

A filmmaking opportunity for South West, Great Southern, Broome and Geraldton creatives



2023 Short Film Competition Years 10-12 Entry Pack

Opens 20 October 2022 Closes 30 June 2023

CinefestOZ Schools Program

Cinesnaps is a diverse program for schools presented by CinefestOZ to discover, create and celebrate Australian film. As a medium and a way to connect, film has never been more in demand and CinefestOZ is excited that social media entertainment is offering another outlet for young filmmakers.

Are you a YouTuber, Vlogger or Tik Toker? Do you have a phone, device or camera? Are you a high school-aged student who is creative and wants to have fun with film?

CinefestOZ is calling for all South West, Great Southern, Broome and Geraldton young creatives to enter the Cinesnaps Short Film Competition.

We want to inspire young filmmakers to tell stories and hone their filmmaking, either as a school project, or as individuals.

So get on board!

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Cinesnaps Short Film Competition

The project is based on an annual theme set by CinefestOZ and can be a live action or animated film of 3-5 minutes. Participants need to be in years 10, 11 or 12 and can participate in production teams of up to six students.

Submissions are shortlisted to seven finalists, which are shown during CinefestOZ Festival week (29 August -2 September 2023), at a fun Cinesnaps Grand Finale public screening where they are judged by leading film industry professionals.

Be sure to participate in the Filmmaking Masterclass, "Shoot to Win" to help you along. This is part of CineOnline, with digital pods on directing, sound, editing and more. Access with a Premium school subscription through our website cinesnaps.com.au

Jury Panel

Judging is undertaken by the Jury Panel attending the Cinesnaps Grand Finale. Members change each year and are guided by Jury Panel Chair and Patron, Myles Pollard. Previous panels have included directors Julius Avery, Molly Reynolds and Rhiannon Bannenberg and actors Mark Coles Smith, Emma Booth, Sophia Forrest and the renowned David Wenham, among other leading Australian film professionals.

Judging Criteria

Engagement With Theme: Story has clear, relevant and interesting use of the theme 'The Switch'.	25%
Narrative: Strong storyline with dramatic appeal, motivation, closure, point of view	25%
Innovation: Quality of acting & creative choices in design direction, cinematography, script & locations	20%
Application of Technology	
Audio: Appropriate music, quality of sound recording, sfx, ambient noise, voice over, post production sound levels	10%
Visuals: Camera work - focus, framing, composition, movement, mise en scene, continuity	10%
Editing: Order, cuts, duration, rhythm, continuity, montage, motifs	10%
TOTAL:	100%



Myles Pollard

PATRON Cinesnaps Schools Program

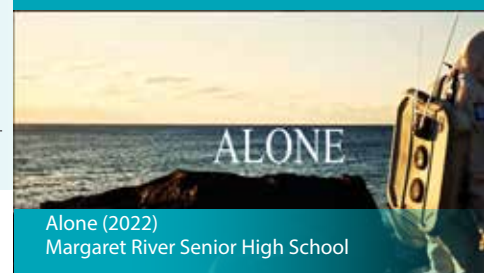
Myles Pollard is an actor, director and producer whose large body of work incorporates television, theatre and short and feature films. He co-produced and starred in the Australian feature film Drift, with Sam Worthington. In 2018, his short film Payne's Find, which he co-wrote, co-produced and directed, premiered at CinefestOZ. Myles is a long time supporter of the festival and Cinesnaps Patron and champion since 2014. He has a Bachelor of Arts Education (Secondary) from Edith Cowan University and a Bachelor of Dramatic Art in Acting degree from NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art).



Aversion (2022)
Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School



Mars Maybe Not (2022)
Great Southern Grammar



Alone (2022)
Margaret River Senior High School



Ruminare (2022)
Busselton Senior High School



W-FILES (2022)
Great Southern Grammar



Lemon and the Pelicans (2022)
Great Southern Grammar

ENTER & WIN!

WINNER:

\$1000 cash prize
Invitation to meet Film Guests attending the Festival
Perpetual trophy to display at your school for 1 year
Individual trophy for each member of the Production Team
Opportunity for photos with the Jury Panel

RUNNER UP:

Individual trophy for each member of the Production Team
Opportunity for photos with the Jury Panel
Selection of cinema tickets

FINALISTS:

Public screening of your film at the Cinesnaps Grand Finale
Feedback on your entry from leading Australian film industry professionals

ENTRANTS:

All production team members will receive a Certificate of Participation
Students with a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in filmmaking may be considered for a volunteer or Intern role with CinefestOZ in the future.

2023 THEME – THE SWITCH



This years Cinesnaps theme is 'The Switch'

Your interpretation can be drawn from a range of genres (comedy, action, romance, sci-fi) and styles (fictional, documentary or animation) – the choice is yours. The key is to make your connection to the theme strong and well-integrated into your narrative.

Let your imagination run wild! Individual, creative storytelling surrounding this theme will really set you apart in the crowd. Also don't be afraid to write a comedy!

Whatever storyline you choose to develop, make sure your short film stands out with innovative use of narrative, application of technology, unique cinematography and creative editing skills. Really engage us!

STEPS TO ENTER

Step 1: Read this Entry Pack and ensure you understand and agree with the Terms and Conditions of Entry.

Step 2: Workshop some ideas around the theme 'The Switch' with your filmmaking friends or Media Arts, Drama or English teacher.

Step 3: Start working with your production team and schedule your workload to complete your film by 5pm Wednesday 30 June 2023. Make sure all Talent and Production Team have signed their Consent Forms (found online with this entry pack) BEFORE you start filming.

Step 4: Head to CineOnline

<https://cinefestoz.com/cineonline-subscriptions/> and check out the resources available to help your planning and production development. NOTE: this includes the FREE step by step 'Cinesnaps Project Breakdown Document'. A CineOnline Premium School Membership allows access to all available resources.

Your film entry submission is done in TWO STAGES:

Stage 1 - Digital Upload

You will need to upload your completed film (under 5 minutes in length) to an online platform such as Vimeo, Google Drive, Dropbox or One Drive so that your film can be easily viewed by judges. If you are unsure which platform to use, please contact Cinesnaps@cinefestoz.com

If you are a finalist you will be notified that you need to provide a downloadable digital version of your film in HD1080p (MOV, MPEG4, AVI are acceptable formats) and 2 film stills within 3 weeks of the closing date. Please have these ready.

Make your video private and ensure it is either password protected or can only be viewed by those with a direct link. Note - if you use a password, ensure you include it on your Online Submission form

Stage 2 - Online Submission

Complete the online Film Entry Submission Form which will be available at <https://cinefestoz.com/cinesnaps/short-film-competition/>

Included in the Online Film Entry Submission Form will be sections to upload all scanned documents:

(a) Parental Consent Forms - Production Team Members (individual form for each team member)

(b) Parental Consent Form - Actors (under 18 years) Consent Form - Actors (over 18 years)

These forms are found with the Entry Pack downloads. Only those entries which meet ALL eligibility requirements and submitted with COMPLETE documentation will be considered for shortlisting so read Terms and Conditions CAREFULLY.

Finalists will be announced around 30 July 2023. Lock in your Diary Thu 31 August 2023 (approx. 4.45pm- 6.45pm) to attend the Cinesnaps Grand Finale public screening and judging of the finalist films. Function details and tickets released with festival program in August. It is a requirement of entry that your production team is represented at the Grand Finale event. Please contact cinesnaps@cinefestoz.com if you need to discuss.

Some selected finalist films may attract an M rating (recommended for 15 years & over) and therefore ticket holders to the event should be mindful of this rating when purchasing tickets.

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ONLINE

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From 20 October 2023

TERMS & CONDITIONS

By entering the 2023 Cinesnaps Short Film Competition ('Competition'), competition entrants ('Entrants') agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions. Failure to abide by these Terms and Conditions may render an Entrant ineligible for the Competition.

Eligibility

- Participants must be in years 10, 11 or 12 at the submission date of 30 June 2023; attending secondary school (public, private or home schooled) or completing similar Education Department approved activity, and be a resident of the South West, Great Southern or Geraldton regions of Western Australia.
- Students from these regions who are boarding in other areas may be considered – contact the Community Manager to discuss.
- The production team on any individual entry can comprise of a maximum of six individuals who meet the eligibility requirements. Key production team roles comprise director, writer, cinematographer, editor and sound.
- Immediate family members of CinefestOZ board or staff are ineligible to enter as key filmmakers. They may participate outside of the key production team roles mentioned above; ie. actor, lighting, costume, make-up
- Subject to above requirements, entries can be submitted on behalf of either an educational institution, youth organisation or independently.

Short Film Entry

Please note, any films that DO NOT meet the below criteria may be viewed and judged in the first round but WILL BE DISQUALIFIED and unable to progress as a finalist film.

- Entries must be between 3-5 minutes duration (including credits)
- Entries can be either live action or animated.
- All entries must have opening and closing credits and must credit all cast, crew and music/content sources appropriately.
- All films should be in English or English subtitled.
- Entries must be received by closing date of 5pm 30 June 2023.
- Entries must be produced between 20 October 2022 and 30 June 2023.
- Entrants may submit multiple entries, as long as each entry differs significantly from any others submitted by that entrant. Any entry can only be submitted once.
- Entries must be original work of the members of the production team.
- The short film entry, synopsis, and relevant consent forms must be submitted in electronic format in their submission.
- If selected as a finalist, entrants must supply two still photos and a HD1080p version of their film within 3 weeks of the entry date.

Content Guidelines

- Entries may not depict violence, smoking, alcohol or drug abuse in a way which is gratuitous or is deemed by the Jury Panel to promote or endorse this type of behaviour.
- The production must not be offensive or have objectionable content. Inclusion of coarse language is strongly discouraged.
- A maximum classification of 'M' is permissible. Refer to or visit www.classification.gov.au.
- The decision as to what content is deemed appropriate will be determined by CinefestOZ with consideration of Film Classification and school public examination guidelines.

Copyright

- Entrants must be the copyright holders of the film and/or have the necessary copyright permissions.
- All film entries must contain credits which list the non-copyright material (ie. music) used in the film
- All copyright, moral rights and rights of personality for all content, music and actors must be obtained by the film maker. Failure to clear these rights will result in removal of the entry from consideration in the competition.
- CinefestOZ takes no responsibility for any failure by an Entrant to obtain the necessary authorisations. Entrants warrant that their production (and any material comprising their productions, including, but not limited to any clip) do not infringe the intellectual property rights or any other rights of any person.
- Entrants fully indemnify CinefestOZ against any loss, costs, expenses, demands or liability, whether direct or indirect, arising out of a claim by a third party or other party.

Use of Content

- Entrants give CinefestOZ the right to use entrant content (including part of any production exhibited by an Entrant) in any form they choose for the Cinesnaps Short Film Competition or other promotional opportunities which may arise.
- The non-exclusive worldwide rights for all media submitted must be available in perpetuity for use by CinefestOZ.
- Submission of an entry constitutes consent by the Entrant for CinefestOZ to use that Entrant's name and/or photo for publicity purposes, unless this is declined on the Parental Consent form.
- Schools or individuals are not permitted to screen the Finalist film in public settings, including online, until post the Grand Finale screening.

Judging

- Entries will be judged on interpretation relative to the annual theme, audience engagement, technical skill and creative innovation in content and delivery.
- Submissions received by 5pm 30 June 2023 will be shortlisted by a committee designated by CinefestOZ.
- A maximum of seven finalists will be shortlisted.
- The Jury Panel will comprise of representatives from CinefestOZ and Australian film industry professionals.
- Entrants accept that the decision of the Jury Panel is final.
- The Jury Panel may disqualify a film if they have reason to believe that it does not comply with the Terms and Conditions.
- Finalists will be notified by email on 30 July 2023.
- The winner will be announced at a public screening during the Festival on 31 August 2023.
- All Entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.