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SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS TO CASULA POWERHOUSE ARTS CENTRE

The 63rd Sydney Film Festival today announces four features and two short films will be screened at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre in during the Festival, 8-19 June.

Screening over one weekend from 10 to 12 June, the Festival returns with a strong line-up of films: **Goldstone**, **Mahana**, **Angry Indian Goddesses** and **Long Way North**.

In partnership with Casula Powerhouse and Liverpool City Council, for over one year the Festival has also screened a monthly program of cinema at the Powerhouse for South West Sydney audiences.

Sydney Film Festival Director Nashen Moodley said, “The Sydney Film Festival has a great program of films to screen in June, including our Opening Night film also in the Festival’s Official Competition – **Goldstone** – from Indigenous writer-director Ivan Sen. A stylish and intelligent outback noir, the film boasts a stellar Australian cast including Aaron Pedersen, Jacki Weaver, David Wenham, and David Gulpilil.

“The Festival will also screen **Mahana** from New Zealand director Lee Tamahori, who reunites with his *Once Were Warriors* star Temuera Morrison in this film. India’s answer to *Bridesmaids*, **Angry Indian Goddesses** from acclaimed director Pan Nalin (*Samsara*); and children’s animation **Long Way North**, an enchanting tale of a girl’s journey to the North Pole will also screen. The Festival also has two short films: **Accidents, Blunders and Calamities**, an animated bedtime story, read by a father possum, and the new Australian short, **Spice Sisters** about a former Bollywood star,” he said.

“Following a successful film season last year, the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is pleased to partner with Sydney Film Festival again this year to deliver another great program of films,” said **Nikita Karvounis, Acting Director of Casula Powerhouse**. “Our South West Sydney audiences are very much looking forward to this year’s program,” she added.

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 2016 are Friday 1 July, Friday 5 August, Saturday 10 September, Friday 7 October and Friday 4 November.

Sydney Film Festival at Casula Powerhouse films:

- **ACCIDENTS, BLUNDERS AND CALAMITIES** New Zealand | 2015 | 5 mins | In English | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: James Cunningham
- **ANGRY INDIAN GODDESSES** India, Germany | 2015 | 104 mins | In English and Hindi with English subtitles | Australian Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Pan Nalin | Producers: Gaurav Dhingra, Pan Nalin | Cast: Sarah-Jane Dias, Rajshri Deshpande, Sandhya Mridul | Festivals: Pascale Ramonda

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- **GOLDSTONE** Australia | 2016 | 109 mins | In English | World Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Ivan Sen | Producers: Greer Simpkin, David Jowsey | Cast: Aaron Pedersen, Alex Russell, Jacki Weaver | Distributor: Transmission Films
- **LONG WAY NORTH** France, Denmark | 2015 | 81 mins | In French with English subtitles
Director: Rémi Chayé | Screenwriters: Claire Paoletti, Patricia Valeix, Fabrice de Costil | Producers: Ron Dyens, Claus Toksvig, Henri Magalon | Cast: Christa Théret, Féodor Atkine, Antony Hickling | Distributor: Rialto Distribution
- **MAHANA** New Zealand | 2016 | 102 mins | In English and Maori | Australian Premiere
Director: Lee Tamahori | Screenwriter: John Collee | Producers: Robin Scholes, Janine Dickins | Cast: Temuera Morrison, Akuhata Keefe, Nancy Brunning | Distributor: Entertainment One Australia
- **SPICE SISTERS** Australia | 2016 | 15 mins | In English | World Premiere
Director, Screenwriter: Sheila Jayadev

Sydney Film Festival runs 8 – 19 June 2016.

Tickets for Sydney Film Festival 2016 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au for more information.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From **Wednesday 8 June to Sunday 19 June 2016**, the 63rd 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. 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 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: *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, Casula Powerhouse, the Festival Hub at Sydney Town Hall and SFF Outdoor Screen.

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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.

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