

CANBERRA FILM FILES

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LOCAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

short::seasons winter'004

August 7th at 7pm at the NMA

short::seasons is on again, showcasing some recent works by the best filmmakers working in Canberra. This season contains a number of award winners and festival finalists: *Stand up Straight & The Apartment* – Tropfest 2004 Top 60 & Best of the Rest; *Wednesday* – Shootout Film Festival 2004 Top Ten & Finalist; *A Few Degrees of Dale* – Lights! Canberra! Action! Filmmaking Festival Winner – Best Student Film, Best Director, Best Editor, Best Sound; *Ten Stories* – Snowyfest International Film Festival, Finalist.

There will also be the premiere of the most recent *short::seasons* project funding recipient: *For What It's Worth* by the Masters of Space & Time.

Saturday August 7th, 7pm, National Museum of Australia. ENTRY IS FREE! www.shortseasons.com.au

FREE FILM SCREENINGS – NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Olympic Film Festival – Films with a Greek Flavour

The NMA is screening a selection of shorts and feature films about Greece and Greek people.

Entry to all screenings is Free. For more info: 6208 5006

Saturday July 31st

DAYTIME

DOUBLE FEATURE – The legendary Ray Harryhausen's Stop Motion Masterpieces.

1.00 - 2.30pm

Jason & The Argonauts (1963) PG

Stars: Todd Armstrong, Nancy Kovack

The legendary Greek hero leads a team of intrepid adventurers in a perilous quest for the legendary Golden Fleece.

3.00 – 5.00pm

Clash of the Titans (1981) PG

Stars: Harry Hamlin, Laurence Olivier, Burgess Meredith, Ursula Andress, Maggie Smith

A film adaptation of the myth of Perseus and his quest to battle both Medusa and the Kraken monster to save the Princess Andromeda.

EVENING

7.00 - 9.30pm

The Money rated M (winner Tropfest 2004) & *Tragic Love* rated M (short films) introduced by voice impressionist Lee Perry.

Followed by the Aussie feature:

Beware of Greeks Bearing Guns (2000) M

Stars: Zoe Carides

A romantic comedy about a vendetta gone wrong. The only thing everyone knows for sure is that they have to beware of Greeks bearing guns.

Sunday August 1st

DAYTIME

1.00 - 3.00pm

Bowl Me Over (short film) G

What happens when the ladies in black meet the ladies in white! Greek widows infiltrate a local bowls club.

Followed by the feature film:

My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002) G

Stars: John Corbett, Gia Carides, Nia Vardalos

A comedy about a young Greek woman falls in love with a non-Greek and struggles with her family and their Greek ways to get them to accept him.

EVENING

7.00 – 9.30pm

Head On (1998) R 18+

Stars: Alex Dimitriades, Alex Papps

Ari is a young Greek man trying to reconcile his modern lifestyle with his Greek heritage.

FILM FUNDING SEMINAR

Australian Film Commission

The Australian Film Commission (AFC) will present a seminar to discuss changes to the Film Development Funding Guidelines for Australian film, television and new media projects. AFC On Screen presentations will be held in tandem with the seminars, celebrating AFC-supported films and showcasing the brightest and best short productions recently funded by the AFC.

Two major changes in the upcoming year for the AFC include a low budget digital shorts round with the deadline 3 September 2004 and a low-budget feature development program, including a workshop, with the deadline 1 October 2004.

The Canberra seminar will be held Friday 30 July, 6.30pm at ScreenSound Australia, The National Screen and Sound Archive, McCoy Circuit, Acton. For more information about the Guidelines and Screenings, please contact the AFC on (02) 9321 6444

CALLING FOR SHORT FILMS

Canberra Short Film Festival

Submissions close: September 1st 2004

Canberra's premiere short film festival is calling for entries in the National Filmmaker, Canberra Filmmaker, 25 & Under and Secondary Schools competitions. Short films of any genre and up to 30 mins will be accepted. Cash prizes are on offer. Check out the website for more information: www.canberra.edu.au/filmfest

PROJECT FILM FUNDING WINNER TO PREMIERE

For What It's Worth Premiere

The most recent recipient of the short::seasons project funding will premiere at short::seasons winter'004, August 7th 7pm at the National Museum of Australia. The Masters of Space & Time: Stuart Roberts, Arran McKenna & Daniel Jobson have completed their film titled 'For What it's Worth' a comedy about the value of one's soul.

CANBERRA FILMMAKERS MAKES NATIONAL FINALS

Canberran filmmakers David Eastel and Chris Patz have made the finals in the National Youth Week ShootIT Film Competition and to win, they need people to vote for the film online:

www.youthweek.com/talent_comp/ShootIT_J.asp The film is called *Spare Change* and is the only ACT finalist in the 12 - 17 years category. This success comes soon after their win at the Lights! Canberra! Action! Filmmaking festival held in March where they took out Best Student Film, Best Director, Best Editing & Best Sound for their film *A Few Degrees of Dale*.

CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL

The Chinese Embassy & The Belconnen Community Centre Present – Chinese Film Festival

Friday July 30th

7.00pm *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000) M

This blockbuster martial arts movie is the story of an obnoxious but powerful young woman and a wise and worldly warrior.

Saturday July 31st

6.00pm *Lotus Lantern*

An animated film for children – an ancient Chinese fairytale about a child who saves his mother from the wrath of a god, helped by the Monkey King, a magical axe and the brightly lit lotus lantern.

8.00pm *The Treatment*

Exploring the differences between cultures and the effects of cultural misunderstanding, this film takes place in America, telling the story of what happens when an American doctor mistakes the bruises left by a traditional Chinese remedy for the marks of child abuse.

Sunday August 1st

2.00pm *Lotus Lantern*

An animated film for children.

4.00pm *Shower*

The story of a Beijing bathhouse, its supervisor and his mentally-ill son, this film explores the clash of new and old worlds, Communist and capitalist.

Tickets are \$5 for adult films, \$2.50 children's films

For more information contact Rachel Funari 6264 0235, rachel@belcomserv.com.au

FILMMAKING WORKSHOPS DEVELOPMENT

Canberra Short Film Festival Workshops and Forums

The Canberra Short Film Festival is currently putting together a series of workshops to complement the competitive film festival happening in October this year. They are looking for ideas from the Canberran filmmaking community on what kinds of workshops would be most beneficial. Already in the works are workshops like:

- Basic and Advanced Camera Techniques
- Acting for the Screen
- Special Effects/Horror Makeup
- Short Film Legals – How to Make Sure your Film is Legit
- Short Film Marketing Strategies for Successful National and International Exposure
- Music Composition for Film
- Distributing your Short Film

If you have an idea for a workshop or a particular speaker you think you would find beneficial, please email the festival at canberrashort@iinet.net.au and they will endeavour to provide these workshops during the festival.

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