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DOWN UNDER BERLIN: SUPPORTING PROGRAM IS NOW COMPLETE

The goal of Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival is to present Australasian culture and film culture to German audiences in a way which encompasses a broad range of perspectives. Our supporting program, which consists of six guest lectures and a film discussion with the festival audience, further enforces this goal by allowing the films to be contextualised, within a wider understanding of the history, culture and society of Australia.

The way of life and identity of Australia's indigenous groups is one of consistent fascination for people traveling in Australia, yet it is one which often remains sealed from them. From a number of different standpoints, four invited guest speakers will offer insights into the background behind the current situation of Australia's indigenous people. Other lectures will concentrate on the colonial development of the Australian continent, revealing some unexpected links with Berlin-Brandenburg and even finding Australian-ness where you would least suspect to - in Antarctica.

The discussion with filmmakers and film experts will give festival audiences the chance to think about the films of the festival in greater depth while allowing film theory to emerge as a vital component of the collective film experience.

Tickets for the guest lectures of the supporting program cost 3 € and are available now to purchase or reserve at www.movement.de or by calling 030 692 4785.

All further information about the 2nd Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival, as well as the full festival program and print-quality film stills can be found on our website www.downunderberlin.de.

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