

DOWN UNDER BERLIN

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND FILM FESTIVAL

Down Under Berlin 8th edition **Landscapes of Us**

Wednesday, September 19th until Sunday, September 23rd, 2018
Movimiento Cinema

Down Under Berlin is in its 8th year, celebrating exceptional films from Australia and New Zealand. With the motto “Landscapes of Us”, the festival invites audiences to explore beautiful film landscapes as well as the inner landscapes they represent – the personal, emotional, social, historical and political landscapes of Down Under.

As 2018 marks a significant year for the female filmmakers’ voice, Down Under Berlin puts a special spotlight on female film making, with 50% of all films being directed by women. Highlights here are the New Zealand feature *Waru*, directed by eight female Maori directors, and *Terror Nullius*, the political satire and newest film collage by female art-collective Soda_Jerk.

Addressing current topics such as masculinity and the treatment of Indigenous Australians, the festival opens with the critically acclaimed western *Sweet Country* by Warwick Thornton and closes with Pete Gleeson’s depiction of Australian country life in his bold documentary *Hotel Coolgardie*.

Another angle is taken by Adrian Russel Wills’ celebrated documentary *Black Divaz*, just one example of LGBTIQ content within this year’s program, and Jo-Anne Brechin’s romantic drama *Zelos*, told from the perspective of a modern man.

Continuing the run of high quality short films, audiences see the return of the “Battle of The Shorts: AUS vs. NZ” program as well as the first cooperation with the Chris and Francesca Beale Foundation and their guest reel of exceptional “Australian Short Films Today”.

About Down Under Berlin

Down Under Berlin film festival has been a vital hub for enthusiasts of Australian and New Zealand cinema and culture since 2011. As Europe’s leading festival for Australian and New Zealand film, it ranges from independent productions to blockbusters, from student and professional short films to inspiring documentaries – diversity being one of the cornerstones of the program.

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Cinema:

Movimiento Cinema
Kottbusser Damm 22
10967 Berlin

Tickets (available soon):

Movimiento Cinema
Regular Price: 8 EUR
5-Ticket-Pass: 35 EUR
www.movimiento.de

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Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

20:00 Sweet Country"

Thursday, September 20th, 2018

18:30 Battle of the Shorts – AUS vs. NZ, Pt. 1

21:00 Battle of the Shorts – AUS vs. NZ, Pt. 2

Friday, September 21st, 2018

16:00 Aussie Shorts

18:15 Waru

20:30 The Pretend One

22:45 Black Divaz

Saturday, September 22nd, 2018

14:30 Zelos

16:45 Symphony on Skis

18:45 Australian Short Film Today

21:15 Terror Nullius

23:00 Aussie Shorts

Sunday, September 23rd, 2018

14:00 After the Apology

16:00 The Marshes

18:15 Kiwi Shorts

20:15 Hotel Coolgardie

For further information on the program visit: www.downunderberlin.de