mins **DISTRIBUTOR BONSAI FILMS RELEASE MONTH MARCH**

PROMISED

In Melbourne, 1953, five-vear-old Robert and newborn Angela are promised in marriage by their fathers. Sal and Joe. Against the misgivings of Angela's mother. Sal is insistent that he must uphold his promise to Joe.

Fast-forward to 1974, and Angela is now a beautiful, intelligent and modern lady whose aspirations lie beyond the family pastry shop. Robert, now 25, has returned home from studying law abroad at Oxford. Despite changing times, fading traditions and Angela's love for another man, she is still expected to marry Robert. As a web of secrets, lies and revelations surface, it teaches everyone involved that love, like life. can never be perfectly arranged.

PRODUCER Nathan Primmer, Nick Conidi **DIRECTOR** Nick Conidi, Nathan Primmer, Tony Ferrieri **SCREENWRITER** Nick Conidi **LEAD ACTOR** Daniel Berini **LEAD ACTRESS** Antoinette Iesue **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Paul Mercurio **SUPPORTING ACTRESS Tina Arena CINEMATOGRAPHER** Tony Ferrieri **EDITOR** Katie Flaxman **COMPOSER** Dorian West **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Sean Dennis **COSTUME DESIGNER** Aphrodite Condos

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION PG RUNNING TIME** 96 mins **DISTRIBUTOR UMBRELLA RELEASE MONTH OCTOBER**

REFLECTIONS IN THE DUST

An unspoken event has caused civilisation to crumble, leaving the survivors to cluster in the wilderness. Among them is a blind girl who struggles to survive with her father- a tormented and emotionally abusive clown. There is no future anymore, so the past becomes their only resource for meaning.

PRODUCER Giovanni De Santolo, Luke Sullivan, Carla Sullivan **DIRECTOR** Luke Sullivan **SCREENWRITER** Luke Sullivan **LEAD ACTOR** Robin Queree **LEAD ACTRESS** Sarah Houbolt **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Ryan Barry-Cotter **EDITOR** Shaun Smith **COMPOSER** Dylan Sullivan

RIDE LIKE A GIRL

The incredible true story of Michelle Payne the first woman to win the Melbourne Cup.

PRODUCER Richard Keddie. Rachel Griffiths. Susie Montague, Naomi Cleaver, Felicity Stoward **DIRECTOR** Rachel Griffiths **SCREENWRITER** Elise McCredie. Andrew Knight **LEAD ACTOR Sam Neill LEAD ACTRESS** Teresa Palmer **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Stevie Pavne. Sullivan Stapleton **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Genevieve Morris **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Martin McGrath **EDITOR** Maria Papoutsis. Jill Bilcock **COMPOSER** David Hirschfelder **SOUND** Chris Goodes, Glenn Newnham, Andrew Neil. John Wilkinson **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Carrie Kennedy **COSTUME DESIGNER** Cappi Ireland HAIR AND MAKEUP Chiara Tripodi **CASTING DIRECTOR** Nikki Barrett

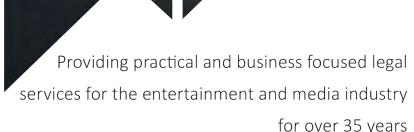
BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 74 mins DISTRIBUTOR** THE BACKLOT FILMS **RELEASE MONTH MARCH**

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION PG RUNNING TIME 98 mins DISTRIBUTOR TRANSMISSION FILMS RELEASE MONTH SEPTEMBER**





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SEQUIN IN A BLUE ROOM

After a chance encounter at an anonymous sex party, a sixteen-year-old boy hunts through the world of a hook-up app to track down the mystery man. Favouring the instant gratification of anonymous, no-strings sexual encounters over meaningful relationships, high schooler Sequin is part of the always logged-on, but never engaged, hook-up generation. He ghosts ex-partners and remains emotionally unavailable. That's until he finds his way to an anonymous sex party, where a whole new dizzyingly alluring world unfolds before him. In one scene, Sequin connects with a mysterious stranger, but they are separated suddenly. Utterly fixated on this man, Sequin sets off on an exhilarating and perilous mission.

PRODUCER Sophie Hattch, Linus Gibson **DIRECTOR** Samuel Van Grinsven **SCREENWRITER** Samuel Van Grinsven, Jory Anast **LEAD ACTOR** Conor Leach **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Anthony Brandon Wong, Jeremy Lindsay Taylor, Simon Croker, Ed Wightman **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Jav Grant. Carina Burke **EDITOR** Timothy Guthrie **COMPOSER** Brent Williams **SOUND** Audrey Houssard, Stuart Melvey **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Anna Gardiner **COSTUME DESIGNER** William Tran

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE **SCREENPLAY** ORIGINAL **CLASSIFICATION CTC RUNNING TIME 80 mins DISTRIBUTOR INDEPENDENT RELEASE MONTH JUNE**

SLAM

Ricky is a Muslim refugee who is proudly assimilated into Australian culture. His estranged sister Ameena, is a hijab-wearing. politicised slam poet who is unafraid to air her views on Australian society. When Ameena disappears, Ricky is forced to revisit his internal conflicts over his own identity as he and his mother desperately search for her. When the right-wing media seizes on the story, speculating that Ameena has fled the country to join the Islamic State, the family suffers a barrage of scrutiny - even as they fear it could be true. Joanne is the troubled police officer in charge of investigating the case.

PRODUCER Michael Wrenn, Tenille Kennedy, Marc Irmer **DIRECTOR** Partho Sen-Gupta **SCREENWRITER** Partho Sen-Gupta **LEAD ACTOR** Adam Bakri **LEAD ACTRESS** Rachael Blake **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Rebecca Breeds, Abbev Aziz **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Bonnie Elliott **EDITOR** Annick Raoul **COMPOSER** Eryck Abecassis **SOUND** Paul Finlay **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Clayton Jauncey **COSTUME DESIGNER** Shareen Beringer **CASTING DIRECTOR** Leigh Pickford

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION MA15+ RUNNING TIME 115 mins DISTRIBUTOR BONSAI FILMS RELEASE MONTH JUNE



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STORM BOY

A beautiful and contemporary retelling of Colin Thiele's classic Australian tale. STORM BOY has grown up to be Michael Kingley, a successful retired businessman and grandfather. When Kingley starts to see images from his past that he can't explain, he is forced to remember his long-forgotten childhood, growing up on an isolated coastline with his father. He recounts to his granddaughter the story of how, as a boy, he rescued and raised an extraordinary orphaned pelican, Mr. Percival. Their remarkable adventures and very special bond has a profound effect on all their lives. STORM BOY is a timeless story of an unusual and unconditional friendship.

PRODUCER Michael Boughen. Matthew Street **DIRECTOR** Shawn Seet **SCREENWRITER** Justin Monjo **LEAD ACTOR** Finn Little, Jai Courtney **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Geoffrey Rush, Trevor Jamieson, Erik Thomson **SUPPORTING ACTRESS Morgan Davies CINEMATOGRAPHER** Bruce Young **EDITOR** Denise Haratzis **COMPOSER** Alan John **SOUND** Des Kenneally, Pete Best **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Melinda Doring **COSTUME DESIGNER** Louise McCarthy HAIR AND MAKEUP Tracy Phillpot **CASTING DIRECTOR** Ann Robinson

SCREENPLAY ADAPTED CLASSIFICATION PG RUNNING TIME 99 mins DISTRIBUTOR SONY RELEASE MONTH JANUARY

SUBURBAN WILDLIFE

With one week left before the departure of their best friend, a close-knit group of university graduates are left facing decisions that will define the rest of their lives.

PRODUCER Imogen McCluskey,
Beatrice Barbeau-Scurla, Sophie Hattch
DIRECTOR Imogen McCluskey
SCREENWRITER Imogen McCluskey,
Beatrice Barbeau-Scurla
LEAD ACTRESS Maddy McWilliam
SUPPORTING ACTOR Alex King
SUPPORTING ACTRESS Priscilla Doueihy,
Hannah Lehmann
CINEMATOGRAPHER Lucca Barone-Peters
EDITOR Adam Shean, Sophie Hattch
COMPOSER Isha Ram Das
SOUND Shane Vancuylenberg
PRODUCTION DESIGNER Alexandra Culliver
COSTUME DESIGNER Alexandra Culliver

BEST INDIE FILM CANDIDATE
SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION CTC
RUNNING TIME 85 mins
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TOP END WEDDING

Lauren and Ned are engaged, they are in love, and they have just ten days to find Lauren's mother who has gone AWOL somewhere in the remote far north of Australia, reunite her parents and pull off their dream wedding.

PRODUCER Rosemary Blight. Kylie du Fresne, Kate Croser **DIRECTOR** Wayne Blair **SCREENWRITER** Joshua Tyler. Miranda Tapsell **LEAD ACTOR** Gwilym Lee **LEAD ACTRESS** Miranda Tapsell **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Huw Higginson **SUPPORTING ACTRESS** Ursula Yovich. Kerry Fox **CINEMATOGRAPHER** Eric Murray Lui **EDITOR** Chris Plummer **COMPOSER** Antony Partos **SOUND** Robert Mackenzie, Tara Webb, Will Sheridan, Pete Smith **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Amy Baker **COSTUME DESIGNER** Heather Wallace HAIR AND MAKEUP Beverley Freeman **CASTING DIRECTOR** Kirsty McGregor

UNDERTOW

Grieving the loss of her stillborn baby, Claire meets pregnant teenager Angie. Feisty and irrepressible, Angie challenges Claire's careful control. Drawn into Angie's world, Claire develops a dangerous obsession that risks both of their lives. Only when Claire is confronted with the terrible secret behind Angie's pregnancy can both women begin to heal.

PRODUCER Lyn Norfor **DIRECTOR** Miranda Nation **SCREENWRITER** Miranda Nation **LEAD ACTOR** Rob Collins **LEAD ACTRESS** Laura Gordon **SUPPORTING ACTOR** Josh Helman **SUPPORTING ACTRESS Olivia DeJonge CINEMATOGRAPHER** Bonnie Elliott **EDITOR** Julie-Anne De Ruvo, Nick Meyers **COMPOSER** Lisa Gerrard, James Orr, Raul Sanchez i Jorge **SOUND** Liam Egan PRODUCTION DESIGNER Penelope Southgate **COSTUME DESIGNER** Stacey O'Connor HAIR AND MAKEUP Marie Princi CASTING DIRECTOR Marianne Jade

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION M
RUNNING TIME 104 mins
DISTRIBUTOR UNIVERSAL PICTURES
RELEASE MONTH MAY

SCREENPLAY ORIGINAL
CLASSIFICATION CTC
RUNNING TIME 95 mins
DISTRIBUTOR MINDBLOWING WORLD
RELEASE MONTH AUGUST