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FESTIVAL PROGRAM

SUMMER 2015/16

SCREENWAVE
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL



Artistic Director, Kate Howat

Welcome to the inaugural Screenwave International Film Festival!

SWIFF is about sharing stories and ideas from around the globe with a local audience. Created locally for the community, our small, dedicated team is passionate about the power of film, in its universality and ability to create connections that cross boundaries of language and culture.

To mark this momentous occasion, we have sourced some of the finest films from around the world, exhibited in some of our region's most historical theatres. With over 38 film sessions across both coastal Coffs and beautiful Bellingen, you can discover a wealth of new stories and cultures, meet the filmmakers behind some of Australia's newest feature films and share in the magic of cinema. This year's theme More Than Movies is about seeing beyond; to a world of possibilities, accessibility and discovery. Come meet the country's newest talents in filmmaking, enjoy free outdoor cinema nights, guest panel discussions, and so much more!

On behalf of our team, I hope you enjoy the festival and discover something new and exciting to share.

See you at the movies!



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FESTIVAL PASSES**

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Festival Pass \$150

**All Festival Passes include booking fee and excl. opening & closing night

CLASSIFICATIONS

All films are 18+ unless specified otherwise.

Outdoor screenings are open to all ages, but people under the age of 15

must attend in the company of an adult guardian.

Check www.swiff.com.au for any program changes.

Times do not include Q&As, guest speakers or introductions.

SWIFF 2015/16 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	FILM		
Sun Dec 27th	BELLINGEN SHOWGROUND - FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING			
	6:30pm	The Prophet CTC 84mins		
Wed Dec 30th	COFFS HARBOUR RACECOURSE - FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING			
	6:30pm	Song of the Sea CTC 90mins		
Sat Jan 2nd	JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE - OPENING NIGHT			
	6:30pm	Putuppari and the Rainmakers M 97mins - Under Skin, In Blood	G	RP
Sun Jan 3rd	BELLINGEN MEMORIAL HALL			
	11:30am	The Salt Trail PG 65mins - The Winter Surf - Still Swell at 85		
	2:00pm	FREE SCREENING Gayby Baby PG 85mins		RP
	4:30pm	Putuppari and the Rainmakers M 97mins - You Turn	G	RP
	7:00pm	The Duke of Burgundy MA15+ 106mins		RP
Thu Jan 7th	JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE			
	12:30pm	FREE SCREENING Gayby Baby PG 85mins		
	3:30pm	The Wolfpack M 84mins		
	6:30pm	Broke MA 15+ 105mins - Man Real	G	NSW P
	8:45pm	The Gift M 108mins		
Sat Jan 9th	BELLINGEN MEMORIAL HALL - SUMMER SCREAMERS			
	6:30pm	Turbo Kid MA15+ 87mins		
	8:30pm	Scare Campaign CTC 80mins		NSW P
Sun Jan 10th	BELLINGEN MEMORIAL HALL			
	11:30am	Black Hole M 100mins		
	2:00pm	The Wolfpack MA15+ 89mins		
	4:30pm	Phoenix M 98mins		
	6:30pm	Broke MA 15+ 97mins	G	
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	3:30pm	Phoenix M 98mins		
	6:30pm	All About E MA15+ 93mins	G	RP
	8:30pm	The Tribe R18+ 132mins		
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	2:00pm	Tales CTC 88mins		RP
	4:30pm	How to Change the World M 109mins		
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	12:30pm	Far From Men M 101mins		
	3:30pm	The Assassin PG 105mins		
	6:30pm	The Salt Trail PG 65mins - The Winter Surf - Still Swell at 85		
	8:30pm	Tangerine MA15+ 90mins		
Fri Jan 22nd	JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE - SUMMER SCREAMERS			
	6:30pm	Scare Campaign CTC 95mins		
	8:30pm	Bone Tomahawk R18+ 133mins		RP
Sun Jan 24th	BELLINGEN MEMORIAL HALL			
	11:30am	Girhood M 113mins		
	2:00pm	Elstree 1976 PG 90mins		
	4:30pm	The Assassin PG 105mins		
	6:30pm	People Places Things M 86mins		
Wed Jan 28th	JETTY MEMORIAL THEATRE			
	12:30pm	The Second Mother CTC 110mins		
	3:30pm	Tales CTC 88mins		
	6:30pm	CLOSING NIGHT Louder Than Bombs CTC 109mins		RP

KEY
RP = Regional Premiere
NSW P = NSW Premiere
G = Guest
Jetty Memorial Theatre - JMT
Bellingen Memorial Hall - BELLO

SWIFF would like to thank our wonderful audience, our sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who made this inaugural festival possible!

SPECIAL EVENTS

OPENING NIGHT

Putuparri and the Rainmakers

Sat Jan 2, 6:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 3, 4:30pm BELLO
D. Nicole Ma | Australia | M | 97mins

SPECIAL GUEST - Nicole Ma, Director

Awarded Best film at 2015 CinéfestOz, 'Putuparri' spans 20 transformative years in the life of Tom "Putuparri" Lawford as he navigates the deep chasm between his Western upbringing and his determination to keep his traditional culture alive. An emotional, visually breathtaking story of love, hope and the survival of Aboriginal law and culture against all odds.



UNDER THE MILKY WAY

Two gorgeously animated films, outdoors and on the big screen.

Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet

Sun Dec 27, 6:30pm Bellingen Showgrounds
D. Roger Allers, Tomm Moore | Lebanon, France, Qatar, USA | Age recommendation 8+ | 84mins

From celebrated Lebanese-American author Kahlil Gibran comes a breathtaking animation about adventure, freedom, and the power of human expression. Helmed by a powerhouse of acclaimed directors, including Roger Allers (The Lion King), The Prophet features the voice acting talents of Liam Neeson, Salma Hayek, John Krasinski and Alfred Molina.



Song of the Sea

Wed Dec 30, 6:30pm Coffs Harbour Racecourse
D. Tomm Moore | Ireland | English | Age recommendation 8+ | 90mins

This visually stunning Oscar-nominated animation, tells the story of Ben and his little sister Saoirse – the last Seal-child – who embark on a fantastic journey across a fading world of ancient legend and magic in an attempt to return to their home by the sea.



FREE SCREENING

Gayby Baby

Sun Jan 3, 2:00pm BELLO
Thu Jan 7, 12:30pm JMT
D. Maya Newell | Australia | PG | 85mins

SPECIAL GUEST - Maya Newell, Director

Gayby Baby is a touching and intimate look into the lives of same sex families, as told by the kids, that has ushered national debate about equality and rights in Australia. Meet Gus, Ebony, Matt and Graham 10-12 year olds, all coping with growing up – whose parents all happen to be gay or lesbian.



Online bookings recommended through www.swift.com.au.

NSW PREMIERE

Broke

Thu Jan 7, 6:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 10, 6:30pm BELLO
D. Heath Davis | Australia | CTC | 97mins

SPECIAL GUEST - Heath Davis, Director

The first film to be backed by the NRL has its NSW premiere at SWIFF. Broke, the all Aussie drama shines a hard light on problem gambling in the NRL with entertaining and riveting performances from some of Australia's finest actors, including local legends Steve Le Marquand (Rake, Two Hands), Steve Bastoni (The Water Diviner), Max Cullen and rising Hollywood star Claire Van Der Boom.



CLOSING NIGHT

Louder Than Bombs

Thu Jan 28, 6:30pm JMT
D. Joachim Trier | Norway, France, Denmark w/English subs | CTC

Nominated for the 2015 Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or, the multi-layered, non-linear 'Louder Than Bombs' marks the first English language feature for award-winning Norwegian filmmaker Joachim Trier. A subtle psychological drama about a family's tragic inability to connect. With superb performances from acting heavyweights, Isabelle Huppert, Gabriel Byrne, Amy Ryan and Jesse Eisenberg.



SALT OF THE EARTH

A new selection of eco-films with a focus on our environment, our world, and how to change it

Black Hole

Sun Jan 10, 11:30am BELLO
D. João Dujon Pereira | Australia | M | 104mins

Set against the back drop of an ever increasing thirst for fossil fuels by the extractive industry and the Australian government. Black Hole is an intensely riveting expose of the ongoing battle to save the last of an endangered woodland forest from being cleared to make way for the most controversial largest open cut coal mine in production in Australia.



How to Change the World

Sun Jan 17, 4:30pm BELLO
D. Jerry Rothwell | Canada, UK | M | 110mins

In 1971 a group of friends sailed into a nuclear test zone. Their protest captured the world. Jerry Rothwell's self-described 'hippie heist movie' chronicles the fledgling days of Greenpeace – from its beginnings in the early 70s, as a group of friends sail a boat into the maelstrom of a nuclear test zone in Alaska, through its internal struggles and politicking as the movement grew to an international phenomenon.



The Salt Trail • shorts

Sun Jan 3, 11:30am BELLO
Thu Jan 21, 6:30pm JMT
D. Mark Waters | UK, Indonesia | CTC | 78mins

From award-winning filmmaker Mark Waters this visual gem is a sensory and cinematic masterpiece that takes us on a voyage and delves into the true meaning of surf travel. Journeying through Indonesia from the crowded points of Bali to the isolation of The Mentawai islands, this film captures the joys and the pains of exploration, and the rewards that will stay with you long after the journey is over.



WORLD CINEMA

Discover the best new films from around the globe

The Assassin

Thu Jan 21, 3:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 24, 4:30pm BELLO

D. Hou Hsiao-hsien | Mandarin w/English subtitles | PG | 105mins

Winner of the Best Director award at Cannes, The Assassin is a beautiful and enigmatic martial arts film set in 9th century China where 10-year-old general's daughter Nie Yinniang is abducted by a nun who initiates her into the martial arts, transforming her into an exceptional assassin charged with eliminating cruel and corrupt local governors.



Elstree 1976 • Star Wars trivia!

Sun Jan 24, 2:00pm BELLO
D. Jon Spira | UK | PG | 110mins

In a galaxy far, far away In 1976, a little unknown film was shot in suburban North London. This film was Star Wars. No one could have predicted how it would go on to shape cinema as we know it, least of all the legions of on-screen extras. In this affectionate documentary, we meet ten of those bit performers who appeared, however fleetingly, in Lucas' box office behemoth, sharing the stories of their lives and the eccentric community they have formed, travelling the world... all for the fans.



Far From Men

Thu Jan 21, 12:30pm JMT
D. David Oelhoffen | French, Arabic w/English subtitles | M | 102mins

Featuring a superb original soundtrack by Nick Cave and Warren Ellis, Far From Men, is a gripping tale of morality and friendship set during the Algerian War, against an imposing mountainous landscape. The film was widely acclaimed at the Venice Film Festival, with a career-best performance from the multi-talented Viggo Mortensen (History of Violence).



Gabrielle

Thu Jan 14, 12:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 17, 11:30am BELLO
D. Louise Archambault | French w/English subtitles | M | 101mins

As a young woman with Williams syndrome, Gabrielle has a contagious joie de vivre and an exceptional musical gift. Since she met her boyfriend Martin, they have been inseparable. However, because they are "different," their loved ones are fearful of their relationship. Bolstered by strong, natural performances, Gabrielle is a beautiful and rigorous piece of storytelling that takes a sincere look at differently abled young adults.



The Gift

Thu Jan 7, 8:45pm JMT
D. Joel Edgerton | USA, Australia | M | 108mins

Aussie actor, Joel Edgerton stars in this wickedly smart and unsettling directorial debut, 'The Gift'. Happy couple Simon and Rebecca (Jason Bateman, Rebecca Hall) bump into an unwelcome blast from Simon's past, Gordy (Edgerton), who little by little, inserts himself ever deeper into their lives.



People Places Things

Sun Jan 24, 6:30pm BELLO
D. Jim Strouse | USA | M | 86mins

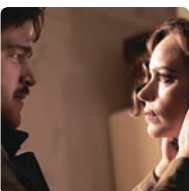
Funny, charming and just a bit cute, People Places Things stars Jemaine Clement (Flight of the Conchords, What We Do in the Shadows) as Will, a graphic novelist navigating fatherhood, teaching and the prospect of re-entering the dating world. A hilarious and heartwarming indie delight.



Phoenix

Sun Jan 10, 4:30pm BELLO
Thu Jan 14, 3:30pm JMT
D. Christian Petzold | German w/English subtitles | M | 98mins

After undergoing facial reconstructive surgery from a disfigurement during the war, nightclub singer Nelly seeks out her estranged husband, but becomes part of his scheme to claim her family fortune. A gripping noir-ish tale of treachery, identity and betrayal, reminiscent of Hitchcock's Vertigo.



The Second Mother

Thu Jan 28, 12:30pm JMT
D. Anna Muylaert | Portuguese w/English subtitles | CTC | 110mins

A beautiful, uplifting gem, 'The Second Mother' centres around Val (Regina Case), a hard-working live-in housekeeper in Sao Paulo. When her estranged daughter suddenly appears, the unspoken class barriers that exist within the home are thrown into disarray. Winner of the Panorama Audience Award at the Berlin Film Festival.



Tales

Sun Jan 17, 2:00pm BELLO
Thu Jan 28, 3:30pm JMT
D. Rakhshan Bani-Etemad | Persian w/English subtitles | CTC | 88mins

Iran's leading female filmmaker returns with 'Tales', a richly layered and emotionally nuanced look at the lives of ordinary people living in Tehran. Originally produced as a series of shorts to bypass government control, Bani-Etemad weaves a powerful and multi-layered feature that garnered her best screenplay at the acclaimed Venice Film Festival. A film not to be missed!



The Tribe

Thu Jan 14, 8:30pm JMT
D. Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy | Ukrainian sign language, no dialogue | R18+ | 132mins

Winner of over 25 international film festival awards, including the Cannes Grand Jury Prize, The Tribe is a shocking, never-before-seen cinematic experience, that won't easily be forgotten. Set at a Ukrainian boarding school for the deaf, the film's narrative unfolds purely through sign language without subtitles or voiceover. Sexually explicit, violent, but utterly captivating, The Tribe is a unique film experience that engages the audience on a whole new level.



The Wolfpack

Thu Jan 7, 3:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 10, 2:00pm BELLO
D. Crystal Moselle | USA | M | 84mins

Six brothers grew up in bustling New York City, but were trapped within the confines of their Manhattan apartment. With an archive of over 10,000 films to stave off their loneliness, the brothers recreate scenes from Reservoir Dogs, The Dark Knight and The Nightmare Before Christmas.



GIRLS ON FILM

Discover the 'other' with fresh new films from a female perspective

Girlhood

Sun Jan 24, 11:30am BELLO
D. Céline Sciamma | French w/English subtitles | M | 113mins

Winner of the critics prize 2015 Alliance Française French Film Festival, the hugely anticipated new film from writer/director Céline Sciamma (Tomboy, Water Lilies), 'Girlhood' is a stunning and emotionally affecting story of female friendship and empowerment, set in districts of Paris that you may never have experienced on screen.



Tangerine

Thu Jan 21, 8:30pm JMT
D. Sean Baker | USA | MA15+ | 90mins

Bursting off the screen with energy and style, Tangerine is a wildly subversive film like nothing you've seen before. A decidedly modern Christmas tale told from the perspective of transgender sex workers on the streets of L.A, the film defies expectation at every turn. Intimate and brilliantly shot, using an iPhone5s (fitted with prototype anamorphic adaptors), Tangerine is a work of unapologetic matter-of-fact insight and wild humour.



Special video intro by Director, Sean Baker

The Duke of Burgundy

Sun Jan 3, 7:00pm BELLO
D. Peter Strickland | UK | MA15+ | 106mins

An ethereal, fairy-tale world of women only, dripping with eroticism, romance with a dark comedic heart. The Duke of Burgundy is a delicious and decadent S&M melodrama from Peter Strickland, the award winning writer and director of Berberian Sound Studio.



All About E

Thu Jan 14, 6:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 17, 6:45pm BELLO
D. Louise Wadley | Australia | JMT | MA15+ | 93mins

SPECIAL GUESTS - Louise Wadley (Dir), Jay Rutovitz (Prod)

The feelgood, sexy, smart, lesbian road movie of the year! Young Arabic Australian Elmira, or E as she insists on being called, seems to have it all. She's a hot sexy DJ at Sydney's top gay nightclub and has her pick of the girls. But E doesn't have a clue about how much of a mess her life has become. All About E marks a strong debut that boasts a marvellous showcase of new Australian talent.



SUMMER SCREAMERS

Turn off your pace makers...hide your children. The best new genre flicks offer plenty of thrills, chills & spills

Bone Tomahawk

Fri Jan 22, 8:30pm JMT
D. S. Craig Zahler | USA | R18+ | 133mins

'Bone Tomahawk' is one of the most brutal westerns ever put to film. A classic tale of four mismatched frontiersmen out to rescue abducted townsfolk from the clutches of a savage "native tribe". Your daddy's western this ain't. Boasting a huge cast, including Kurt Russell, Patrick Wilson, Matthew Fox and Richard Jenkins, this neo-western-thriller from newcomer S.Craig Mahler is a witty fusion of western, horror and comedy and is one of the year's most unique genre films.



Turbo Kid

Sat Jan 9, 6:30pm BELLO
D. RKSS Collective (Anouk Whissell, François Simard, Yoann-Karl Whissell) | USA, Canada | MA15+ | 87mins

The world's first BMX post-apocalyptic action-thriller-comedy-splatter, wowed crowds at SXSW winning the 2015 Audience Award. An homage to straight-to-VHS exploitation films of the 1980s, Turbo Kid is a love letter to everything gruesome, gleeful, and glorious that you wanted from the cheapies 80's genre movies!



Scare Campaign - NSW premiere

Sat Jan 9, 8:30pm BELLO
Fri Jan 22 6:30pm, JMT
D. Colin and Cameron Cairnes | Australia | CTC | 80mins

From the twisted minds of the Aussie duo behind 100 Bloody Acres comes a menacing new fright fest that's bloody good and good and bloody! Facing dwindling ratings, reality TV prank show 'Scare Campaign' ups the ante in a bid to give their audience more than just old-school scares. With Australian icons Sigrid Thornton, John Brumpton and newcomer Olivia DeJonge (The Visit), don't miss the NSW premiere of this dark and macabre experience in new Aussie horror.



FESTIVAL SHORTS

We are proud to have a selection of International and Australian short films accompanying our feature program, including the latest Indigenous shorts from Brown Cab Productions, inspirational surf films, and vignettes from ABC Open, exploring local tales about the land and sea.



Man Real

Thu Jan 7, 6:30pm JMT
Sun Jan 10, 6:30pm BELLO
D. Tracey Rigney | Australia | 10mins

Still Swell at 85

Sun Jan 3, 11:30am BELLO
Thu Jan 21, 6:30pm JMT
D. Dean Saffron | Australia | 4mins

Under Skin, In Blood

Sat Jan 2, 6:30pm JMT
D. Larissa Behrendt | Australia | 13mins

The Winter Surf

Sun Jan 3, 11:30am BELLO
Thu Jan 21, 6:30pm JMT
D. Donggi Kim | South Korea | 6mins

You Turn

Sun Jan 3, 4:30pm BELLO
D. Larissa Behrendt | Australia | 13mins