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SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS TO HAYDEN ORPHEUM PICTURE PALACE CREMORNE

The 63rd Sydney Film Festival today announces 26 feature films and documentaries will be screened at the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne during the Festival, 8-19 June.

Bringing the Festival experience to Sydney's North Shore for the fourth year, a selection of films will be screened, across all 12 days of the Festival, in the beautifully restored Art Deco **Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne**. Local restaurant **The Cotton Thief** will offer a special menu for Festival audiences for the first time. It is one of 16 Dining Delights experiences offered exclusively during the Festival.

"The Festival is delighted audiences will again experience the great pleasure of watching important works of cinema, in one of greater Sydney's cultural treasures, the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne," said **Festival Director Nashen Moodley**. "A number of Official Competition films, together with award-winning documentaries and features will ensure the appetite for festival-quality films is satiated in Sydney's North Shore," he said.

"After 80 years, the beautiful Hayden Orpheum continues the tradition of making movie-going a special event," said **Paul Dravet, General Manager of the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne**. "We have proudly maintained standards that perfectly complement special occasions such as Sydney Film Festival, which we welcome back with great enthusiasm. Please join us in celebrating movies at a genuine picture palace!"

SFF 2016 Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne films:

- **A WAR** Denmark | 2015 | 116 mins | In Danish with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Tobias Lindholm | Producers: René Ezra, Tomas Radoor | Cast: Najib Bisma, Lutfi "Lasse" Hassan, Pilou Asbæk | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **ANGRY INDIAN GODDESSES** India, Germany | 2015 | 104 mins | In English and Hindi with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Pan Nalin | Producers: Gaurav Dhingra, Pan Nalin | Cast: Sarah-Jane Dias, Rajshri Deshpande, Sandhya Mridul | Festivals: Pascale Ramonda
- **BLOOD FATHER** France | 2016 | 87 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director: Jean-François Richet | Screenwriters: Andrea Berloff, Peter Craig | Producers: Chris Briggs, Pascal Caucheteux, Sebastien Lemerrier | Cast: Mel Gibson, Erin Moriarty, William H. Macy | Distributor: Icon Film Distribution
- **CAPTAIN FANTASTIC** USA | 2016 | 119 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Matt Ross | Producers: Lynette Howell Taylor, Jamie Patricof, Shivani Rawat, Monica Levinson | Cast: Viggo Mortensen, Frank Langella, George MacKay | Distributor: Entertainment One Australia
- **CERTAIN WOMEN** USA | 2016 | 107 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Kelly Reichardt | Producer: Neil Kopp | Cast: Kristen Stewart, Michelle Williams, Laura Dern | Distributor: Sony Pictures
- **DEMOLITION** USA | 2015 | 100 mins | In English | Australian Premiere

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Director: Jean-Marc Vallée | Screenwriter: Bryan Sipe | Producers: Lianne Halfon, Russ Smith, Molly Smith, Trent Luckinbill, Sidney Kimmel, Jean-Marc Vallée | Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Naomi Watts, Chris Cooper | Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox Film Distribution

- **ELVIS & NIXON** USA | 2016 | 86 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director: Liza Johnson | Screenwriters: Joey Sagal, Hanala Sagal, Cary Elwes | Producers: Holly Wiersma, Cassian Elwes, Cary Elwes | Cast: Michael Shannon, Kevin Spacey, Alex Pettyfer | Distributor: Entertainment One Australia
- **EMBEDDED** Australia | 2015 | 82 mins | In English | World Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Stephen Sewell | Producer: Steve Jaggi | Cast: Nick Barkla, Laura Gordon, Marcus Johnson | Production Company: The Steve Jaggi Company
- **EMBRACE** Australia | 2016 | 90 mins | In English | World Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Taryn Brumfitt | Producers: Anna Vincent, Taryn Brumfitt | Distributor: Transmission Films
- **FRANCOFONIA** France, Germany, Netherlands | 2015 | 87 mins | In French, Russian and German with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Alexander Sokurov | Producers: Pierre-Olivier Bardet, Thomas Kufus, Els Vandevorst | Cast: Louis-Do de Lencquesaing, Benjamin Utzerath, Vincent Nemeth | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **GOLDSTONE** Australia | 2016 | 109 mins | In English | World Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Ivan Sen | Producers: Greer Simpkin, David Jowsey | Cast: Aaron Pedersen, Alex Russell, Jacki Weaver | Distributor: Transmission Films
- **I SAW THE LIGHT** USA | 2015 | 124 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Marc Abraham | Producers: Marc Abraham, Brett Ratner, Aaron L. Gilbert, G. Marq Roswell | Cast: Tom Hiddleston, Elizabeth Olsen, Bradley Whitford | Distributor: Sony Pictures
- **JULIETA** Spain | 2016 | 98 mins | In Spanish with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Pedro Almodóvar | Producer: Esther Garcia | Cast: Adriana Ugarte, Emma Suarez, Daniel Grao | Distributor: Transmission Films
- **LAND OF MINE** Denmark, Germany | 2015 | 101 mins | In English, German and Danish with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Martin Zandvliet | Producers: Mikael Chr. Rieks, Malte Grunert | Cast: Roland Møller, Louis Hofmann, Joel Basman | Distributor: Palace Film
- **LOVE & FRIENDSHIP** Ireland, France, Netherlands | 2016 | 93 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Whit Stillman | Producers: Katie Holly, Lauranne Bourrachot, Whit Stillman | Cast: Kate Beckinsale, Xavier Samuel, Morfydd Clark | Distributor: Transmission Films
- **MAGGIE'S PLAN** USA | 2015 | 99 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Rebecca Miller | Producers: Rachael Horovitz, Damon Cardasis, Rebecca Miller | Cast: Greta Gerwig, Ethan Hawke, Julianne Moore | Distributor: Sony Pictures Releasing
- **MAHANA** New Zealand | 2016 | 102 mins | In English and Maori | Australian Premiere
Director: Lee Tamahori | Screenwriter: John Collee | Producers: Robin Scholes, Janine Dickins | Cast: Temuera Morrison, Akuhata Keefe, Nancy Brunning | Distributor: Entertainment One Australia



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- **MUSTANG** Turkey, France, Qatar, Germany | 2015 | 94 mins | In Turkish with English subtitles
Director: Deniz Gamze Ergüven | Screenwriters: Deniz Gamze Ergüven, Alice Winocour | Producer: Charles Gillibert | Cast: Günes Sensoy, Doga Doğuşlu, Tuğba Sunguroğlu | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **SAINT AMOUR** France, Belgium | 2015 | 101 mins | In French with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Directors, Screenwriters: Benoit Delépine, Gustav Kervern | Producers: Jean-Pierre Guérin, Benoit Delépine, Gustave Kervern | Cast: Gerard Depardieu, Benoît Poelvoorde, Vincent Lacoste | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **SHEPHERDS AND BUTCHERS** South Africa | 2016 | 107 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director: Oliver Schmitz | Screenwriter: Brian Cox Producers: Anant Singh, Brian Cox | Cast: Steve Coogan, Andrea Riseborough, Garion Dowds | World Sales: WestEnd Films
- **SUBURRA** Italy | 2015 | 135 mins | In Italian with English subtitles
Director: Stefano Sollima | Screenwriters: Stefano Rulli, Sandro Petraglia | Producers: Cattleya, La Chuave-Souris | Cast: Pierfrancesco Favino, Elio Germano, Claudio Amendola | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **SUNSET SONG** UK, Luxembourg | 2015 | 135 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Terence Davis | Producers: Roy Boulter, Sol Papadopoulos, Nicolas Steil | Cast: Agyness Deyn, Peter Mullan, Kevin Guthrie | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **THE COMMUNE** Denmark | 2016 | 112 mins | In Danish with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director: Thomas Vinterberg | Screenwriters: Thomas Vinterberg, Tobias Lindholm | Producers: Morten Kaufmann, Sisse Graum Jørgensen | Cast: Trine Dyrholm, Ulrich Thomsen, Helene Reingaard Neumann | World Sales: TrustNordisk ApS
- **THE MUSIC OF STRANGERS: YO-YO MA AND THE SILK ROAD ENSEMBLE** USA | 2015 | 96mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director: Morgan Neville | Producers: Caitrin Rogers, Morgan Neville | Distributor: Madman Entertainment
- **THE OLIVE TREE** Spain, Germany | 2016 | 98 mins | In Spanish | Australian Premiere
Director: Icíar Bollain | Screenwriter: Paul Laverty | Producer: Juan Gordon | Cast: Anna Castillo, Javier Gutiérrez, Pep Ambròs | World Sales: Seville International
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9** Iran | 2015 | 102 mins | In Farsi with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director: Vahid Jalilvand | Screenwriters: Ali Zarnegar, Vahid Jalilvand, Hossein Mahkam | Producers: Ali Jalilvand, Mohammad Hossein Latifi | Cast: Niki Karimi, Amir Aghaei, Shahrokh Feroootanian | World Sales: Noori Pictures

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Sydney Film Festival runs 8 – 19 June 2016.

Tickets for Sydney Film Festival 2016 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au for more information.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 8 June** to **Sunday 19 June 2016**, the 63rd 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. 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 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: *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 takes place across greater Sydney: at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, Dendy Newtown, Skyline Drive-In Blacktown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace 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 63rd Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW and Destination 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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