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FRIDAY THE 13TH AT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL!

This Friday the 13th, as a full moon rises, Sydney Film Festival presents a packed program of scary screenings and horrifically entertaining events across Sydney.

“From a special screening of one of the most terrifying motion pictures ever made, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, at the Skyline Drive-In Blacktown to a club night where you can learn the monster mash and win prizes for best dressed, Sydney Film Festival offers some frighteningly good ways to spend this Friday the 13th,” said **SFF Festival Director Nashen Moodley**.

SFF is proud to bring a fantastically restored 40th anniversary print of Tobe Hooper’s classic slasher film *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* – Banned in Australia until 1985 – to audiences at the Skyline Drive-In Blacktown at 11pm.

The Freak Me Out program fun continues with *Love Eternal*, the recent winner of the inaugural Fresh Blood award at Warsaw’s Black Bear Film Festival. An adaptation of Kei Oishi’s intense Japanese novel *Loving the Dead*, this blackly comic tragedy follows an introverted young man and his eerie obsession with death. It screens at 10:20pm at Event Cinemas George Street.

Winner of the 2010 Sydney Film Prize for *Heartbeats*, Canadian director and actor **Xavier Dolan** brings his most mature work yet with *Tom at the Farm*. A tense and complex Hitchcockian thriller, *Tom at the Farm* screens at 9:45pm at Event Cinemas George Street.

Down at the **Festival Hub at Town Hall**, Friday the 13th welcomes *The Death of Horror?*, a special debate where Junkee’s resident film experts pick sides: can cinema still scare us, or has the genre become a joke? This event will kick off at 8pm upstairs in Town Hall, and will be followed by **Junkee Do: Friday The 13th**, downstairs at the Hub where audiences are invited to do the monster mash until midnight, with a special live interactive performance by **VJ Michela Ledwidge**, and prizes for best-dressed.

Special scary mention to a spooky film screening after Friday the 13th, a late program addition of sensual Danish coming-of-age werewolf romance *When Animals Dream*, showing at Dendy Opera Quays on Saturday 14 June at 8:15 pm and Sunday 15 June at 9:45pm.

For tickets and full up-to-date program information please visit sff.org.au

The 61st Sydney Film Festival runs 4-15 June 2014 and brings a packed program of screenings and special events to even more venues across Sydney. For tickets and full up-to-date program information please visit sff.org.au

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