



Press Release

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**THE FESTIVAL PROGRAM FOR DOWN UNDER BERLIN IS AVAILABLE NOW AT
WWW.DOWNUNDERBERLIN.DE**

The first Down Under Berlin - Australian Film Festival presents its program on the festival home-page www.downunderberlin.de . The festival takes place from 16.09.11 – 18.09.11 at Kino Movimiento, Kottbusser Damm 22, Kreuzberg.

The focus for this first festival will be alternative independent productions, which go beyond the artistic and political mainstream to show the cultural diversity of Australia and Australians: „We explore the raw side of Australian cinema”.

The focal point of the section ‘Aboriginal Australia’ is on films by, with and about Aboriginal Australians. These films explore the cultural identity and self-image of Australia’s Aboriginal peoples and pose the question, how the traditional way of life of indigenous Australians can reconcile itself with a market-oriented society.

The festival’s films will be accompanied by introductions, Q&As with the film makers and short presentations.

Current film productions from new, young film makers are amongst those being shown, in addition to films from the last decades. The audience of the Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival will be invited during the festival to vote for their favourites, which will then be awarded the title of Down Under Berlin Short Film Award and Down Under Berlin Film Award.

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