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MINISTER'S WELCOME

The McGowan Government is a proud sponsor of CinefestOZ through its Regional Events Program. The program was devised as a way for the Government to support medium to large events in regional Western Australia to boost tourism, increase community vibrancy and participation, and develop regional areas.

The Regional Events Program also plays an important role in positioning Western Australia as an exciting destination to visit and a great place to live by showcasing and promoting a region's unique and diverse attractions.

Tourism is a key part of the Government's plan to diversify the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities particularly to help regional economies and communities in Western Australia.

Events play an important role in this plan, with the Government sponsoring a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across the State, through Tourism Western Australia, to attract visitors, encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and do more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys this event and takes the time to explore the CinefestOZ region.



HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA Minister for Tourism



Maurah Mac Tiernan

HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLC Minister for Regional Development

WANDER OUT YONDER WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE MARGARET

Adventure through world-class wineries, tall-timber forests, friendly towns, stunning beaches, epic surf breaks and ancient caves — all in a single day.

Top 10 Adventures

- 1. Share our adventurous spirit try surfing, mountain biking or sky diving.
- 2. Visit the Busselton Jetty to scuba dive or explore the Underwater Observatory.
- 3. Sip through Australia's most premium fine wine region.
- 4. Head underground and tour the magical limestone cave systems.
- 5. Spot migrating whales on a charter from Busselton, Dunsborough or Augusta.
- 6. See wild stingrays and eagle rays as they feed and frolic in the shallows.
- 7. Enjoy a few hours of indulgence over a sumptuous long lunch
- 8. Hike some or all of the legendary 135km Cape to Cape Track.
- 9. Browse Margaret River's eclectic stores and boutiques.
- 10. Climb Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, Australia's tallest mainland lighthouse

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CHAIRS MESSAGE



How exciting to be back at full festival strength for CinefestOZ 2021. This year with the support of the WA Government we proudly present the \$100,000 CinefestOZ Film Prize awarded by a prestigious jury to a new Australian Feature Film for excellence in film making. Once again our own stories will be front and centre at our premiere red-carpet events. Film makers will tell eager audiences their personal tales on the joy and agony of creation. We will all debate and consider what moved us, what made us laugh and how our own world looks on the big screen as we settle on our personal favorites.

This festival includes all its well-loved strands such as IndigifestOZ, Cinesnaps, Community Screenings and the Film Industry Program. There are also some exciting new events as well as wonderful surprises for you to discover.

Together we can again indulge in this cultural feast in the magical heart of the Margaret River region where fine food, renown wine and craft beers are the order of the day; land vistas and seascapes are acclaimed and warm hospitality unprecedented.

Thank you to our many partners and supporters for believing in us and enabling it all to happen. Thank you to the dedicated CinefestOZ Board, the committed team and volunteers who put this event together.

We are thrilled to welcome you all to another amazing CinefestOZ.

HELEN SHERVINGTON Chair, CinefestOZ Film Festival

WELCOME BUSSELTON



I am delighted to be welcoming people to CinefestOZ 2021. This is a fantastic homegrown event and the City of Busselton are proud long-time sponsors. The City has long held the mantle of Events Capital WA. We've worked hard to grow a diversity of events to attract visitors to the region and expand the experiences of local people.

CinefestOZ is our premiere cultural event bringing light, laughter and a sense of energy and excitement to the South West.

I hope you enjoy all that CinefestOZ has to offer this year and thank you for your continued support of this very special event.

MARGARET RIVER

MAYOR GRANT HENLEY





Proudly supporting CinefestOZ 2021

The City of Busselton are proud sponsors of CinefestOZ NDUSTR

Nestled in the tranquil waters of Geographe Bay, Busselton and Dunsborough town sites offer amazing coastal views whilst just down the road, Yallingup boasts internationally acclaimed surf breaks.

> Amidst the region's world class wineries, there is also plenty of micro-breweries and gourmet produce on offer.

While CinefestOZ has captured the imagination of the nation, it remains firmly entrenched in our local psyche. This is evidenced by the level of local support for the event and the many volunteers who work hard to ensure its success.



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WELCOME AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER



We're proud and excited to support the return of CinefestOZ to our local community. This year's inclusive program features a variety of events and activities that everyone should feel encouraged to take part in. The festival is another fantastic opportunity to showcase our unique region to new visitors from across the country, as CinefestOZ connects the South West region in a way unlike any other event. I congratulate the team on bringing together another fantastic season of creativity and excitement to the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River.

SHIRE PRESIDENT IAN EARL









WELCOME BUNBURY

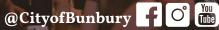


The City of Bunbury has an incredibly creative community that continues to champion the arts in the South West. We extend a warm welcome back to CinefestOZ and the team in 2021, who bring their distinct vibrancy and enthusiasm to the region each year. I am continually inspired by our community's engagement with CinefestOZ across local events. screenings, volunteering and film initiatives. I encourage everyone to get involved with this year's festival and take full advantage of the unique events on offer.

MAYOR GARY BRENNAN



The brighter life











FILM PRIZE FINALIST



SCREENING

Fri 27 | 8.30pm Orana Cinemas

Sun 29 | 10.00am Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

HERE OUT WEST

Nancy visits her daughter in hospital who has iust given birth. Tagging along is her 8-yearold Lebanese neighbour, Amirah, who she is babysitting. It is a bittersweet meeting for Nancy. as her new grandchild is about to be taken away. her mother being deemed unfit by the authorities to keep her. In an act of desperation, Nancy makes the decision to steal the baby, fleeing from the hospital with Amirah by her side. Not long after their audacious escape, a pedestrian is involved in a hit and run. Three young men step in to help, unsure if he'll survive the night. Across eight distinct yet interconnected stories, Nancy's spontaneous flight sets off a chain of events that brings together complete strangers over the course of one dramatic day.

OPENING SCREENING Fri 27 Aug | 8.30pm | Orana Cinemas

IN CONVERSATION LUNCH Sat 28 Aug | 12pm | Chow's Table





Director

Fadia Abboud, Lucy Gaffy, Julie Kalceff, Ana Kokkinos and Leah Purcell

Producer

Annabel Davis, Sheila Jayadev, Bree-Anne Sykes

Screenwriter

Nisrine Amine, Bina Bhattacharya, Matias Bolla, Claire Cao, Arka Das, Dee Dogan, Vonne Patiag, Tien Tran

Starring

Genevieve Lemon, Mia-Lore Bayeh, Christian Ravello, Arka Das, Rahel Romahn, Thuso Lekwape, Leah Vandenberg, De Lovan Zandy, Khoi Trinh, Brandon Nguyen, Christine Milo, Jing-Xuan Chan. Gabrielle Chan



SCREENING

Thur 26 | 6.00pm Orana Cinemas Sun 29 | 12.00pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

NITRAM MIFF@CinefestOZ

Nitram (Caleb Landry Jones) lives with his mother (Judy Davis) and father (Anthony LaPaglia) in suburban Australia in the Mid 1990s. He lives a life of isolation and frustration at never being able to fit in. That is until he unexpectedly finds a close friend in a reclusive heiress, Helen (Essie Davis). However when that friendship meets its tragic end, and Nitram's loneliness and anger grow, he begins a slow descent into a nightmare that culminates in the most nihilistic and heinous of acts.

MIFF@CinefestOZ: A Presentation of the Melbourne International Film Festival Premiere Fund

OPENING SCREENING Thur 26 Aug | 6pm | Orana Cinemas

IN CONVERSATION LUNCH Fri 27 Aug | 12pm | Rustico @ Hay Shed Hill **Director** Justin Kurzel

Producer

Nick Batzias, Virginia Whitwell, Justin Kurzel, Shaun Grant

Screenwriter Shaun Grant

Starring

Caleb Landry Jones, Judy Davis, Essie Davis, Anthony LaPaglia







FILM PRIZE FINALIST



SCREENING

Fri 27 | 6.30pm Sun 29 | 2.30pm Orana Cinemas Sun 29 | 3.00pm Grand Cinemas Sun 29 | 6.00pm MR HEART

Unclassified

RIVER

Rivers are the wondrous sculptors of the elaborate landscapes found on planet Earth. They wear away mighty mountains, scour rock faces, carve deep valleys, and create fertile plains and then decorate them with their meanderings. Rivers are seen as a source of great hope and something to be worshipped. They are where people are healed and blessed, where sins are washed away and the dead purified. Rivers are the arteries of the planet. Wherever they travel life forms can emerge, survive, perhaps flourish, including human life. The will of rivers determined our early destiny. They were the transport routes that enabled and nourished human spread and the boundaries between regions and countries. Just as rivers shaped the landscape, they have also shaped human existence. Rivers are fundamental to human existence but are indifferent to human plans and dreams. In flood they can wreak havoc and in drought they can disappear. And so, extraordinary means have been devised to control them and harness their force. Rivers are irrepressible and, given the chance. possess miraculous powers of recovery. Upon vanishing into oceans, the heat from the sun draws rivers up into the atmosphere ready to fall back to Earth reincarnated.









□ 75 mins

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Director

Jennifer Peedom

Co-Director Joseph Nizeti

Producer

Jo-anne McGowan, Jennifer Peedom, John Smithson

Written By Robert Macfarlane

OPENING SCREENING

FRI 27 AUG | 6.30PM Orana Cinemas

IN CONVERSATION BREAKFAST Set 28 Aug 18 20cm

Sat 28 Aug | 8.30am Equinox Restaurant



SCREENING

Wed 25 | 5.30pm Orana Cinemas Fri 27 | 8.00pm Grand Cinemas Sun 29 | 4.15pm Orana Cinemas

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THE DROVER'S WIFE THE LEGEND OF MOLLY JOHNSON

Molly Johnson's husband is away droving sheep, leaving her alone to care for their four children at their remote Snowy Mountains homestead. Despite being heavily pregnant, Molly keeps various threats, from nature and other people, at bay. But when Yadaka, an Aboriginal man on the run from white law enforcement, intrudes on the sanctuary she has carved out, the brutal hardships and secrets that have followed them both throughout their lives must be confronted.

OPENING SCREENING Wed 25 Aug | 5.30pm | Orana Cinemas

IN CONVERSATION LUNCH Thur 26 Aug | 12pm | Eagle Bay \overline 108 mins Drama

Director Leah Purcell

Producer
Bain Stewart,
David Jowsey,
Greer Simpkin,
Leah Purcell

Screenwriter Leah Purcell

Starring Leah Purcell, Rob Collins, Sam Reid, Jessica De Gouw







EVENTS IN-CONVERSATIONS

The Drover's Wife The Legend of Molly Johnson Thur 26 Aug | 12noon | Eagle Bay Brewing Co



Be front and centre to hear from the filmmakers and attending cast of The Drover's Wife: The Legend of Molly, which is being screened in Busselton on Wednesday 25 August.

Hosted at the picturesque Eagle Bay Brewery, prepare for an afternoon of entertaining conversations about the film over a delicious lunch. Lunch is a substantial offering of canapes, combined feasting plates and dessert, with a welcome beverage on arrival. Drinks, including award-winning beers, are available for separate purchase. Relax over lunch with live entertainment provided by local musicians.

Nitram MIFF@CinefestOz Fri 27 Aug | 12noon | Rustico @ Hay Shed Hill



Join filmmakers and the attending cast of CinefestOZ Film Prize finalist, Nitram MIFF@ CinefestOZ. Learn about the film, which hosts its Western Australian Premiere at CinefestOZ on Thursday night. You'll discover behind the scenes stories of the production process, inspirations and its journey to Cannes.

Enjoy a delicious long-table lunch with friends featuring gourmet, seasonal produce alongside some fabulous Rustico refreshments. Sit back and enjoy the insights from film guests as you overlook the gorgeous view.

River Sat 28 Aug | 8.30am | The Equinox



Hear insights from the filmmakers behind River while soaking up the beautiful Busselton morning sun and enjoying a delicious breakfast. Situated on the Busselton Foreshore, overlooking the historic Jetty, the Equinox Restaurant & Bar is the perfect early morning location to settle in with a reviving coffee and breakfast to delve into the intricacies of River, one of the Film Prize finalist premieres which screens on Friday night at Orana Cinemas Russelton.

Here Out West Sat 28 Aug | 12noon | Chow's Table



Join the filmmakers for captivating conversations about Here Out West, Film Prize finalist. It is a rare pleasure to learn about the making of this film, enhanced by an exquisite lunch surrounded by the Cape Naturaliste bushland at Chow's Table. Chow's Table delivers traditional Chinese/Malay cuisine with a modern twist. The restaurant itself is set before the ever-changing vines of House of Cards Winery, Yallingup, in the heart of the Margaret River wine region. Combining the film's premiere with a relaxed lunch conversation offers a unique festival experience, and is highly recommended.

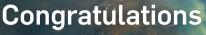
EVENTS

GALA NIGHT Screen Legend and CinefestOZ Film Prize 5.30pm Doors Open | Orana Cinemas Busselton



Gala Night offers the glamour, drama and spectacle you would expect from this award-winning festival's premium evening event.

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SCREENING

Wed 25 | 6.00pm Augusta CRC

Fri 27 | 8.15pm Orana Cinemas

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AKONI

A homeless Nigerian refugee struggles to integrate into Australian society after escaping the clutches of Boko Haram. While living on the streets and on the receiving end of racist taunts from a group of drunken men, a young woman comes to his aid and offers him a place to stay. Struggling with her own heartbreak, she soon finds solace in her unlikely new companion as he opens her up to a world beyond her current life of modelling, parties and social media.

OPENING SCREENING Wed 25 Aug | 6.00pm | Augusta CRC

■ 93 mins
 Drama

Director

Genna Chanelle Hayes

Producer

Genna Chanelle Hayes

Screenwriter

Genna Chanelle Hayes

Starring

Kit Esuruoso, Genna Chanelle Hayes, Mark Coles Smith, Jemima Osunde, Priscilla Marteike Hanson, Ophelia Dzidzornu, Simon Elrahi, Pippa Grandison.

Marlikka Perdrisat.

Gemma Forsyth





WA PREMIERE



SCRFFNING

Thur 26 | 6.00pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

ANONYMOUS CLUB MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

With unprecedented, intimate access to the private life of Courtney Barnett, this innovative and stylised 16mm feature documentary follows a paradoxically introverted performer and anti-influencer, who, at the height of success, is ready to walk away. Long-time collaborator Danny Cohen's feature documentary reveals a woman who finds power in sharing her vulnerability. Recording her innermost thoughts on a Dictaphone over a period of three years, Courtney begins her slow acceptance of Danny Cohen's camera. This unique filming process mirrors Courtney's gradual search for purpose and emergence as an artist embracing her place in the world.

MIFF@CinefestOZ: A Presentation of the Melbourne International Film Festival Premiere Fund ■ 83 mins
 Documentary

Director Danny Cohen

Producer

Philippa Campey, Samantha Dinning

Screenwriter Danny Cohen

Starring Courtney Barnett





WA PREMIERE



SCREENING

Fri 27 | 9.30am Orana Cinemas Sat 28 | 3.00pm Grand Cinemas

ARAATIKA: RISE UP!

From 2008, a group of Indigenous NRL players including Dean Widders, Preston Campbell, Timana Tahu and George Rose led a movement to develop a pre-game ceremony that would be a response to the haka. In 2012, they brought in dancer and choreographer Sean Choolburra to help. Rather than simply taking an existing dance, the players came up with a series of movements that reflected cultural symbols - the clan, the warrior, the boomerang, the spear and a moment of reflection to emphasise that the silences are more important than the words. It was also a process that allowed the players to recognise that there was no equivalent to a war dance in their Indigenous cultures as they are cultures that hunt quietly. Along the way, Dean spoke with Flders Fran Bodkins and Uncle Max Harrison to understand more deeply the symbols of the dance and the way to take the messages of culture to the broader Australian community.

■ 82mins

 Documentary

Director

Larissa Behrendt

Producer

Sam Griffin

Starring

Adam Goodes, Andrew Johns, "Aunty" Francis Bodkin, Bob Morgan, Brad Cooke, Cody Walker, David Kidwell, George Rose, John Jutchinson, Karen Mundine, Latrell Mitchell, Mal Meninga, Mick O'Loughlin, Pam Widder, Ricky Walford, Sean Choolburra, Shane, Phillips, Stan Grant, Stephen Page, Timana Tahu, Uncle Max Harrison, Wesley Enoch







SCREENING

Thur 26 | 6.00pm MR HEART

Sun 29 | 2.00pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

BIG DEAL

Christiaan Van Vuuren is an everyday Aussie – a comedian and a father with a keen sense of faimess. and justice. Christiaan is proud of his country, its peaceful society and its sound political system. So proud, in fact, that he might be a little complacent. Smua, even.

Bia Deal begins with Christiaan mocking the fact that the US democracy has been taken over by big money, but he soon realises that the situation in his home country is not all that different. A wake-up call about the frightening extent to which money has infiltrated politics. Christiaan's unlikely journey shows us why we should care, and how we might work together to ensure our democracy is safeguarded from being sold to the highest bidder.

X 98mins Documentary

Director

Craig Reucassel

Producer

Aline Jacques

Screenwriter Craig Reucassel

Starring

Christiaan Van Vuuren. Jacqui Lambie, Katharine Murphy, Linda Burnev. Malcolm Turnbull. Sam Dastvari, Zali Steggall





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SCREENING

Thur 26 | 3.30pm Orana Cinemas

Thur 26 | 6.00pm Grand Cinemas

Unclassified

BLIND AMBITION

Having escaped starvation and tyranny in their homeland of Zimbabwe, four refugees have conquered the odds to become South Africa's top sommeliers. Driven by relentless optimism, a passion for their craft and unshakeable national pride, they form Zimbabwe's first ever wine tasting team and set their sights on the coveted title of 'World Wine Tasting Champions'. From the moment they arrive in France to compete, this team of mavericks turns an establishment of privilege and tradition on its head. A truly uplifting documentary that celebrates just how irrepressible the human spirit can be.

BLIND TASTING EVENT Thurs 26 Aug | 8.00pm | Mojo's Restaurant

■ 96 mins

 Documentary

Director

Warwick Ross, Rob Coe

Producer

Warwick Ross, Rob Coe, Ross Grant, Neil Harvey, Adrian Mackenzie, Cameron O'reilly, Madeleine Ross, Paul Wiegard, George Hamilton, Isabelle Stewart, Andrew Caillard MW

Screenwriter

Warwick Ross, Rob Coe, Paul Murphy, Madeleine Ross







WORLD PREMIERE



SCREENING

Tue 24 | 6.00pm MR HEART Sun 29 | 12.00pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

FACING MONSTERS

A remarkable portrait of enigmatic slab wave surfer Kerby Brown as he defies logic to take on some of the world's most dangerous waves in the Great Southern oceans of Western Australia. Stunning landscapes and captivating water cinematography by WA's Rick Rifici will immerse viewers as Kerby rolls the dice chasing an audacious dream.

OPENING SCREENING
Tue 24 Aug | 6.00pm | MR Heart

IN CONVERSATION LUNCH Wed 25 Aug | 12pm | Burger Baby ■ 94 mins
 Documentary

Director Bentley Dean

Bentley Dean

Executive Producers

Frank Chidiac
Susanne Morrison

Producer Chris Veerhuis

Starring Kerby Brown, Cortney Brown, Glenn Brown, Nicole Jardine









SCREENING

Fri 27 | 12.30pm Orana Cinemas



FIRESTARTER: THE STORY OF BANGARRA

Firestarter marks Bangarra Dance Theatre's 30th anniversary. Taking us through Bangarra's birth and spectacular growth, the film recognises Bangarra's founders and tells the story of how three young Aboriginal brothers — Stephen, David and Russell Page — turned the newly born dance group into a First Nations cultural powerhouse. Through the eyes of the brother's and company alumni, Firestarter explores the loss and reclaiming of culture, the burden of intergenerational trauma, and - crucially - the power of art as a messenger for social change and healing.

X 100 mins Documentary

Director

Wavne Blair. Nel Minchin

Producer

Ivan O'Mahonev

Screenwriter

Wayne Blair, Nel Minchin





SCREENING

Thur 26 | 8.30pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

GIRL LIKE YOU

When Lauren first saw Lewis smashing out the drums on stage, with smudged eveliner, knotted hair and ripped jeans, she fell in love. Lewis had been open about identifying as transgender, but was still physically presenting as male and fairly certain he'd stay that way. Six months into their relationship. Lewis tells Lauren that he wants to medically transition genders, change pronouns from He to She, and become Elle. Over six years, we watch a couple desperate to stay together, as they navigate the effects of new body parts, changing gender roles as well as battling their own evolving sexual identities. Girl Like You uses the dramatic reality of changing genders while in a relationship to explore the larger thematic questions of the fluidity of gender and sexual identity, and the self sacrifice required to nurture a lover through life.

PRE-SCREENING RED CARPET AND FILMMAKER Q&A

Director

Frances Elliott, Samantha Marlowe

Producer

Cody Greenwood

Screenwriter

Frances Elliott, Samantha Marlowe

Starring

Elloise Walsh, Lauren Black



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SCREENING

Sat 28 | 2.30pm Orana Cinemas

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HATING PETER TATCHELL MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

From Executive Producers Elton John and David Furnish. Hating Peter Tatchell is the powerful and inspiring true story of the controversial human rights campaigner whose provocative acts of civil disobedience rocked the British establishment, revolutionise attitudes to homosexuality and exposed world tyrants. As social attitudes change and history vindicates Peter's stance on gay rights, his David versus Goliath battles gradually win him status as a national treasure. Featuring an amazing array of rare archive and an intimate conversation between celebrated actor lan McKellen and Peter himself. as well as evocative interviews with the likes of former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, activist Angela Mason, and actor Stephen Fry, this film explores what motivates Peter Tatchell's lifelong fight for equality. It follows Peter now as he embarks on his riskiest crusade. vet by seeking to disrupt the FIFA World Cup in Moscow to draw attention to the persecution of LGBT+ people in Russia and Chechnva.

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ORANA CINEMAS ∑ 91 mins
 Documentary

Director

Christophen Amos

Producer

Veronica Fury, Lee Matthews, Christopher Amos

Screenwriter Christophen Amos

Starring Peter Tatchell.

Peter Iatchell, Ian McKellan



SCREENING

Fri 27 | 3.30pm Orana Cinemas

Sat 28 | 11.00am Grand Cinemas

Unclassified

HOMESPUN

In a thirsty regional town, dynamic duo Georgina (George) McPherson and her best friend Pauline (Paul) Nicholls get their big break in a new show about life in the bush. Tired of having to subscribe to an old school vibe, George and Paul propose a refreshed angle about life on the land that relies less on the despair and more on the magic. When their vibrant version is thrown out by a broadcast exec in the big smoke, they decide to take the matter into their own hands and stage a shed show that puts the spotlight on stories from the sticks.

SCREENING & IN CONVERSATION
Sat 28 Aug | 11.00am | Grand Cinemas and
The Water's Edge Cafe And Restaurant

■ 84 mins
 Dramedy

Director Socratis Otto

Producer

Bec Bignell

Screenwriter Bec Bignell

Starring

Beg Bignell, Celeste Clabburn, Heather Mitchell, Claire van der Boom, Emily Rose Brennan









SCREENING

Fri 27 | 5.30pm Esplanade Hotel

Unclassified

IGGY & ACE

Iggy & Ace are two young, gay alcoholics who live, work and play together, inseparable by design. But when Ace starts to suffer debilitating panic attacks when hungover, he winds up at a gay chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous determined to get sober. Iggy is horrified, convinced that her friend has been indoctrinated into a religious cult, and views his rejection of their shared lifestyle as a rejection of her. Stung, Iggy does everything she can to disrupt his recovery and keep her best friend close, begging the question: Can Ace's sobriety and his friendship with Iggy co-exist?

■ 60 mins SBS On Demand Webseries

Director

Monica Zanetti, AB Morrison

Producer

Hannah Ngo, Melissa Kelly

Screenwriter AB Morrison

Starring

Sara West, Joshua Virgona, Joanna Tu, Roz Hammond, Dalip Sondhi, Liam Graham

ESPLANADE HOTEL

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SCREENING

Thur 26 | 8.30pm Orana Cinemas



I'M WANITA

I'M WANITA is the story of a chaotic, flamboyant force of nature & her lifelong odyssey to realise her childhood dream - sometimes at the cost of those dearest to her.

Based in Australia's 'Country Music Capital', Tamworth, Wanita, self-dubbed as "Australia's Queen Of Honky Tonk", lives her own unique version of the rough-talking, hard-drinking, country music lifestyle. Devoted to the sound & personalities of classic country and clearly 'born in the wrong era', Wanita commits to walk in the footsteps of her honkytonk idols by recording in Nashville.

Using a combination of observational, on-the-run interviews & live performance, the film follows Wanita over a tumultuous five years as she tries to redirect her reckless life to fulfill her potential & have one last stab at her dream - before it's too late.

■ 87 mins
Documentary

Director

Matthew Walker

Producer

Carolina Sorensen, Clare Lewis, Tait Brady

Starring

Wanita Bahtiyar, Archer, Gleny Rae Virus, Billy Yates





SCREENING

Thurs 26 I 12.30pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

JAIMEN HUDSON FROM SKY TO SEA

Jaimen Hudson's aerial whale and dolphin imagery are stunning. His spectacular photographs and videos reach hundreds of millions of people online and he has been interviewed by media organisations across the world. However Jaimen has a dream to take his talents to the next level and pursue his childhood dream of filming underwater.

Embarking on the greatest challenge of his life, Jaimen Hudson begins his quest to become the world's first underwater cinematographer with quadriplegia. Struggling against the constraints of his disability and the concerns of those around him, Jaimen sets out to prove to himself and the world that nothing will keep him from achieving his dreams. This is his story.

⊠ 90 mins
 Documentary

Director

Leighton De Barros

Producer

Jodie De Barros

Screenwriter Leighton De Barros

Starring

Jaimen Hudson, Jess Hudson, Van Captain Hudson, Lesley Hudson, Peter Hudson, Leighton De Barros





SCREENING

Fri 27 | 6.00pm Orana Cinemas

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LITTLE TORNADOES MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

Introverted Leo is a metalworker at his small town's local plant. After his wife vanishes, leaving him to care for their two young children, he is bereft – barely able to cook a decent meal or keep the household running. So when a recently-arrived Italian colleague suggests that his sister, Maria, act as surrogate homemaker, Leo reluctantly accepts. But can one woman's warm, nurturing presence fill the void left by another, and can Leo yield to the winds of change?

The film distils the many upheavals of 1970s Australia – from immigration and post-war resettlement, to urbanisation, anti-Vietnam War protests and the women's liberation movement – into a narrative about one man's struggle to adapt. LITTLE TORNADOES is a portrait of a country at a turning point and the human desire for connection.

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■ 90mins
 Drama

Director

Aaron Wilson

Producer

Susan Schmidt, Ian Anderson, Christian Pazzaglia, Katrina Fleming, Aaron Wilson

Screenwriter

Aaron Wilson and Christos Tsiolkas

Starring

Mark Leonard Winter, Anya Beyersdorf, Fabio Motta, Minnie Liszukiewicz, Brian Simpson, Silvia Colloca, Robert Menzies, Edwina Wren, Freddy Liszukiewicz, Julie McGregor

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SCREENING

Thur 26 | 8.15pm Orana Cinemas



LONE WOLF MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

Near future Melbourne. Via various modes of surveillance we observe a young woman, Winnie, and her brother Stevie who lives with a disability, caughtup in a web of intrigue involving a bomb plot, inept anarchists, ambitious police and a corrupt politician. The duplicity of Winnie's partner, Conrad Verloc (political activist and police informant) propels these siblings down a treacherous path, their only succor coming in the aftermath, through the actions of police officer Kylie Heat.

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Drama/Surveillance
Thriller

Director

Jonathan Ogilvie

Producer

Mat Govoni, Adam White & Lee Hubber

Screenwriter

Jonathan Ogilvie

Starring

Tilda Cobham-Hervey Josh McConville Chris Bunton Hugo Weaving Diana Glenn Marlon Williams Stephen Curry Tyler Coppin

Lawrence Mooney







SCREENING

Fri 27 | 7.30pm MR HEART

Sat 28 | 12.00pm Orana Cinemas

Sun 29 | 6.00pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

LOVE IN BRIGHT LANDSCAPES MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

In a short life. David McComb gave up secrets in the shape of his songs, as the singer songwriter & driving force of the great Australian band. The Triffids. McComb believed in the power of the song, and in The Triffids' 1986 masteroiece Born Sandy Devotional (with its now-iconic Mandurah cover image) he found a new Australian voice: a poetic vision of broken hearts. cast against the bright expanse of beaches deserts and highways. But McComb's health faltered and after a heart transplant in 1996, he died in 1999, days short of his 37th birthday - leaving a slew of unanswered questions and unrecorded songs. Using his familiar Western Australian landscape as the canvas for his towering psychodramas, the tragedy & triumph of McComb's driven, passionate life is brought to the screen with his poetry & newly discovered letters read by Man Booker Prize-winning novelist DBC Pierre; interwoven with excerpts from 74 of David's songs, Love In Bright Landscapes reveals the man behind the songs - via restored 35mm slides & evocative home movies, and heart-rending interviews with colleagues, family & friends.

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HEART

Director Jonathan Alley

Producer
Danielle Karalus,

Screenwriter Jonathan Alley

Tait Bradv

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SCREENING

Wed 25 I 6.00pm Grand Cinemas

Thur 26 I 3.30pm Orana Cinemas Sun 29 I 6.00pm Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

LOVE YOU LIKE THAT

Love is in the air in the coastal town of Seafront Sands. The mysterious appearance of a young woman washed up starkers on Mim Beach turns the sleepy town into a tailspin. Is she a mermaid, why does she have amnesia, what is going on with her craving for coffee?

OPENING SCREENINGWed 25 Aug | 6.00pm | Grand Cinemas Bunbury

Director

Eric C. Nash

Producer

Sean Gannon, Patrick Kriz

Screenwriter

Eric C. Nash

Starring

Allira Jaques, Mitchell Hope, John Jarratt, Steph Tisdell







SCREENING

Fri 27 | 12.30pm Orana Cinemas

Sat 28 | 10.00am Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

OFF COUNTRY MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

OFF COUNTRY follows the lives of seven Indigenous students as they leave home to spend a year boarding at Geelong Grammar School in Victoria. Among the most prestigious schools in the country Geelong Grammar taught the likes of Prince Charles, Malcolm Fraser, Dame Flisabeth Murdoch, Kerry Packer and Helen Garner, to name a few. Capturing life from inside the boarding house, on the sports field and in the classroom OFF COUNTRY follows the 2020. school year as the pandemic throws boarding school life into chaos. Forcing students home for much of the year. the long lockdown brings the sacrifices required to complete a boarding school education into sharp focus. OFF COUNTRY combines personal observational storytelling and set interviews to canvas a broad range of issues. Driven by the students' stories and told entirely in their own words

OFF COUNTRY creates a historic record of one of Australia's key Indigenous education pathways and a complex portrait of what it is to be an Indigenous child in Australia today.

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ORANA CINEMAS ■ 95 mins Observational documentary

Director

John Harvey, Rhian Skirving

Producer

Charlotte Wheaton, Nick Batzias, John Harvey, Rhian Skirving

Screenwriter John Harvey,

Rhian Skirving

OFFICIAL SELECTION

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE



SCRFFNING

Sat 28 | 9.30am Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

OLEG: THE OLEG VIDOV STORY

People in democratic societies tend to take their freedom for granted. Oleg Vidov's life was different. He came of age in communist Russia. Though celebrated as one of the Soviet Union's biggest movie stars, no amount of fame could save him from a system that tried to control his life. The Soviet film industry did not believe in "stars" but his adoring fans made him one. The powers allowed him to play a western hero in a film produced and directed in the West -- a Soviet first -- but then denied him. the right to accept a contract offered by Dino De Laurentiis for the part of Russian poet Sergei Essenin in "Isadora." His divorce from a vindictive member of Leonid Brezhnev's corrupt inner circle saw him go from blockbusters to bit roles. Even his loval fans could not save him. Thus began Olea's desperate struggle for freedom-a journey that would culminate in his attempt to sneak across a border into the West without being shot. Reinventing himself in Hollywood, his efforts to counter anti-Russian stereotypes were attacked by the same forces that ruined his career decades earlier

■ 97mins
Feature
documentary

Director Nadia Tass

Producer

Joan Borsten

Executive Producer
Nadia Tass

Screenwriter Cory Taylor

Composer Andrea Guerra

Starring

Narrator: Brian Cox, Voice of Oleg: Costa Ronin





SCREENING

Sat 28 | 12.00pm Orana Cinemas

RHAPSODY OF LOVE

Love takes Jessica Flowers (Kathy Luu) by surprise when she's "best woman" at her best friend's wedding where she meets videographer, Justin Judd (Damien Sato). Little does she know that he's not single after they kiss and fate keeps drawing them together.

Rhapsody of Love is the interwoven story of three couples, who are at different stages in their lives, trying to follow their dreams, while navigating the ups and downs of romance; newly weds, Ben Lin (Benjamin Hanly) and Natasha Booker (Jessica Niven) and the love triangle between Justin Judd, Victoria Steer (Lily Stewart) and Jessica Flowers and will love ever happen for her awkward but quirky sister, Jade Flowers (Joy Hopwood). Love is always around the comer when you least expect it and takes you on a rollercoaster ride to the unknown. This film is about friendship, love and gives you hope for the future. It's full of laughs and will make you realise why people fall in love in the first place.

■ 86 mins
 Romantic Comedy

Director

Joy Hopwood

ProducerJoy Hopwood,
Ana Tiwary

Screenwriter Joy Hopwood

Starring Kathy Lu

Kathy Luu, Damien Sato, Lily Stewart, Benjamin Hanly, Jessica Niven, Tom Jackson, Joy Hopwood, Khan Chittenden



OFFICIAL SELECTION



SCREENING

Sun 29 | 12.00pm MR HEART

Unclassified

RUBY'S CHOICE

Ruby, a sweet creative elderly lady who lives alone has undiagnosed dementia. After she accidentally bums her house down, she is forced to shift into her daughter Sharon's crowded home, and share her granddaughter's Tash's, bedroom. Tash goes from hating Ruby to loving her as she learns more about some family secrets and she becomes Ruby's fiercest advocate when Sharon thinks it's time for a Nursing Home. Unable to access services required to keep Ruby safe Sharon is faced with the ultimate dilemma to go against Ruby's wishes or do what she thinks is best for her mother.

RED CARPET EVENT AND PRE-SCREENING FUNCTION Sunday 29 Aug | 12.00pm | MR HEART

Director

Michael Budd

Executive Producer Sir Owen George Glenn

Producer

Michael Budd, Jessica Butland, Holly Brisley, Allison Berger, Bianca Wei

Screenwriter Paul Mahoney

Starring

Jane Seymour, Jacqueline McKenzie, Stephen Hunter, Coco Jack Gillies







SCREENING

Sat 28 | 6.00pm BREC

Sun 29 | 12.00pm Orana Cinemas

STREAMLINE

At 15 years old. Boy Lane is a swimming prospect. with the world at his feet. Inside of the pool he lives a life of rigorous perfectionism. Outside of it, his existence is lonely and hollow. His coach pressures him. His mother controls him. His brothers miss him. And he hasn't seen his father in years.

When his father shows up unannounced to his swim. meet, it triggers his childhood trauma. He suffers a public meltdown which shatters his confidence and derails his career.

He develops a fear of the very thing that defines him: swimming. He guits. He leaves his mother's home and he moves in with his brothers. There, his life spirals out of control.

The film is about his hard fought path to get back in the pool. To do so, he must confront the darkest parts of his soul and overcome the immense psychological obstacles which have controlled his life.

BUNBURY CLOSING NIGHT Saturday 28 Aug | 6.00pm | BREC



X 86mins Drama

Director

Tyson Johnston

Producer

Blake Northfield. Nathan Walker

Screenwriter

Tyson Johnston

Starring

Jason Isaacs. Levi Miller. Laura Gordon. Jake Ryan, Sam Parsonson. Rob Morgan. Hunter Page Lochard, Isaac Drandic

OFFICIAL SELECTION

WORLD PREMIERE



SCREENING

Sat 28 | 10.00am Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

THE FORT

Where do you go... who do you turn to... when home is where the harm is?

Living with family violence, young mother Kitty and her son Tom create a fort that transports them to a series of fantasy worlds that provide an escape from the hostilities they face at home. But, when reality overtakes fantasy, what does a mother do when she doesn't want her son to become his father?

RED CARPET EVENT

Director

Carly Anne Kenneally, Jess Kenneally

Executive Producer Shaynna Blaze,

Shaynna Blaze, Mitu Bhowmick Lange

Producer

Shaynna Blaze, Neva Morrissy, Leanne Tonkes, Carly Anne Kenneally, Jess Kenneally

Screenwriter

Jess Kenneally

Starring

Eliza Charley, Jess Kenneally, Liza Dennis, Dean Bills





SCREENING

Wed 25 | 7.00pm MR HEART

Thur 26 | 3.30pm Sun 29 | 4.15pm Orana Cinemas

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ULURU & THE MAGICIAN MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

Dave Welsman jugales romantic disappointment, recurring health problems and a busy career as a suburban magician. Deciding to chart a new path, he hatches a plan to top a 1983 mega-illusion by David Copperfield: he will make Uluru disappear. While turning this idea into a reality, however, Welsman learns some sobering truths about Indigenous Australians and the Anangu people for whom the monolith is sacred - as well as about himself. Filming around the cessation of the Uluru climb, director A.M. Broinowski, in collaboration with Brindle Films and central character and Traditional Owner, Vincent Forrester, uses an over-the-top premise to launch an incisive exploration: offering insights into fragile masculinity, the conflict between commodification and cultural respect, and the unfinished business of reconciliation. With comedy and candour, Uluru & the Magician captures one man's single-minded devotion to his craft being tempered by the magic at the heart of Australia

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■ 97mins
 Documentary

Director

A.M. Broinowski

Producer

Rachel Clements, Trisha Morton-Thomas, Cristin O'Carroll

Screenwriter

Zac Grant, A.M. Broinowski

Starring

David Welsman, Vincent Forrester

OFFICIAL SELECTION



SCREENING

Sat 28 | 6.00pm MR HEART

Sun 29 | 4.15pm Orana Cinemas

Sun 29 | 6.00pm Grand Cinemas

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UNDER THE VOLCANO

Under the Volcano charts the rise and fall of AIR Studios. Montserrat, the recording studio at the centre of the pop universe in the 1980s. Built by Beatles' producer Sir George Martin, AIR Studios Montserrat was a custom-built, state-of-the-art recording facility tucked away on a Caribbean paradise. In the shadow of an active volcano, the studio not only attracted the biggest musical talent on the planet, but was the birthplace of mega-hits such as Money for Nothing and Every Breath You Take. For a decade. AIR Montserrat formed the backdrop to monumental events in music history including the break-up of The Police, the reunion of The Rolling Stones, and the reinvigoration of Paul McCartney after the tragic murder of John Lennon. After a decade of hits, and at the peak of its popularity, the studio was destroyed when the island was hit by a series of devastating natural disasters. Through personal accounts and backed by a blistering soundtrack, Under the Volcano is the definitive account of George Martin's Studio at the end of the world, a place that generated a perfect storm of talent, technology and isolation, ushering in music that would live on long after the last tape rolled.

RED CARPET EVENT

■ 90mins
 Documentary

Director

Gracie Otto

Producer Cody Greenwood

Screenwriter

Cody Greenwood, Gracie Otto, Ian Shadwell

Starring

Sting, Jimmy Buffett, Mark Knopfler, Andy Summers, Stewart Copeland, Nick Rhodes









SCREENING

Wed 25 | 5.00pm Thur 26 | 10.00am Fri 27 | 10.00am Sat 28 | 10.00am Sun 29 | 10.00am Prospero Dome

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STAR DREAMING

Magical odyssey through time and space, two children explore the mysteries of the Universe from the world's oldest living culture and its largest radio telescope.

X 45mins | Documentary

Director Perun Bonser

Producer

Julia Redwood, Jules Fortune

Prospero Dome Theatre Busselton ArtGeo Cultural Complex on Queen Street



Star Dreaming is a Prospero Productions creation that will hold sessions throughout the week of the Festival in the immersive Prospero Dome Theatre. You can find the dome in the Busselton ArtGeo Cultural Complex on Queen Street.

Head to our website to purchase a ticket to this event and for screening times.

FAMILY FILMS



SCREENING

Sun 29 | 10.00am Orana Cinemas

DIVE CLUB



DIVE CLUB is the story of 16-year-olds Maddie, Lauren, Anna and Stevie. On the surface they're regular teenagers navigating life, friendship and romance, but under the water the skilled divers enter a whole new world of adventure. It's an idyllic existence that's suddenly shattered when Cape Mercy is battered by a cyclone and Lauren, the group's charismatic trailblazer goes missing. The mystery of her disappearance, the arrival of a new friend, Izzle, and with suspicious holes in the official investigation, the girls are plunged into a desperate search of their own that raises more questions the deeper they dive.

ORANA CINEMAS

Director

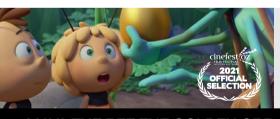
Rhiannon Bannenberg, Hayley MacFarlane, Christine Luby

Producer

Steve Jaggi, Spencer Mclaren

Starring

Miah Madden, Georgia-May Davis, Saana'a Shaik, Aubri Ibrag, Mercy Cornwall



SCREENING

Sat 28 | 2.30pm Orana Cinemas

■ 88 mins
 Animation

MAYA THE BEE THE GOLDEN ORB



When Maya, a headstrong little bee, and her best friend Willi, rescue an ant princess they find themselves in the middle of an epic bug battle that will take them to strange new worlds and test their friendship to its limits.

Director Noel Cleary **Producer** Benjamin Ey, Tracy Lenon.



FRENCH FILM

WA PREMIERE





SCREENING

Fri 27 | 3.30pm Sun 29 | 2.00pm Orana Cinemas

Sun 29 | 3.00pm MR HEART

Unclassified

THE KIDS ARE BACK

Catherine and Yann have been happily married for many years. But since he sold his business, Yann has been too busy with his bonsai trees and Catherine starts to feel neglected. Things go from bad to worse when their broke 27-year-old daughter and her boyfriend lose their apartment and come knocking on their door. With Yann's mid-life crisis spinning out of control and the children's indefinite stay becoming increasingly invasive, Catherine will try everything to kick them out of the parental home and get her life back on track!

■ 83mins
 Comedy

Director

Michèle Laroque

Producer

Dominique Farrugia, Didier Lupfer, Alain Terzian

Screenwriter

Stéphane Ben Lahcene, Julien Colombani, Michèle Laroque

Starring

Michèle Laroque, Stéphane De Groodt, Alice de Lencquesaing, Olivier Rosemberg, Laurence Bibot, Hichem Yacoubi, Lionel Abelanski, Olga Mouak





NEW ZEALAND FILM



SCREENING

Thur 26 | 12.30pm Orana Cinemas Sat 28 | 12.30pm Orana Cinemas Sun 29 | 10.00am Sun 29 | 6.00pm

Orana Cinemas

POPPY



Poppy Simpson, a young woman with Down syndrome, assumes she's entitled to live a life like anyone else yet the person she trusts most puts her in the "disability" box forcing her to find support where she can and to employ secret strategies to achieve her goal of an independent life.

Her ambition to become a motor mechanic – starting with the apprenticeship promised by her late father – is stalled by her super protective brother who has reluctantly inherited the family workshop/garage business. And it's not until she teams up with an ex-school friend who needs his car repaired in time to enter the local burnout competition that her plans progress.

Linda Niccol's joyful tribute to a quietly rebellious young woman who won't take no for an answer makes the point that everyone has the right to fulfill their potential.

✓ 98mins

Drama

Director

Linda Niccol Producer

Alex Cole-Baker, Robin Laing

Screenwriter Linda Niccol

Starring Libby Hunsdale, Ari Boyland, Seb Hunter, Kali Kopae



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In 2021, the festival continues the CinefestOZ Short Film Awards for excellence in Australian short filmmaking. The CinefestOz Short Film Showcase features sets which screen from 24 August and culminate in an awards celebration on 28 August.



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CINEWEST BEST WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SHORT FILM



BEST DIRECTOR



BEST LEAD ACTOR



BEST SCREENWRITER



AUDIENCE CHOICE

Refer to schedule P4-8 for times. Short film sets and locations can be viewed at cinefestoz.com or on the CinefestOZ App.

SHORT FILM

A MAN AND A CAT



Director Kevin Spink

When a lonely salesman arrives home, a fluffy cat walks into his house and opens the door to his heart.

ABORIGINAL WARRIOR



Director Gary Hamaguchi

The incredible true story of Chris Collard, who went from juvie to first Aboriginal kickboxer World Champion in 5 years.

AFTER SATURN



Director Samuel Lucas Allen

Memories and emotions are stirred up late at night in the house of a dead grandfather.

AYAAN



Director Alies Sluiter

When fugitive, Ayaan encounters a man on a rural beach, she must decide whether to trust him.

SHORT FILM

BAMA



Director - Jahvis Loveday

After the first day of private school in the city, a young aboriginal boy reflects on his fear of losing the magic of family and community after being so far away from them.

CADET



Director Edward Morgan

Charged with house sitting for his parents Benjamin spends his days alone inside his house until an unexpected guest arrives.

CHOICE



Director - Sharnya Thomson Yates & Claire Leach

Being transgender is not a choice how we respond to our transgender child is!

CHUCKY BOY BLUE



Director Tim Nathan

On the cusp of adulthood, Vinny and his father must renegotiate their relationship, and confront the father's childhood trauma.

COLD WATER THERAPY



Director Remy Brand

3 childhood best friends take on the adventure of a lifetime to find some much-needed respite from their busy lives.

DESERVE DESIRE



FILTERS



Director Lianna Mackessy

A young woman with Down Syndrome compares herself to an influencer who appears to have the perfect body and life.

HANGI PANTS



Director - Jake Mokomoko

A flamboyant display of Karanga (Maori Welcome) takes place during a tangi (funeral) of a man loved by many, when a succession of exwives show up to outdo each other.

SHORT FILM

HOLD UP



Director Cassandra Nguyen

A shy student gets caught in a robbery at an Asian grocery store as he asks out his crush.

HY BRAIN



Director

A woman's search for love in a technological future has dire consequences.

IN AUSTRALIA



DirectorMiley Tunnecliffe

A desperate woman escapes a violent marriage, only to find the outside world as dangerous as the one she left.

INFERNO



Director Samuel Rodwell

Frontline firefighters battle a destructive bushfire against all odds to protect life and their community from total annihilation.

IT'S A BALLOON



Director Alex Vivian

When a young boy finds a mysterious wrapper in the woods, things begin to unravel for his parents.

KAFANA



Director Marko Cvijanovic

Boban, a Yugoslavian immigrant, leaves his home to make a living playing accordion at a mobcontrolled bar in 1980s Melbourne.

MURDER ON THE DANCEFLOOR



Director Louise Bertoncini

MOTDF re-counts the infamous 1925 murder that took place at WA's Government House and the incredible trial that followed.

ON MY FATHER'S COUNTRY



Director - Vince Carter

Searching for 'old knowledge' on how to survive on country is the passion of self- confessed young 'bushies', bloggers and partners in life Lydia and Jesse of #L&J Adventures

SHORT FILM

OPEN UP



Director Sam Siversson

A closeted morgue technician is confronted by her past during a routine autopsy and is forced to re-evaluate her life.

PAINTING BY NUMBERS



Director Radheva Jegatheva

A child's encounter with classic masterpieces triggers a confronting epiphany.

PEANUT



DirectorTaihra Swaine

When an unexpected pregnancy takes a career focused couple by surprise, they must make a decision for their future.

POOLS



Director Luisa Martiri

A young woman takes a road trip to Brisbane to terminate her pregnancy, alongside her reluctant mother.

RAISING JOEY



Director Stephanie Senior

A photographer's journey to help animals in need and raises awareness of the wonderful work the Wildlife Carers WA do.

SPARKLES



DirectorJacqueline Pelczar

When we are accepted for who we are, we are given the chance to SPARKLE.

STAIRS



Director Zoljargal Purevdash

A young man's dream to make a living is tested when he must navigate obstacles in his path.

SYNTHETIC LOVE



Director Sarah Heitz de Chabaneix

Diane realizes that the man she fantasizes about shares his life with someone very peculiar...

SHORT FILM

TENT GIRL



Director Mimi Helm

A dysfunctional divorcée infuriates her unsympathetic brother by living on his front lawn in a tent.

THE JINJA ASSASSIN



Director - Nathan Keene, Will Faulkner, Matt Henry Perth air guitarist, The Jinja Assassin, battles to become number one at the Air Guitar World Championships in Oulu, Finland.

THE LOST CRYSTALS OF JESSICA'S ROOM



Director - Gary Hamaguchi

Two kids play a game where they use a treasure map to find a crystal in their backyard, but the treasure is not what it seems.

THE MOOGAI



Director Jon Bell

An Aboriginal psychological horror, THE MOOGAI is the story of a family terrorised by a child-stealing spirit.

THE QUIRKY BEST FRIEND



Director Alex Thomson

A conventional "quirky best friend" is thrust into the spotlight in this reimagined version of a classic early 2000s rom-com.

TOOLY



Director Karla Hart

A young indigenous girl struggling to engage with her culture learns of Tooly, the sign of an impending death in the family.

TWO SANDS



DirectorPoppy van Oorde-Grainger

Garang struggles on his first day at high school in Australia, memories of being lost in South Sudan are triggered.

WAIYIRRI



Director - Kiara Milera, Charlotte Ros

A missionary's wife questions her need to 'save souls' after finding solace in her new friendship with a Ngarrindjeri woman.

SHORT FILM

WHAT WAS IT LIKE?



Director Genevieve Clay-Smith

Eight filmmakers with intellectual disability ask their parents about what it was like when doctors delivered news of their diagnosis.

WIRUN



Director Chad O'Brien

A young Indigenous girl must dig deep to own her performance of a Shakespearean sonnet in her drama class.

Virtual Whadjuk

Sat 28 Aug | 10am-2pm | Busselton Tennis Club | FREE EVENT



Virtual Whadjuk is a time machine that strips away the city highrises and transports audiences back nearly 200 years, placing them into a thriving Aboriginal Australian culture and pre-city flora, fauna and landscapes, as they existed in the moments leading up to first contact with Europeans. The unique interactive documentary experience blends new mapping technologies, accurately generated landscapes, botanical data, 3D animation and interactive tasks with traditional documentary elements, giving users an Aboriginal body in which to experience a robust and deeply spiritual culture in the hours and moments before the first ship of European colonists arrived.



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EVENTS

Inclusion in Action Workshop

Wed 25 Aug | 12noon | Maker + Co



Inclusion in Action is a unique training workshop for production companies, screen industry practitioners, policy makers, producers and industry services with a focus on gaining a better understanding of the rights and capacity of people living with disability. It focuses on how companies can open pathways to employment and improve the engagement of people living with disability within organisations and productions on both sides of the camera and is underpinned by the principles of inclusive filmmaking. Join Bus Stop Films CEO, Tracey Corbin-Machett and Paul Nunnari to explore inclusive practices in the film industry. WA creative practitioners will have the opportunity to speak to past experiences and understand how our industry can strengthen inclusion to make workplaces safe and welcoming space for everyone.









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EVENTS

RUSSELL ORD Exhibition Opening and Book Launch Wed 25 Aug | 5.30pm | HEART, Margaret River



Attending an event at Margaret River HEART? Be sure to check out 'Rough Seas', a photography exhibition from Russell Ord. His new book 'Main Break' will also be launched at his Exhibition Opening Night on Wednesday 25th August starting at 5:30pm with an introduction from Russell. Join guests for refreshments and Moroccan delights in the Margaret River HEART foyer prior to the screening of Uluru & the Magician 'Main Break' is a powerful consistent, physically demanding and mentally energizing wave, a naturally beautiful playground slotted slap bang in the middle of the social fabric.

The exhibition will run for the duration of the festival until September 6th.

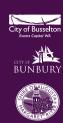
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Grand Cinemas Bunbury



See technology and film come together beautifully in our Cubed Light Projection Installation customised for CinefestOZ by INTR Studios. On display at Grand Cinemas for the month of August, make sure you swing by to see art and tech come to life.





Our Community Screenings span the South West region throughout the festival. The free events are held in accessible venues for locals. This year's program offers a feast of features and short films that reflect Expecting the Unexpected, whether it's unexpected successes, events or the sharing of unexpected stories.

LOCATIONS

AUGUSTA | BUNBURY | DUNSBOROUGH | MARGARET RIVER Fri & Sat, 27-28 Aug

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Times and venues available online



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COMMUNITY DAY.



SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 2021 BUSSELTON TENNIS CLUB 10AM-2PM

Brand-new to the CinefestOZ calendar, this FREE event is set to fully immerse the local community in the festival week highlighting Indigenous films, film guests, foods, and products. Community Day will also include the Virtual Whadjuk experience and the IndigifestOZ Retrospective filmmaker Q&A.

INDIGIFESTOZ RETROSPECTIVE GUEST

Sat 28 Aug | 10am | Free | Busselton Tennis Club

Join us to start CinefestOZ's Community Day, featuring IndigifestOZ with our Retrospective filmmaker Q&A. This celebrates and honours the work of an inspiring Indigenous creative who has made their mark in the Australian film industry.

COMMUNITY FILM – LANTANA 🔞

Sat 28 Aug | 2.30pm | Free

Orana Cinema - Bookings Essential

To round off the Community Day experience, pop down to Orana for a free screening of Lantana, featuring Aboriginal actor Leah Purcell, an icon on stage and screen.





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SCHEDULE

Check the Festival Schedule on P4 and film information in this program. A film may be screened once or multiple times over the festival, and some screenings may have a function attached, so the prices, venues and event details will vary.

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