

# DOWN AUSTRALIAN UNDER FILM BERLIN FESTIVAL

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### FRANZ SCHULZ ASSUMES PATRONAGE OVER THE 2ND DOWN UNDER BERLIN – AUSTRALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Franz Schulz, the mayor of the Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg district, has assumed patronage over the 2nd Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival.

Down Under Berlin's new program aimed at children and young people, KIDS & TEENS, which following the festival will be integrated into the regular school programme of Kino Movimiento, is something about which Franz Schulz was especially enthusiastic:

“It gives my great pleasure to see that the Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival will take place this year for the second time in the district of Kreuzberg. I am especially thrilled by the way this unique festival is consistently committed to involving young festival goers in cinema with its dynamic selection of films aimed at children and young adults, reflecting the joys and challenges of growing up. With the filmmakers present during the screenings, the young audience will be given the unique opportunity to actively engage with them, as well as with their peers, about the films and the issues they raise. As these films go on to form part of the school program of Kino Movimiento, the important role of the festival will become a lasting and integral part of Berlin's cinematic landscape.”

For Franz Schulz, international cultural events such as the 2nd Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival are of particular relevance in districts such as Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg:

„Australia, like Germany, is a country rich in diversity and contrast. It is therefore fitting that the films at Down Under Berlin - Australian Film Festival not only present the audience with a variety of cultures but that they also highlight important issues, and question how we view and deal with integration and immigration. With this, Down Under Berlin's program resonates with the everyday lives of people living in Kreuzberg. “

Detailed information about the 2nd Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival and our complete Festival Program, as well as print-quality film-stills can be found on our website [www.downunderberlin.de](http://www.downunderberlin.de). Tickets are now available to purchase or reserve from [www.movimiento.de](http://www.movimiento.de).

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