



FLICKERFEST 2017

26th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Festival: 6th - 15th January 2017, Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia

Tour: January - May 2017, 50+ venues Australia-wide

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION OFFICIAL SELECTION (Alphabetical)

ADELE

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Mirene Igwabi

PROD: Grace Julia

In the face of an African family tradition imposed on her in Australia, 14-year-old Adele is torn between high school & the home where she is a wife in an arranged marriage, & a mother-to-be.

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A TERRIBLE BEAUTY

Australia / 12min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Sarah-Jane Woulahan

PROD: Anna Kojevnikov, Sally Storey

After her father destroys her prototype 'Soulmate' robot, a replacement for her dead mother, a roboticist, Olivia, questions her fundamental belief in a world without suffering & the nature of love.

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ADULT SCHOOL

Australia / 13min / 2016

WRI: Magda Wozniak

DIR: Renee Rutgrink

PROD: Georgina Isles

Lara is excited to be attending the government's new Adult School but her journey toward 'adulthood' is thrown off track when she meets Harry, her new classmate.

WORLD PREMIERE

BABA

Australia / 14min / 2016

WRI: Lyn Chick

DIR: John Fink

PROD: Marcus Gillezeau, Annie Kinnane

A day of traumatic events forces a family dealing with dementia to make a tough decision.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

BEAST

Australia / 20min / 2016

WRI: Carl J Sorheim

DIR/PROD: Christopher Sferrazza

As the anniversary of an accident creeps up on community outcasts Sophie and Liam, so does an impossible choice. *Beast* is about how far you'll go for love inside the small town pack mentality, where the beasts attack and devour as one. If you're not beast... you're prey.

WORLD PREMIERE

BLACK CHOOK

Australia / 11min / 2015

WRI: Bruce Pascoe

DIR: Dylan River

PROD: Belinda Mravicic

They were Australia's bad days. Men killed other men and laughed. All that was left for the children of the dead was to remember; if they had the strength.

BLUFF

Australia / 12min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Aaron L.Ellis

PROD: Lester Ellis Jr

A true story of two young men who embark on an evening of fateful adventure. This night ends in the way one of them had carefully planned, but the other could have never imagined. This story is written, directed and stars one of those young men.

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COMING HOME

Australia / 5min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Summer DeRoche

PROD: Andrea Distefano

Zoe and Ellie were childhood friends who took separate paths after high school. Ellie, now 19 years old, returns home from a year abroad having transitioned to a male, Sam. Zoe nervously avoids him, but soon the barriers dissolve and their old friendship prevails.

WORLD PREMIERE

CRESWICK

Australia / 10min / 2016

WRI: Christian White, Natalie Erika James

DIR: Natalie Erika James

PROD: Emma Haarbarger, Natalie Erika James

Sam's fear of her childhood home is brought to light when her ageing father claims there is another presence in the house.

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CROSSROADS

Australia / 19min / 2015

WRI/DIR/PROD: Nicolas Hinze

A runaway girl on a quest for a better life becomes stranded on a deserted stretch of outback highway. As her situation becomes desperate she has no choice but to join an ominous and strange-minded drifter to his campfire.

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CRUSH

Australia / 15min / 2015

WRI/DIR: Lara Kose

PROD: Michael Whyntie

Crush is a drama about Anelise, a 16-year-old girl whose best friends are missing and wanted for murder. Anelise must come to terms with the fact that her two best friends might be the killers and that Toby, the boy she loves, may have caused it all.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

DAISY CHAIN

Australia / 6min / 2015

WRI/DIR/PROD: Galvin Scott Davis

A little girl falls victim to a gang of shadowy bullies... until she discovers that her love of daisy chains unlocks a power that will bring light to the darkness of the playground.

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DEDO

Australia / 9min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Tony Radevski

PROD: Pete Ireland

Connor is often detached from the world around him. While at a Macedonian Orthodox funeral, he receives some wisdom that challenges his passivity. *Dedo* is a short comedy with heart, exploring the nature of true connection in a modern age of disconnection.

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DEEP STORAGE

Australia / 14min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Susan Earl

PROD: Jannine Barnes

Gus, a stuttering loner, lives with his mum. When she dies he becomes homeless and moves their things into a local storage facility. Realising how safe and warm his storage unit is, he moves in. He starts working there as a cleaner and meets co-worker, socially awkward Sylvia, who shows him home is where love dwells.

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DREAM BABY

Australia / 16min / 2015

WRI/DIR: Lucy Gaffy

PROD: Kiki Dillon

Trapped in a remote Caravan Park, little Elvis thinks up a scheme to break free, determined to make a better life for herself.

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EAGLEHAWK

Australia / 22min / 2016

WRI: Marisa Nathar

DIR: Shannon Murphy

PROD: Jessica Carrera

In a remote forest, an aspiring actress immerses herself in the spiritual world of the Yowie to scare others, and herself, into living.

FACE

Australia / 13min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Luke Tierney

PROD: Luke Tierney, Michelle Hardy

James, a successful banker, urgently needs to get to the pharmacy by midnight.

Unfortunately it's 11:30pm & the only person who can drive him is his weird neighbour Steve.

WORLD PREMIERE

FISH WITH LEGS

Australia / 10min / 2016

WRI: Nikos Andronicos

DIR: Dave Carter

PROD: Nikos Andronicos, Tania Frampton

A school of fish wakes to discover that everyone has grown legs. Is it evolution or a curse from God?

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GHOST

Australia / 19min / 2016

WRI/DIR: JP O'Brien

PROD: JP O'Brien, Hayley Beveridge, Ide O'Brien

Based on a true story, *Ghost* is a re-imagining of convict William Buckley's first contact with indigenous Australians.

WORLD PREMIERE

HEATHEN

Australia / 12min / 2015

WRI/DIR: Siobhan Mulready

PROD: Caitlin Johnston

To win the attention of his father, 14-year-old Trent is conducting an anthropological study on the effects of the drought on his rural community. But with the aridity spreads anger and despair, and the discovery of a dark side to his father, leads Trent into a darkness of his own.

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HIGHWAY

Australia / 10min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Vanessa Gazy

PROD: Tim Russell, Michael Wark

On a stark mountain highway, troubled teen hitchhiker Hester Black's radio begins to receive phantom news signals bearing news of impending disaster. When a strange couple & their two children stop to pick Hester up, she hopes to be taken to safety. But fate has other plans for Hester.

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HOMEBOODIES

Australia / 13min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Yianni Warnock

PROD: Charles Williams, Yianni Warnock

Shannon cooks dinner whilst speaking to a perverted stranger online. Andrew takes a bath wrapped in seared Christmas lights. What could possibly shock these lost souls from their malaise?

HOPSCOTCH

Australia / 20min / 2016

WRI/DIR/PROD: Kate Halpin

Chloe is happiest when she lives in the safety of her 'bubble world' with her glamorous and charismatic mother Gigi, whom she intensely idolises. However when Gigi finds a new man, Chloe is once again quickly discarded, which pushes her into a progressively deeper state of loneliness, resentment and desperation. Chloe must find a way to win back her mother's affections, or else find the courage to escape their destructive co-dependency.

WORLD PREMIERE

I'M RAYMOND

Australia / 17min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Eddy Bell

PROD: Lib Kelly, Catherine Williams

In the lead up to the European launch of the Banks Cheese Corporation, 8-year-old Global Warming Alarmist, Raymond Banks starts a name and shame campaign against the family company. After an underwhelming response from his parents, he enlists a drug-addicted model with a grudge to bear as his lawyer, and lodges a case in the civil court.

WORLD PREMIERE

IN A CANE FIELD

Australia / 17min / 2016

DIR: Emily Avila

PROD: Emily Avila & Coralie Tapper

In a beachside tourist town, the body of a fifteen-year-old girl is found in a cane field. Her murder is a mystery that envelops the community as those close to the girl grapple with death, in all its senselessness.

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IT'S ALL I KNOW

Australia / 8min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Dane Hansen

PROD: Ryan Greaves

Brother and sister, Sean & Mara, meet for the first time after the death of their mother and discuss life's finest and lowest moments. That is until Mara asks whether Sean has gone to see their lonely father that their friendly facade begins to unravel.

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IN LIFE TODAY

Australia / 8min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Lauren Bailey

PROD: Nichole Walkling, Lauren Bailey

It's a sunny day in Melbourne, much like any other. Except that today is the day that Erin is going to change the world. Scientists say that change is inevitable, but Erin doesn't have time to wait. She's going to take matters into her own hands.

JOLLY ROGER

Australia / 12min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Kaiya Jones

PROD: Julian Vincent Constanzo

Jolly Roger tells the story of an old recluse rediscovering life through a rebellious new neighbour and a bit of imagination.

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LORNE

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI: Taylor Adams

DIR: Jesse Leaman

PROD: Luke Saliba, Jesse Leaman

Lorne, a wasteland traveller dealing with the oppressing boundaries of isolation, is confronted by a mysterious stranger, who helps him realise his existential fears.

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MESSIAH

Australia / 17min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Damian Walshe-Howling

PROD: Joey Horvitz, Rohan Timlock

In a playful collision of cultures, a hapless Irishman and his Parisian girlfriend get more than they bargained for when they encounter a particularly mischievous stranger in the spectacular Australian wilderness.

MY BEST FRIEND IS STUCK ON THE CEILING

Australia / 10min / 2015

WRI/DIR: Matt Vesely

PROD: Sophie Hyde, Christine Williams

Connor, secretly in love with his best friend Rach, has gotten her an amazing birthday present, something that's sure to knock her off her feet. But, when things take a sharply peculiar turn, Connor begins to wonder whether he would have been better off just getting a gift voucher.

NATHAN LOVES RICKY MARTIN

Australia / 7min / 2016

WRI: Llewellyn Michael Bates, Steven Arriagada

DIR: Steven Arriagada

PROD: Steven Arriagada, Llewellyn Michael Bates, Bryan Chau

Pauline is the full-time mother and carer for her mentally and developmentally disabled adult son Nathan. After years of isolation and anhedonia Pauline orchestrates a ruse to form a meaningful connection with the man next door.

PASSENGERS

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI: Simon Portus, David Curzon

DIR: Simon Portus

PROD: David Curzon

Passengers is a short drama about a divorced father's strained relationship with his six-year-old son. Frustrated by their lack of connection, Patrick resorts to desperate measures to spend more time with Sam.

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PILLARS

Australia / 17min / 2016

WRI: Nicholas Denton

DIR: Ryan A. Murphy

PROD: Arielle Thomas, Ryan A. Murphy, Nicholas Denton

When a tragic incident occurs at the local jumping rocks in a small coastal town, Kieran, a naive 22-year-old supermarket worker questions what future he has in the community and what it means to leave it all behind.

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SENGATAN

Australia / 11min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Frank Magree

PROD: Frank Magree, Paul Henri

An Australian traveller is faced with a perilous choice on the island of Bali. Is he playing or getting played?

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SHAN AND KATE

Australia / 17min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Zoë Rae

PROD: Bronte Rose Jovevski

Shan and Kate are the youth of Australia circa 1996, the MTV generation. *Shan and Kate* is the common but often misrepresented tale of two young girls and their life affirming friendship.

Growing up is hard. You need your best mate.

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SOL BUNKER

Australia / 13min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Nathan Mewett

PROD: Glen Stasiuk

Sol Bunker is a successful yet eccentric sound designer who searches for the elusive 'frequency of life' to help save his dying wife. Whilst Sol progressively falls deeper into obsession, it is up to his son Addie Bunker to take on the role of parent and to help Sol understand reality.

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SPICE SISTERS

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Sheila Jayadev

PROD: Lyn Norfor

Rohini, a former Bollywood actress, is bored and restless with her life. When a popular reality cooking competition issues a call for entries, Rohini decides it's now or never to make a change.

SPLIT ME

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI: Sara West

DIR/PROD: Andrew Shanks

17-year-old outcast Joey has a misguided desire to join the local Women's Bowling Troupe. With no recognition from her peers she has no one to turn to for companionship – no one but oddball Scooter who's too weird for words. Can the girls find common ground in an otherwise lonely world?

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STYE

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Matthew Jenkin

PROD: Annmaree J Bell

BJ is a twelve year-old boy desperate to win the attention of his father. Tacco is the father desperate to win the admiration of his son. Together, their attempts over the course of a weekend visitation will send them further into a world of crime that will ultimately bring devastating consequences.

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SUPERNATURALLY

Australia / 3min / 2016

WRI/PROD: Zoe Porter

DIR: Toby Burrows

Actor Ryan Corr depicts the paralysing heartbreak of a great love lost. Words by Nick Cave.

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THE BOGGABILLA BUS

Australia / 11min / 2016

WRI: Yianni Papamanolis

DIR: Mitch Kennedy

PROD: Samantha Laidlaw

Words have never come easy to eight-year-old Oscar, so saying goodbye to his best friend Ashley before her big move was always going to be tough. When Oscar realises he might have missed his final chance to say goodbye, he decides to do what any best friend would do, hijack the dusty old country school bus and go after her.

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THE BOYFRIEND GAME

Australia / 7min / 2014

WRI/DIR: Alice Englert

PROD: Peter Knowles

In the privacy of the Australian bush two best friends play "The Boyfriend Game" where they each invent their ideal imaginary males. Unfortunately, one of the girls seems to want the other girl's fantasy more than her own.

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THE CROSSING

Australia / 11min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Marieka Walsh

PROD: Donna Chang

A stop-motion animation created using salt and sand grains. A sea captain risks the lives of his men when he decides to change course, taking his ship through a violent storm. In the aftermath, he finds that he is the sole survivor, and fights to survive both body and mind.

THE DAM

Australia / 16min / 2015

WRI/DIR: Brendon McDonall

PROD: Ilana Lazar

When two lifelong mates revisit the monolithic dam that defined their young lives, an admission from one of the men cracks open a reservoir of silence, loss and regret between two mature Australian men with hearts under siege; by feelings that were impounded long ago but cannot be contained any longer.

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THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Australia / 13min / 2016

WRI: Josh Lawson

DIR: Derin Seale

PROD: Derin Seale, Karen Bryson, Josh Lawson

The delusional patient of a psychiatrist believes he is actually the psychiatrist. As they each attempt to treat each other the session gets increasingly out of control.

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THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

Australia / 15min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Ben Dickinson

PROD: Andrew Seaton

Stranded alone in the middle of the night, a young woman is approached by a man offering to help her. Can she trust the stranger in front of her, or should she take her chances with whatever might be lurking out in the darkness?

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THE RAVENS

Australia / 24min / 2015

WRI/DIR/PROD: Jennifer Perrott

When young Ruby's father returns unexpectedly from war, his volatile state makes it difficult for the family to reconnect. Ruby's anxieties are projected onto a pair of ravens who become a catalyst for the troubled family's journey from crisis to healing.

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THE RECORD: WORLD'S LARGEST FAMILY

Australia / 10min / 2015

WRI: Veronica Milsom, Steen Raskopoulos

DIR: Cate Stewart

PROD: Tanya Phegan

Let *The Record* show ordinary people will stop at nothing to make their mark and leave their legacy by achieving a world record.

WORLD PREMIERE

THE SUITOR

Australia / 7min / 2016

WRI: Matthew Dabner

DIR: Kate Riedl

PROD: Matthew Dabner, Karen Radzyner, Anna Vincent

When a nervous suitor arrives at the country estate of a local matriarch, his hopes of a suitable match with her charming niece are soon challenged by the story of their great family tragedy.

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THE VIRGIN

Australia / 10min / 2016

WRI/DIR/PROD: Jack Yabsley

A sweet coming-of-age tale about prostitutes, murder, and small town Tasmania.

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TINSELTOWN

Australia, China / 10min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Corrie Chen

PROD: Bethany Bruce

An unemployed young woman living in China finds a new opportunity.

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TRESPASS

Australia / 11min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Mirrah Foulkes

PROD: Alex White

A woman walking her dog alone in the bush has a strange encounter.

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UPSIDE DOWN FEELING

Australia / 10min / 2015

WRI/DIR: Eddie White

PROD: Nicola Tate, Eddie White

Arthur, a young boy with a wild imagination, develops a preoccupation with death and disease and begins to explore mortality in the vivid images he sees in the movies and through a strange visitor from the past.

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WALTER

Australia / 10 min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Dave Wade

PROD: Kirsty Stark

1969. Two young hippies accidentally run over a dog belonging to a family of proud war veterans.

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WANDERING SOUL

Australia / 13min / 2016

WRI: Josh Tanner, Jade van der Lei

DIR: Josh Tanner

PROD: Jade van der Lei

A Viet Cong soldier stationed in the claustrophobic tunnels of Cu Chi during the Vietnam War finds himself haunted by the ghost of a fallen comrade after the burial ceremony is compromised.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

WELCOME HOME ALLEN

Australia / 9min / 2016

WRI/DIR: Andrew Kavangah

PROD: Ramona Telecican

A group of soldiers return home from war, to a world that may no longer recognise them.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Australia / 10min / 2016

DIR: Dean Gibson

PROD: Helen Morrison

When a hotshot public servant is sent to a remote Aboriginal community to prepare for the Prime Minister's visit, he quickly learns the true meaning of Welcome to Country.

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YOU DESERVE EVERYTHING

Australia / 18min / 2015

WRI/DIR/PROD: Goran Stolevski

A doctor's tentative romance with the hospital's Arabic interpreter is evolving into something deeper. But everything is not as it seems.

YOUNG LABOR

Australia / 15min / 2015

WRI: Monica Zanetti

DIR: Leon Ford

PROD: Drew Bailey

In a time where Australia has lost faith in our politicians, one young woman, Kate Stinger, is taking it upon herself to win back the nations love through her small failing youth division of the Labor party.

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