



### Flickerfest: The Facts ...

- Flickerfest 2007 marks the festival's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. The festival started in 1991, screening eight films on a single night at the Balmain High School before moving to Bondi two years later.
- Flickerfest 2007 will screen more than 125 films.
- The first Flickerfest tour was in 1995. Flickerfest 2007 will tour to 15 centres: Byron Bay, Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Adelaide, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Canberra, Sawtell, Melbourne, Perth, Broome, Brisbane, Kempsey and for the first time to Hobart.
- The festival director is Bronwyn Kidd, who has headed Flickerfest for the past ten years. As well as guiding Australia's leading short film festival, Bronwyn is a documentary maker whose work has screened on SBS and sold to broadcasters internationally.
- Flickerfest is the only short film festival in Australia accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences – the Academy Awards. This means the winner of the Coopers Award for Best Short Film and the Yoram Gross Award for Best Animation are eligible for Oscar consideration. Flickerfest received Academy accreditation in 2003.
- Flickerfest's patrons are Baz Luhrmann, Cate Blanchett, Gillian Armstrong, Claudia Karvan, Jane Campion and Seed Productions (Hugh Jackman, Deborah Lee-Furness and John Palermo).
- Audiences for Flickerfest have grown from around 50 people in 1991 to more than 25,000 nationally in 2006.
- The films screened at Flickerfest are between 1 and 35 minutes in length.
- Films from more than 15 countries are in the program for Flickerfest 2007.
- Several big names are involved in Flickerfest films in 2007. They include Gwyneth Paltrow ( DEAL BREAKER) Isabella Rossellini (My father is 100 Years Old), Glenn Robbins, Matthew Newton and Lisa Hensley.
- Every year, Flickerfest creates a special trailer for the festival. The 'Calamity Jane meets Bondi' version created for 2007 stars Australian actor Blazey Best and Rocky the horse and has been directed by Leon Ford.
- Renowned Hiroshima Festival Director Japanese animator Sayoko Kinoshita will visit Australia for Flickerfest's Sydney season, as a judge for the festival



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