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Announcement of the 2016 Festival Program

DOWN UNDER BERLIN 2016: “LIFE HAPPENS”

Expect a whirlwind of emotions as Down Under Berlin returns to Movimiento Kino from 14 – 18 September 2016. Over five days the festival presents Australian and New Zealand feature and short films as well as documentaries that capture the stories of love and friendship, loss and regret, coming-of-age and finding oneself, and how the choices we make define our lives.

Festival guests will not only have the rare chance to catch premieres of acclaimed features such as “Spear” (2015), “Hunt for the Wilderpeople” (2016), “Fantail” (2013) or “Broke” (2016) but they can also look forward to four thoroughly curated short film programs bringing together the work of professional filmmakers and up-and-coming film graduates.

Also screening at Down Under Berlin 2016 will be the documentaries “The Ground We Won” (2015) which studies manhood through the rites and rituals of a rural New Zealand rugby club and “The Drowned Dreams” (2015) which portrays the life of Iranian asylum-seekers in Australia. The steady increase in independent feature-length film submissions is likewise shaping the festival’s programming profile – e.g. the thriller “Concealed” (2013), the romantic comedy “Pop-Up” (2015), the drama “Love Is Now” (2014). In keeping with tradition, audiences will be able to vote for their favourite films in the categories “Best Film” and “Best Short Film”.

The 2016 instalment of Down Under Berlin marks another high in the festival’s history of attending filmmakers from Australia and New Zealand. All of whom will be available for Q&As at the screenings of their respective films. Additionally, the Down Under Berlin Festival Party will be a great opportunity to mingle with film professionals and enthusiasts (Saturday, 17 September | Zum Böhmisches Dorf, Sanderstrasse 11, 12047 Berlin | music by DJ Ady Toledano).

FESTIVAL WEBSITE: downunderberlin.de

FESTIVAL PROGRAM: bit.ly/2b94W56

MEDIA AREA: downunderberlin.de/press

FILM STILLS: bit.ly/2aPyS1l

MEDIA ACCREDITATION: bit.ly/2aXsY0R

TICKETS: 8 Euro (5-Ticket-Pass for 35 Euro)

RESERVATION: online at moviemento.de | phone: +49 (0)30 6924 785

VENUE: Moviemento Kino, Kottbusser Damm 22, 10967 Berlin

ATTENDING FILMMAKERS

Down Under Berlin is delighted to announce that several filmmakers will participate in the festival, being available for Q&As as well as media requests or giving introductions to films:

Jörg Gruber | cinematographer “3000”

Shane T. Hall | director “Concealed”

Joanne Priest | lead actress “Concealed”

Rudolf Fitzgerald-Leonard | director “Coral “

Stuart McBratney | director “Pop-Up”

Ben Croker | writer and producer “TRUE COLOURS”

Janine Kaiser | producer “Centrepiece”

Adam Lynch | director of photography “Centrepiece”

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