

# SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

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## SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL: SUMMER SEASON AT THE STATE THEATRE IN COLLABORATION WITH SYDNEY FESTIVAL

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Sydney Film Festival announces its first ever Sydney Festival program, screening five films at the State Theatre for one weekend only, 15-17 January 2021.

Sydney Film Festival: Summer Season will provide audiences with a taste of what's to come later in the year, when Sydney Film Festival returns to cinemas in June 2021 for its 68th Edition.

Sydney Film Festival Director Nashen Moodley said, "The Festival is delighted to be back in 2021 at the State Theatre once more, with a program that includes prominent Australian films, alongside two of the most talked-about international features of 2020.

"Three highly anticipated Australian films will premiere at the Festival, starting with opening night documentary *Firestarter – The Story of Bangarra*, the compelling story of the Page brothers, who took a newly born Australian dance company and turned it into a First Nations cultural powerhouse; *High Ground*, the tense and powerful revisionist outback western starring **Simon Baker**, **Jacob Junior Nayinggul** and **Jack Thompson**; and the triumphant documentary *Girls Can't Surf*, about the fiercely competitive band of women surfers from around the world who revolutionised the sport.

"Sydney Film Festival: Summer Season audiences will also be the first in Sydney to see two acclaimed international features: Sundance Grand Jury Prize winner and Oscar hopeful, *Minari*, a stunning portrait of a Korean-American family, and the alcohol-soaked Danish comedy-drama *Another Round*, starring the brilliant **Mads Mikkelsen** (*The Hunt*)," he said.

"We encourage audiences not to miss this selection of essential films at the State Theatre. Sydney Film Festival: Summer Season will be an important prelude to what we have in store later in the year when Sydney Film Festival returns for the 68th Edition in June 2021," he said.

### TICKETING AND VIEWING:

All screenings will be COVID-safe, with social distancing and strict cleaning measures inside the State Theatre.

- Adult (Single Ticket): \$24
- Concession (Single Ticket): \$18.50
- 5 Pack: \$92.50

The full Sydney Film Festival: Summer Season program can be found online at [sff.org.au](http://sff.org.au). Sydney Film Festival: Summer Season runs 15 — 17 January 2021. Tickets are on sale now. Please visit [sff.org.au](http://sff.org.au) for more information.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

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### ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

Sydney Film Festival is a major event on the New South Wales cultural calendar and is one of the world's longest-running film festivals. For more information, visit: [sff.org.au](http://sff.org.au).

Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney.

### ABOUT SYDNEY FESTIVAL

Every January, Sydney Festival enlivens and transforms Sydney with a bold cultural celebration based on big ideas and cutting-edge art and performance. The diverse program includes everything from jaw-dropping cabaret to acclaimed theatre, modern Indigenous work, exhilarating music, and family-friendly fun.

In 2021, the Festival builds on a proud 44-year history of commissioning and presenting inspiring and ground-breaking new Australian art, with a program that celebrates the best work from our finest artists and companies. Recovering, reconnecting, and reinvigorating.