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SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES GOURMET CINEMA *BARBECUE*

Gourmet Cinema, the **Sydney Film Festival's (7-18 June)** perfect pairing of film and food will this year present the Australian premiere of *Barbecue* by Adelaide filmmaking duo **Matthew Salleh** and **Rose Tucker**.

A culinary and cultural exploration of the barbecue traditions across the globe, the film will be paired with an exquisite six-course gastronomic journey to locations explored in the film at **The Meat & Wine Co** following a screening at **Dendy Opera Quays**.

On the final weekend of the festival, South West Sydney audiences can enjoy a mouth-watering barbecue experience at **Bellbird, Casula Powerhouse**.

"The film is an epic, succulent celebration of the tradition of barbecuing across the world: from South African braais and Texan pitmasters to a New Zealand *hangi*. Australian filmmakers Matthew Saleh and Rose Tucker travelled the globe to document barbecues in a diverse range of communities," said **Sydney Film Festival Documentary Programmer, Jenny Neighbour**.

"From the Swedish *engangsgrill*, to refugees opening a *sharwarma* shop in a camp on the Syrian-Jordan border, the film shows that barbecuing isn't just about the food," she said.

All about the food, however, is **The Meat & Wine Co's** six-course international barbecue feast featuring signature dishes from the Middle East, Japan, South Africa, USA, Argentina - plus dessert - with each course matched to select Eden Road Wines.

Award-winning **Federico Rekowski**, the new Venezuelan Head Chef at Casula Powerhouse's **Bellbird**, has an exotic South American BBQ experience planned.

Communal seating at the Gourmet Cinema meals encourages shared conversations and experiences of the film and food presented. Film-only options are also available.

Sydney Film Festival also offers a range of Dining Delights with restaurant partners. Dining Delights provide great savings on regular menu prices at a delicious diversity of venues within easy reach of Festival screening locations.

Gourmet Cinema Screenings:

- Wednesday 14 June, 6pm, Dendy Opera Quays
\$19.90 screening only | \$180 per person with six course dinner, including dessert and matched wines.
- Saturday 17 June, 3pm, Casula Powerhouse
\$17.50 screening only | \$47 per person with barbecue meal.
- Sunday 18 June, 6pm, Dendy Newtown



\$19.90 screening only

The full Sydney Film Festival program will be announced on Wednesday 10 May at 11am.

Note: Flexipasses to Sydney Film Festival 2017 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit <http://www.sff.org.au> for more information.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 7 June to Sunday 18 June 2017**, the 64th Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, in-depth discussions, international guests and more.

Sydney Film Festival also presents an Official Competition of 12 films that vie for the Sydney Film Prize, a highly respected honour that awards a \$60,000 cash prize based on the decision of a jury of international and Australian filmmakers and industry professionals. Previous Sydney Film Prize winners: *Aquarius* (2016); *Arabian Nights* (2015); *Two Days, One Night* (2014); *Only God Forgives* (2013); *Alps* (2012); *A Separation* (2011); *Heartbeats* (2010); *Bronson* (2009); and *Hunger* (2008).

The Festival takes place across Greater Sydney: at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, Dendy Newtown, Skyline Drive In Blacktown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne, Randwick Ritz, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and SFF Outdoor Screen in Pitt Street Mall.

The 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: www.sff.org.au.

The 64th Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW and Destination NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney. The Festival's Strategic Partner is the NSW Government through Destination NSW.

BARBECUE

Director: Matthew Salleh | Australia | 101 mins | In English, Swedish, Visayan, Mongolian and Afrikaans with English Subtitles | Australian Premiere

An epic, mouth-watering celebration of the tradition of barbecuing across the world: from South African *braais* and Texan pitmasters to a New Zealand *hangi*. Australian filmmakers Matthew Saleh and Rose Tucker (*Pablo's Villa* SFF 2013; *Central Texas Barbecue* SFF 2014) travelled the globe to document barbecues in a diverse range of communities. There's the Afrikaans tradition that encompasses good conversation first and good meat second; and the Mongolian ancestral approach, *boodog*, which involves goats and hot stones. From the Swedish *engangsgrill* (just the ticket after a long cold winter), to refugees opening a *sharwarma* shop in a camp on the Syrian-Jordan border. It's obvious that barbecuing isn't just about the food: it's an event, it's community. As one fireside enthusiast says, "it seems to be etched into our DNA – fire, meat, people."

