

# SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

09–20 JUNE 2021

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## SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL 2021 SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN!

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Entries are now open for the next Sydney Film Festival, returning to cinemas from 9–20 June 2021 for its 68th Edition. The Festival will continue to showcase the best of Australian and international cinema.

Each year, Sydney Film Festival presents a diverse slate of features, documentaries and short films from around the world at venues across Sydney. In 2020, as a response to the pandemic, the Festival went virtual and national for the first time in its history with Sydney Film Festival: Virtual Edition & Awards. In 2021, the Festival is looking forward to being back in the cinema.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2021 Sydney Film Festival. Entries are open to Australian features, documentaries, and short films. Get to it!

Submissions for the Festival are being accepted through [FilmFreeway](#) and will close on **Friday, 26 February 2021**.

The 2021 season will mark the 52nd year of the Festival's Australian short film competition, making it the oldest short film competition in Australia. Since 1970, the competition has served as a launch pad for emerging Australian film talent, spring-boarding countless directors, producers and actors towards international success.

Entries are open to features, documentaries and short films in all categories of the Festival program, including:

- The Documentary Australia Foundation (DAF) Award for Best Australian Documentary. The prize is supported by Documentary Australia Foundation with a \$10,000 cash partnership. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- The Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films Live Action Award and Best Director (the Rouben Mamoulian Award) - both winners receive cash prizes of \$7,000, sponsored by Dendy Cinemas, who have supported the Awards for 33 years. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- The Yoram Gross Animation Award, named in memory of the Australian animation producer and director Yoram Gross, provides a \$5,000 cash prize to the best Australian animated short film. Winners are Academy Award-eligible.
- Screenability, a non-competitive program for screen practitioners with disability, open to productions from Australia and overseas.
- First Nations program: submissions are encouraged from First Nation filmmakers around the world.

The Dendy Awards for Australian Short Films and the DAF Award for Best Australian Documentary competition are open exclusively to Australian productions.

Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Sydney Film Festival and the Australian screen industry, only unsolicited entries from Australia will be accepted for the 2021 Festival.



Productions from outside Australia will not be eligible to apply, with the exception of films eligible for the First Nations and Screenability programs.

Before entering, Festival organisers urge all entrants to review the submission requirements closely, to ensure all entries meet premiere status and broader eligibility requirements. A small fee applies. Head to <https://www.sff.org.au/about/submissions> for full eligibility criteria and submission details.

#### **DEADLINE**

The closing date for all entries is **26 February 2021**.

**SUBMISSIONS:** <https://filmfreeway.com/SydneyFilmFestival>

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