

FILM FESTIVAL FUNDING ROUND 21/22

Total Projects funded 23 at **\$727,275.00**

1. **Alliance Francaise De Sydney Cultural Foundation Limited, *Alliance Francaise French Film Festival* (\$52,548)** – The Alliance Francaise French Film Festival is one of the biggest French film festivals in the world and one of the most successful film festivals in Australia. The Festival is developing screenings to increase audiences including families and young people across Sydney CBD, Parramatta and Rooty Hill.
2. **Antenna Documentary Institute Limited, *DocWest* (\$50,000)** – DocWest will feature Australian and Sydney premieres of some-of the most acclaimed documentaries from Australia and abroad. Additionally, DocWest will host special events including panel discussions, masterclasses and Q&As by local and international filmmakers - all designed to engage and stimulate a diverse and vibrant Western Sydney community.
3. **Arts & Cultural Exchange Inc, *SWANA Film Festival* (\$55,000)** – The inaugural SWANA Film Festival brings together communities to revitalise the multicultural urban centre of Parramatta through the cinematic language of film.

The Festival will screen contemporary films with a focus on stories of women and gender diverse Arab, Southwest Asian and North African filmmakers. A SWANA-led curatorium will program international and local content for five screenings, convene a panel with an international guest, and host an opening night launch to celebrate the return of sharing stories on the big screen with audience.

4. **Campbelltown City Council, *C-Town Screenings* (\$40,000)** – C-Town is a series of film events in multiple locations across South Western Sydney that will create opportunities for the local community and visitors to engage with Australian cinematic works including documentaries, short films, art films and features targeting children, young people, families, First Nations communities and culturally and linguistically diverse community groups from across the LGA and South Western Sydney.
5. **Co-Curious Ltd, *Eating Here Out West* (\$57,527)** – Eating Here Out West is an evening of film, food and fun, bring people of Western Sydney together to celebrate a vibrant and exciting part of Sydney, which will include the screening of *8 Nights Out West*, a fresh and dynamic television series delving into the diverse culinary hotspots that are shaping Western Sydney - the event will include outdoor pop-up food stalls and music creating a food-festival ambience.

8 Nights Out West is a series that appeals not only to food lovers, but importantly, to a new youthful audience living in Western Sydney who want to see their lives represented and celebrated on screen by those who are living it alongside them.
6. **Croatia House Incorporated, *Croatian Film Festival* (\$8,000)** – The Croatian Film Festival will provide the opportunity for audiences to experience the culture and creativity of Croatia and its film industry. The films are contemporary, and appeal to a broad range of audiences incorporating comedy and drama. Screenings will be held in Western Sydney.
7. **Cultural Media Limited, *Qumra Arab Film Festival* (\$30,000)** – The inaugural Qumra Arab Film Festival will be a dedicated film festival and multimedia event showing films by Arab

filmmakers or about the Arab World. Screening in Western Sydney and South Western Sydney, the festival will showcase, celebrate and engage the film audiences with the Arab world through the medium of cinema and multimedia.

- 8. FlickerFest, *Flickerfest tour South West Sydney and Western Sydney (\$29,000)*** – Flickerfest will engage its 26 years of experience touring to regional NSW to extend its NSW tour creating bespoke community relevant film screening to be delivered to three new venues in South West Sydney and Western Sydney including: The Campbelltown Performing Art Centre, Bryan Brown Theatre Bankstown and Parramatta Park Parramatta in partnership with Parramatta council outdoor events.

The *Flickerfest tour South West Sydney and Western Sydney* is designed to provide a range of indoor and outdoor events that will revitalise the local CBD's and provide an engaging and entertaining screen culture activity of local relevance to these communities.

- 9. International Centre for Indian Cinema Pty Ltd, *Diverscreens International Film Festival of Australia (DIFFA) (\$28,000)*** – Diverscreens International Film Festival of Australia (DIFFA) will showcase and award films that have promoted diversity in various forms from both Australia and around the world.

DIFFA will have a new theme on an aspect of diversity every year and will simultaneously strongly encourage other aspects of diversity to be included in addition to the chosen theme. Screening will be held in Western Sydney.

- 10. Irish Screen Projects Incorporated, *Sydney Irish Outdoor Film Festival (\$53,000)*** – The Sydney Irish Outdoor Film Festival is a three-day festival aiming to breathe cultural life into Sydney's CBD, encouraging community engagement via the showcase of iconic Irish films.

The event will include nine Irish films that explore the diverse fabric of Irish life as well as a 'wrap around' element with Irish musicians and activities accompanying the films for public entertainment and aims to extend the current community engagement involved in both the Sydney St Patrick's Day Festival and the annual Irish Film Festival Australia, centring Sydney as a cultural hub for diverse entertainment.

- 11. 107 Projects, *Love Art Film in The Rocks (\$40,000)*** – Love Art Film is a film festival in The Rocks that aims to entice 5,000 visitors into the heart of Sydney's CBD. Love Art Film will share locally made films about art. Three light artworks will be projected onto Playfair Terrace in the Rocks and a festival of films will be screened both inside the venue and outdoors.

- 12. Kismet Movies Pty Ltd, *Kismet Events Venue Expansion (\$20,000)*** – Kismet presents curated cinematic events that transcend the big screen to create connection, conversation and change.

Screenings in Western Sydney and South Western Sydney will be surrounded by live elements including talent Q&As, panel discussion, performances, music, food and drink, then deep dive into the virtual Kismet lounge full of additional content; Kismet brings together film lovers to celebrate the return to live screen events, not just in cinemas but in unique venues and spaces.

- 13. Lebanese Film Festival Association, *Lebanese Film Festival (\$21,500)*** – The Lebanese Film Festival will be primarily based at Bankstown City Centre. It will celebrate Lebanese 10th anniversary and be the first full Festival since 2019 due to the COVID pandemic.

The festival will present the latest in Lebanese cinema and stories to a national audience, with core events held in Bankstown across several additional venues. There will also be free screenings of short and documentary films, coupled with food, drink and cultural offerings - this is a new offering with the intent of drawing audiences to the Bankstown area and exposing the festival to new audiences.

- 14. Neon Jane Pty Ltd, *Australian Womens Film Festival (AWFF) (\$10,000)*** – Australian Womens Film Festival is a short film festival that aims to support, encourage and celebrate female storytellers by giving them a platform to showcase their talent both in front and behind the camera. The screening event will take place in Sydney CBD.

- 15. Penrith City Council, *Our Voices Film Festival (\$40,000)*** - Penrith City Our Voices Film Festival is a partnership between Penrith City Council (PCC), Penrith CBD Corporation, St Marys Town Centre Corporation, Penrith Performing and Visual Arts Centre (PPVA) and the Nepean Multicultural Agency (NMA).

The Festival will celebrate and bring together the diversity of Penrith's communities within the CBDs of Penrith and St Marys to provide opportunities for young, emerging filmmakers to develop their skills, and for audiences to experience quality screen content across screenings throughout a week-long program that will take place in outside venues, retail and hospitality venues and at The Joan.

- 16. Queer Screen Limited, *Mardi Gras Film Festival 2023 (\$30,000)*** – The Mardi Gras Film Festival is Sydney's LGBTIQ film festival and part of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. For 2023 the Festival will also feature as part of the World Pride 2023 schedule of events. The film festival is owned and operated by Queer Screen Limited a community organisation and will showcase a range of films, short stories and documentaries that resonate with gay, lesbian, queer, gender diverse and transgender audiences.

- 17. SF3, *The 8th Annual Smartfone Flickfest (SF3) (\$10,000)*** – Smartfone Flickfest film festival will showcase emerging and professional filmmakers who utilise smartphones to tell stories. Outdoor screenings will be held in Liverpool and cinema screenings in Sydney CBD.

- 18. Sydney Latin American Film Festival Inc, *Sydney Latin American Film Festival (\$22,700)*** – The Sydney Latin American Film Festival is a six-day festival of Latin American cinema to be held in Sydney CBD and at Casula Powerhouse. The festival will contribute to the activation of these areas of Sydney and Liverpool by providing an event that will bring locals and visitors from other parts of the Sydney Metropolitan area.

- 19. Sydney Underground Film Festival, *The 16th annual Sydney Underground Film Festival (SUFF) (\$30,000)*** – The Sydney Underground Film Festival is a three-day event that will take place at Event Cinemas George Street, Sydney.

The festival will treat audiences to a program of feature films, documentaries, and a wild array of short films from both Australian and International filmmakers. This year's SUFF is all about innovation, experimentation, community, learning the craft of filmmaking and, most importantly, bringing back the excitement of film festival going and assisting in the revitalisation of Sydney's CBD.

- 20. Taiwan Film Festival Incorporated, 5th Taiwan Film Festival in Australia (\$10,000)** – The Taiwan Film Festival brings in an audience of thousands to celebrate Taiwanese and Asian Australian cinematic works on the big screen.

The 5th Taiwan Film Festival in Australia will take place across Sydney and Parramatta. There will be two weeks of screenings including many international premiers, director Q&As, a short film competition and a panel discussion focusing on International co-production.

- 21. The Sydney Film Festival, Travelling Film Festival, (\$20,000)** –The Sydney Film Festival will re-engage and attract audiences back into Western Sydney CBD cinemas by presenting the Travelling Film Festival (TFF) in a weekend festival format aimed at increasing audience connectedness and engagement within these locations.

TFF will aim to exhibit Australian and international films including features, documentaries and shorts, to develop local audiences for independent, arthouse and Australian cinema. This will additionally encourage community engagement, debate and interaction with Australian film creatives.

- 22. The Sydney Film Festival, Sydney Film Festival (\$35,000)** – Sydney Film Festival (SFF) will deliver a series of events designed to attract approximately 2,500 people – of all ages and interests – to Sydney's CBD during the festival's traditional June winter dates. The audience activation events, associated with films screening in the festival, at the Festival Hub, in Sydney's lower Town Hall, will be free and open to the public and aim to attract and engage over 2,500 people (in addition to attendance at SFF screenings).

- 23. Veterans Film Festival Limited, Veterans Film Festival 2022 (\$35,000)** – The Veterans Film Festival (VFF) is an annual film festival event that puts the spotlight on stories about veterans, their families, first responders, and real or imagined genre stories about warfare and its influence on society. For the inaugural screening in Sydney CBD, the program will include features-length fiction and documentary films, short films and other exciting content and films are welcome from veterans and non-veterans.