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# **SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL ADDS ANOTHER VENUE: CASULA POWERHOUSE ARTS CENTRE**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Sydney Film Festival announces a new venue for Festival screenings at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre in South West Sydney.

Five films, including the locally produced *Riz*, will screen over one weekend from **5-7 June**, expanding the Festival's geographic presence by adding the south western suburb of Casula, Blacktown's Skyline Drive-In, and Cremorne's Hayden Orpheum alongside the Festival's list of inner city venues.

In partnership with Casula Powerhouse and **Liverpool City Council**, since February the Festival has screened a monthly program of cinema at the Powerhouse for South West Sydney audiences.

"The Festival has a great program of five films to screen in June; with *Riz*, an Australian film by young local Western Sydney filmmakers, shot near Casula, sure to be a highlight," said **Festival Director Nashen Moodley**. "The Festival is also very pleased to be presenting the thriller *Strangerland*, starring **Nicole Kidman, Joseph Fiennes** and **Hugo Weaving**; the unconventional western *Slow West* starring Michael Fassbender and Australians **Kodi Smit-McPhee** and **Ben Mendelsohn**; and family-friendly cinema with the Indian feature *The Crow's Egg*, and the **Kids Animation Showcase**," he said.

"Sydney Film Festival's monthly screenings at Casula Powerhouse have become a must-do event in South Western Sydney," said **Kiersten Fishburn, Director of Casula Powerhouse**. "We are thrilled to be a new venue for the Festival during June, and to host a program of festival-quality cinema for our audiences to enjoy," she said.

The program is accompanied by the offer of a special Casula Powerhouse meal (\$17.50), available via the Casula Powerhouse box office. The Festival's monthly screenings at the Powerhouse will resume in July. Dates for the remainder of 2015 are: Friday 3 July, Saturday 1 August, Friday 4 September, Friday 2 October and Friday 6 November.

### **Sydney Film Festival at Casula Powerhouse films:**

- **SLOW WEST** UK, New Zealand | 2015 | 84 mins | In English
- **KIDS ANIMATION SHOWCASE** | A special selection of animated short films chosen for a discerning your audience: expect lots of clover animals, plenty o flaughs and the odd scary moment for good measure!  
Suitable for children aged 3-8 years.
- **STRANGERLAND** Australia, Ireland | 2014 | 112 mins | In English | Feature
- **THE CROW'S EGG** India | 2014 | 99 mins | In Tamil with English subtitles

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- **RIZ** Australia | 2015 | 75 mins | in English

**Sydney Film Festival runs 3 – 14 June 2015.**

**Tickets for Sydney Film Festival 2015 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit [sff.org.au](http://sff.org.au) for more information.**

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## ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 3 June** to **Sunday 14 June 2015**, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, panel discussions, international guests and more. Each year the Festival's programming team curates 12 days of cinema sourced from world-famous film festivals, including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the Berlinale; as well as Australia's finest local productions.

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 are: *Two Days, One Night* (2014); *Only God Forgives* (2013); *Alps* (2012); *A Separation* (2011), which went on to win an Academy Award; *Heartbeats* (2010); and *Bronson* (2009).

The Festival takes place across greater Sydney: at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, Dendy Newtown, Art Gallery of NSW, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace Cremorne, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and SFF Outdoor Screen.

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](http://www.sff.org.au).

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