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# Here are the themes we invite you to explore through our films, art and forums in 2013. Enjoy!

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Introducing extraordinary people as they traverse the road less travelled and pave the way for future generations.

#### On My Mind

Gain insight into the often hidden world of mental illness.

#### I Am (not who you think I am)

Prepare to be surprised as these people defy stereotypes, flip your perceptions and leave you thinking for days.

#### Word From Afar

Follow journalists, bloggers and photographers as they put themselves in harm's way to reveal groundbreaking stories and powerful images. What impact do their words and pictures have on the world?

#### This Place

The smallest communities live in the vastest environments. HRAFF invites you into hamlets, enclaves, and reservations where a people's story is written in the landscape.

#### All is Love

These films will take you to where the heart is – the relationships that define, and the love that binds.



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Robert Doyle, Lord Mayor ~~~~~~~

I am proud that the City of Melbourne was the original host city of the Human Rights Arts and Film Festival and that this strong relationship continues today.

This year's program will feature some of the best films and artwork from around the world. The stories will touch, inspire and challenge audiences from all walks of life.

HRAFF is an innovative and entertaining program devoted to the exploration of human rights issues.

I would like to acknowledge the festival's generous patrons and sponsors and the hard working event team for bringing this important festival to Melbourne once again.



Ella McNeill, Director

It is my absolute delight to invite you to explore these next few pages and delve into a program rich with remarkable people, places and stories.

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This year, more than ever, we are re-framing how you see human rights on screen. With a beautiful children's film from French master animators, a radical filipino comedy-of-sorts, to the Australian premiere of the new work by acclaimed New York filmmaker Jonathan Caouette, this program will surprise and intrigue you.

The collection of award-winning premieres we have on offer are straight from the famed festival circuit including Sundance, IDFA, Berlinale, Tribeca and more. As a young festival, we're thrilled to be featuring the debut work of many emerging filmmakers.

So jump in, use our handy labels to navigate your way through. I can assure you — HRAFF 2013 is not what you expect.





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## PATRON'S FESTIVAL PICKS:

HRAFF's supporting Patrons share what they are most excited to see at HRAFF 2013



MARGARET POMERANZ

High Tech, Low Life: because of my interest in the issue of censorship. My Brother the Devil: which promises insight into the world of immigrant youth.

Words of Witness: which focuses on a woman at the centre of a country undergoing enormous change.



#### ROBERT CONNOLLY

Alias Ruby Blade: Australia and East Timor share many incredible stories in our recent history. Kirsty Sword Gusmão and Xanana Gusmão's triumphant journey together bonds our two countries on so many levels.

Zarafa: I'm always looking for challenging cinema to take my children to that stimulates a conversation with them about issues and ideas beyond their life here in Australia. Very excited that the festival has included youth screenings! Walk Away Renee: I love the way Jonathan Caouette's first film Tarnation challenged many contemporary views about what a film is, the barriers to entry for new filmmakers, and the power of a subjective point of view on screen. Very



ISABEL LUCAS

With such a rich and diverse program HRAFF 2013 is proving to become a supreme experience. It is inspiring to see deeply human topics such as indigenous rights, censorship, mental health, age, disability, and displacement considered and debated in documentary and feature film, art, and forum. Above all, I am touched by stories of love and hope and the opening film *Alias* 

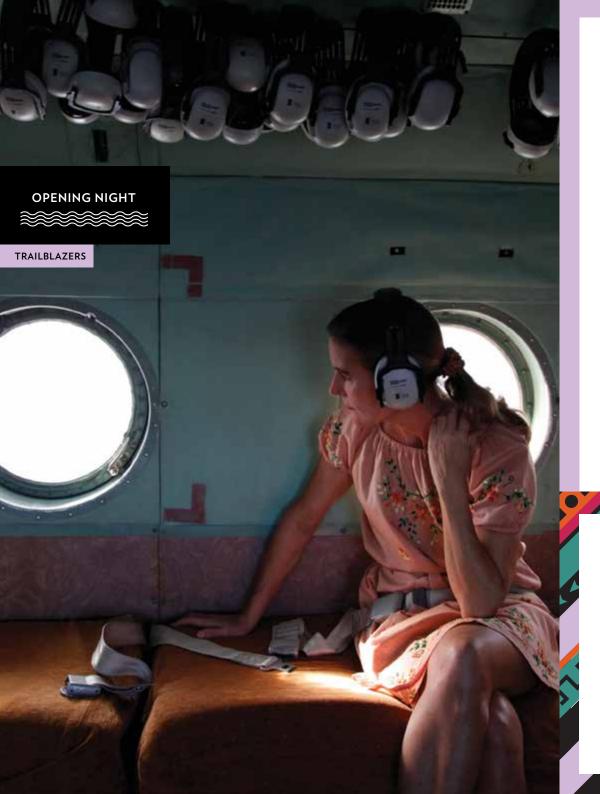


#### THE HON MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

curious to see what he has done next in this film!

Ruby Blade would be one I would not want to miss.

Human rights have long been intimately associated with drama and film. From the sublime scene of defiance by the prisoners in Beethoven's opera *Fidelio* to the gorblimey role of Joe Hasham as the gay hero in the popular 1970s TV soap opera, *Number 96*! Images change minds. They inspire action. They help overcome prejudice. They reveal wickedness. They appeal to human empathy. This is why HRAFF is truly human rights in action. This is why I love and support HRAFF. I would choose: *Love Free or Die* and the art exhibition *Reverie*, but there are many others that I would love to see.



# Alias Ruby Blade

#### Australian Premiere

Alex Meillier / USA and Australia / 2012 / 78 mins / English, Portuguese and Tetum with English subtitles / Documentary

Intrigue. Romance. Revolution. It all comes together in this action-packed documentary, which chronicles the tumultuous birth of a new nation in East Timor through a never-before-seen perspective. Kirsty Sword, a young Australian activist, aspired to be a documentary filmmaker, but instead became an underground operative for the Timorese resistance in Jakarta, code named 'Ruby Blade'. Her task: to become a conduit of information and instruction for the enigmatic leader of the resistance, Kay Rala "Xanana" Gusmão, while he was serving time in prison for his revolutionary activities. Through correspondence, Xanana and Kirsty drew ever closer. *Alias Ruby Blade* captures their incredible story from this beginning to the ultimate triumph of freedom in East Timor, demonstrating the astonishing power of individuals to change the course of history.



Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$40. Conc \$35

Tribeca Film Festival, 2013 Human Rights Watch, 2013 IDFA. 2012

#### PRESENTED BY



#### POST-FILM Q&A

Alias Ruby Blade will be followed by a conversation with **Kirsty Sword Gusmão** (protagonist), **Tanya Meillier** (producer) and **Alex Meillier** (director). Facilitated by **Robert Connolly**.

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## **OPENING NIGHT AFTER-PARTY**

Join us for free drinks, food and music at the elusive Tonic House Cellar, one of Melbourne's newest venues. Hidden in the cellar of a recently renovated Victorian building, Tonic House boasts Melbourne's classic blend of the secretive and sophisticated.

Get the conversation and party started with us, and celebrate the launch of the 2013 festival into the early hours!

Proudly presented by Australian Ethical Super. Supported by Mission Catering, Xanadu wine and Kirin Beer.

Tonic House Cellar, 386 Flinders Lane, Melbourne



# In the Shadow of the Sun

#### Australian Premiere

Harry Freeland / UK / 2012 / 84 mins Swahili and English with English subtitles / Documentary

"If societies think of me as sub-human today then I need to look for a solution to change society so it will accept me." – Josephat Torner

Albinos in Tanzania have traditionally been perceived as almost mythical beings. To some they are ghosts who cannot die; to others the result of a family curse. In 2007, after a wave of albino murders, a disturbing myth is exposed: witch doctors are calling for albinos to be hunted, claiming their limbs will bring wealth and good fortune.

For Josephat Torner, an albino himself, the only choice is to take action. He packs his bags, farewells his family, and sets out across the country, visiting villages in the hope that by confronting the superstitions he can stop the killings. Along the way, he meets many albino children who have been taken from their homes, forced to live in hiding behind high walls - "One of the many things we have had to learn is to live in danger." Shot over six years, In the Shadow of the Sun is the story of a man who stands up to persecution, putting his life on the line to change the world in which he lives.

# THU 23 MAY, 6:30 PM

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$30, Conc \$25

IDFA 2012, Runner-up Audience Award

Human Rights Watch, 2013

Includes a complimentary drink on arrival, then join us after the film at ACMI's Optic Kitchen and Bar for a drink to wrap up HRAFF 2013

#### POST-FILM Q&A

Our closing night film features a Q&A with director **Harry Freeland** and protagonist **Josephat Torner**. Facilitated by **Jo Chandler**.





#### STIMULATING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH FILM

For the first time, HRAFF presents CineSeeds — an event for young people and their parents alike. The screening of our 2013 CineSeeds film will entertain, inspire and educate young people on human rights and social justice issues. CineSeeds is an opportunity for attendees to create opinions and develop an understanding of issues that will shape their future.

With an entertaining introduction by our friends at PROJECT ROCK-IT (an interactive, anti-bullying and leadership program) and a goodie bag to take home, the afternoon will be an unforgettable experience. Join the HRAFF team and the CineSeeds Ambassadors, who have worked to promote CineSeeds to their classmates, for this inspiring event and help us plant the seeds for a better world.

All proceeds from CineSeeds go towards supporting HRAFF's Schools & Community Program.



# Zarafa

**TRAILBLAZERS** 

**CINESEEDS** 

#### Australian Premiere

Rémi Bezançon & Jean-Christophe Lie / France / 2011 78 mins / French with English subtitles / Animation

Inspired by the true story of the first giraffe to arrive in France, Zarafa is a magical 2D animation exploring loyalty, love and freedom. Maki, a young boy on the run from slave traders, forms an unbreakable bond with an orphaned giraffe named Zarafa. When Zarafa is kidnapped and shipped to Paris as a gift to the King, Maki must fulfill his promise to protect her. Accompanied by a desert prince named Hassan and a balloonist named Malaterre, Maki travels across deserts, mountains and seas on a quest to free himself (and Zarafa) from the tyranny of slavery.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$25, Conc \$15 \$60 Family of 4 (Max. 2 Adults) Age: 8+

Berlinale Generation, 2012

Chicago International Children's Film Festival. 2012



# Taxi Sister

#### Australian Premiere

Theresa Traore Dahlberg / Senegal / 2011 / 30 mins Wolof and French with English subtitles / Documentary

In Senegal there are 15,000 taxi drivers. Boury is of one 15 women who have taken up the profession. An energetic peek into urban West Africa, *Taxi Sister* revels in the solidarity of a small group of women as they accelerate change.

# **Red Wedding**

#### Australian Premiere

Lida Chan & Guillaume Suon / Cambodia and France / 2012 58 mins / Khmer with English subtitles / Documentary

Thirty years have passed, and on the eve of her son's wedding, Sochan Pen is finally ready to break her silence. At the age of 16, she was forced to marry a soldier as part of Cambodia's genetic engineering. Juxtaposing haunting archival and present day footage as Sochan confronts the people responsible for her rape and torture, *Red Wedding* is a landmark exposition of forced marriages under the Khmer Rouge.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

IDFA, 2012 – Winner Best Mid-Length Documentary

# Love Free or Die

#### Melbourne Premiere

Macky Alston / USA / 2012 / 82 mins / English / Documentary

Can you preach love and discriminate at the same time?

In June 2003, Gene Robinson was the first openly gay bishop to be consecrated in the Christian world – on that historic day, he wore a bullet-proof vest. Love Free or Die follows Bishop Robinson as he campaigns with panache and determination for LGBTI equality – "It's time that religious institutions took responsibility for what their speech empowers people to do." This remarkable documentary examines the role of faith in both stalling and propelling social change, revealing the explosive battles inside the church as they debate dogma and sexuality.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

Sundance, 2012 – U.S. Documentary Special Jury Prize

#### **POST-FILM FORUM**

Join our guest panellists who will discuss some of the issues raised in the film, including what role the Church can have in societies with so much social change.

Speakers include: Michelle Kolev, the chairperson of freedom2b, an organisation that works to reconcile LGBTI people's sexuality with their faith. Michelle lives with her partner Linda and 4 children and is from a fundamental Pentecostal church background. Reverend David Head is the Rector Priest in charge of the Anglican Parish of Heyfield, Diocese of Gippsland. Rev. Head has been with his partner Mark for 15 years.



ON MY MIND

# Walk Away Renee

#### Australian Premiere

Jonathan Caouette / USA and France / 2012 / 87 mins English / Documentary

In 2003, New York filmmaker Jonathan Caouette debuted the critically acclaimed *Tarnation*, a fast-paced micro-budget memoir about his relationship with his mother, Renee, who was diagnosed with acute bipolar and schizoaffective disorder. Almost a decade later, he returns with a sequel-of-sorts, *Walk Away Renee*. Part vérité road movie and part frenetic archival mash-up, mother and son travel across country on a bumpy journey to Renee's new care facility. Drawing on musical montage, psychedelic sequences and a treasure trove of home movies, Caouette honours his mother in this touching exploration of mental illness, sacrifice and love.

FEATURES POST-FILM FORUM - DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

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## WALK AWAY RENEE FORUM

Walk Away Renee will be followed by a panel that will examine whether traditional media is appropriate to communicate stories of mental distress, among other pertinent questions surrounding representations of mental illness in film today.

#### **NADIA TASS**

A multi-award winning director of films and theatre, to date Tass has received 98 international awards. Some of Tass' features include *Rikky and Pete, The Big Steal* and *Malcolm* which has had international critical acclaim.

#### SANDY JEFFS

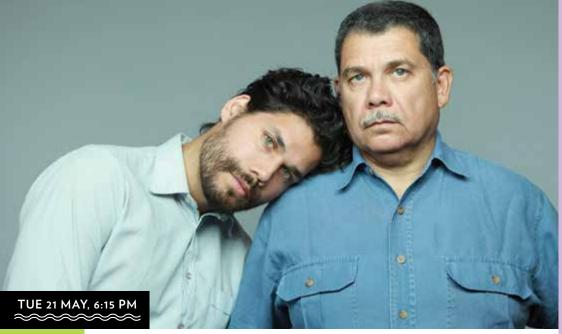
A sanity-challenged poet who has published five books of poetry including her best-selling *Poems from the Madhouse*. She has lived with schizophrenia for 36 years. In 2010 Sandy's memoir *Flying with Paper Wings: Reflections on Living with Madness* was short-listed for *The Age* book of the year and named SANE book of the year.

#### DR. FINCINA HOPGOOD

Completed a PhD on the portrayal of mental illness in Australian and New Zealand films. She currently teaches the graduate subject Human Rights on Screen at Melbourne University.

#### DR. PIA BROUS

A Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, currently working as a clinician in an interdisciplinary youth mental health clinic. Pia has worked in mental health for 34 years.





# El Huaso

#### Australian Premiere

Carlo Guillermo Proto / Canada and Chile / 2012 / 78 mins English and Spanish with English subtitles / Documentary

From the outside, Gustavo Proto has the good life — after a successful career, this Chilean immigrant lives in a beautiful home in Canada, surrounded by a loving wife and family. However, when he recognises the possibility of early onset Alzheimer's, Gustavo begins to contemplate ending his life, just as his father did before him. In this powerful documentary, the filmmaker — who is also Gustavo's son, Carlo — dissolves the boundary between personal and professional, creating an emotional portrait of his family in crisis. With beautiful cinematography traversing the Chilean and Canadian landscape, El Huaso provides an insight into mental illness and suicide from the most personal, but often least represented perspectives: that of the sufferer, and the family that would be left behind.

FEATURES POST-FILM FORUM - DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

The Doc Yard, 2013

Quebec, 2012 Best First Feature Film

Hot Docs, 2012



## **EL HUASO FORUM**

El Huaso will be followed by a panel to discuss the silences around issues of mental health that can exist in families, societal taboos around suicide, and the value of sharing such personal stories on screen.

#### PROFESSOR PATRICK MCGORRY AO

Was Australian of the Year in 2010 and is Executive Director of Orygen Youth Health (OYH), a world-renowned youth mental health organisation with an emphasis on early intervention. Professor McGorry's extraordinary 28-year contribution has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of young people the world over.

#### JAELEA SKEHAN

Is a psychologist and acting director of the Hunter Institute of Mental Health. Jaelea is well known for her specific expertise in media reporting and portrayal of suicide and mental illness. Since 2002 she managed the education and training component of the *Mindframe* National Media Initiative in Australia aimed at promoting responsible and accurate portrayal of suicide and mental illness.

#### NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

"The story explores complex issues that aren't frequently discussed in most families, including my own. I have built awareness around these issues by putting myself, my sisters and mother in the film and asking the questions that are often ignored within families. It is my hope that others will identify with these issues and will be prompted to discuss their past, present, and future within their families, as most struggle with potential illness and inevitable death." — Carlo Guillermo Proto

If you are in need of immediate assistance, contact Lifeline 13 11 14 or the Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

ON MY MIND



# Reverie

#### Reverie Exhibition Viewing and Curator's Talk presented in association with The Dax Centre

Gain insight into the creative process and the transformative power of imagination with curators Emma Last and Viona Fung in this exclusive guided tour of the exhibition *Reverie*.

Reverie can be understood as a dynamic state akin to daydreaming where one is free to imagine different possibilities and thoughts. Investigating reverie in the context of artmaking, the exhibition explores the relationship between hope and creativity and how memory and imagination help us make sense of our lives.

Drawn from the Cunningham Dax Collection, the historical and contemporary artworks on display include textiles, works on paper, paintings and ceramics. The exhibition curators will discuss how artists use symbols and colours to convey a sense of optimism, wonder and the shift from adversity to recovery.

#### About The Dax Centre

The Dax Centre is a multifaceted not-for-profit organisation that explores the fascinating interface between art and the mind. The Dax Centre's mission is to promote mental health and wellbeing by fostering a greater understanding of the mind, mental illness and trauma through art and creativity.

Curator's Talk: Wednesday 15 May, 6:30–7:30pm Location: The Dax Centre, Kenneth Myer Building The University of Melbourne, Genetics Lane off Royal Parade FRFF

The Reverie exhibition is open May 9-Sep 21, 2013

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# Informant

Australian Premiere Jamie Meltzer / USA / 2012 / 80 mins / English / Documentary

Vilified and venerated in equal measure, but who is Brandon Darby? In 2005 he entered the national spotlight when he co-founded the Common Ground Collective in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. A charismatic leader, who made friends and enemies easily, he climbed the ranks of the radical left, and became known as a fearless revolutionary. But this is only the beginning of the story. Meltzer's fascinating documentary unravels Darby's tale which, like the plot of a bizarre thriller, is at times almost unbelievable. Drawing on intimate conversations with Darby, who becomes more of a mystery the more we get to know him, we watch him re-address the most controversial events of his life. With contradicting testimony from activists, journalists, politicians and government agents, *Informant* casts doubt on any one truth in a psychological examination of fundamentalism that will leave you reeling.

"[A] film that is thrilling from beginning to end, that innovates documentary form, that takes a small corner of America and looks at our widest issues."

— DOC NYC. 2012

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18. Conc \$16

DOC NYC, 2012 - Winner Grand Jury Prize IDFA, 2012



William and the Windmill

Ben Nabors / USA / 2012 / 92 mins

Australian Premiere

English and Chewa with English subtitles / Documentary

"I set out to tell a story about a young man who built a windmill to save his family from famine... but in the process, I have arrived at an extremely important story about Western involvement in the developing world." — Ben Nabors, director

Forced to leave school at fourteen and armed only with a library book, young Malawian William Kamkwamba became an inventor. With sheer ingenuity he built a windmill from junk parts and generated electricity for his village. When this remarkable achievement hit the media and he was invited to appear on TED Talks, William became an international sensation, heralded as a beacon of hope for Africa in the new century. But with newfound fame came unexpected challenges. Ben Nabor's documentary follows William's struggle to fulfil expectations and simultaneously follow his own dreams.

#### **POST-FILM Q&A**

William and the Windmill will be followed by a conversation with New York-based director of the film. Ben Nabors.

#### Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

SXSW 2013, Grand Jury Prize Winner

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# Go Grandriders

#### Melbourne Premiere

Hua Tien-hau / Taiwan / 2012 / 70 mins Mandarin with English subtitles / Documentary

"It came to me that the trip was a chance for us to pursue our dreams. But whether it's the trip or life itself, an end will come some day." — Zhang Cheng Ying-mei, Grandrider

Seventeen Taiwanese senior citizens (most of whom are in their eighties) hit the road on what seems to be an impossible endeavour — a 13-day motorcycle adventure around the country. Unwilling to surrender to their ailing bodies, these daredevil riders take on everything from fatigue and arthritis to cancer and heart disease to defend their right to ride. On the wide-open road, there are hijinks and laughs, but profound friendships emerge, and stories of loss and heartbreak are revealed. Bent on proving that age is just a number, these 'Grand Riders' break through all the roadblocks - sometimes quite literally - in the pursuit to cross the finish line.

Price: Full \$18. Conc \$16

Where: ACMI Cinemas

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If you have a strong human rights social conscience you probably want to influence social change in your community.

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# Eddie Adams: Saigon '68

Australian Premiere

Douglas Sloan / USA / 2012 / 17 mins / English / Documentary

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$12, Conc \$10

Doc NYC 2012

"Still photographs are the most powerful weapon in the world. People believe them; but photographs do lie, even without manipulation." Eddie Adams

In 1968, photojournalist Eddie Adams captured the most iconic image of the Vietnam War: a pointblank execution of a Vietcong prisoner on a Saigon street. The photo epitomised the horror of wartime brutality and was circulated all over the world, spurring global opposition to the war.

Yet the 'truth' of any photograph is not straightforward. The context of the shooting of the Vietcong prisoner has never properly been examined. Saigon '68 explores the untold story behind this image and raises pertinent questions regarding the power of photography to affect human rights agendas.

#### **POST-FILM FORUM**

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion with some of Australia's leading journalists and photojournalists.

#### TIM PAGE

One of the world's best-known war photographers and one of the first photographers to cover the Vietnam War. Page has photographed conflict around the globe for almost 50 years, including conflicts in Laos and Cambodia and now teaches photojournalism at Griffith University.

#### MICHAEL GAWENDA

Winner of three Walkley Awards for his journalism, Gawenda was the editor-in-chief of *The Age* and its London and Washington Correspondent. He went on to become the Director of the Centre for Advanced Journalism at The University of Melbourne.

#### **GARRY BARKER**

Was a foreign and war correspondent for more than 25 years in the US, South East Asia and Europe for the *Herald and Weekly Times*. During those years he covered US and UN politics, the Cuban revolution, the conflicts in Vietnam and Cambodia, coups and other upheavals in Asia and the Middle East.

#### DR. FAY ANDERSON

A senior lecturer in the School of Journalism, Australian and Indigenous Studies at Monash University. Anderson has published widely on war journalism. She is now investigating the history and significance of Australian press photography with Michael Gawenda.



# Requiem

Presented in partnership with Reportage, festival of documentary photography.

Between the height of the French Indochina War in the fifties and the fall of Phnom Penh and Saigon in 1975, 135 photographers from all sides of the conflict are recorded as missing or having been killed. This exhibition is a memorial to those men and women.

Tim Page, renowned photographer who produced many of the iconic images taken during the Vietnam War, has gathered thousands of pictures taken by those who were killed or went missing. The *Requiem* exhibition is a selection of those photos.

Captured by both Cambodian and foreign photographers, *Requiem* documents Cambodia in its last death throws, before the country fell to the Khmer Rouge on April 17th 1975. Once in power, the Khmer Rouge had no need for publicity, no call for the media who they targeted indiscriminately. Most were ambushed summarily, executed or marched into captivity. *Requiem* is a collection of their photos, the photos they sacrificed their lives to take.

Opening: Friday 10 May, 6pm-7pm

Exhibition: Friday 10 May-Sunday 19 May

Exhibition viewing and floor talk with curator Tim Page: Sun 19 May (check website for time)

Opening Hours: 12pm-6:30pm weekdays, 1pm-7pm weekends

Location: Yarra Gallery, Federation Square, Ground Level Yarra Building

**FREE** 

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Photographer: Sou Vichith, who worked for  $\operatorname{Gamma}$  and  $\operatorname{AP}$  and was killed by the

Khmer Rouge. Taken near Phnom Penh, Cambodia 1975



High Tech, Low Life

#### Melbourne Premiere

Stephen Maing / China and USA / 2012 / 87 mins Mandarin with English subtitles / Documentary

"My courage only exists in my writings." - Tiger Temple

With over 500 million people connected online, China leads the world in internet users. Yet, due to strict censorship policies, it is also the world's biggest prison for bloggers and cyber-dissidents. High Tech, Low Life provides a fascinating peek into the lives of two citizen journalists, 57-year-old Tiger Temple, considered China's first citizen blogger, and 27-year-old Zola, a fruit seller turned minor blogging celebrity. With different values and motivations, both bloggers work tirelessly to leak their stories to the outside world. But with risks to their safety increasing, will they lose out to China's great firewall?

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

Sheffield Doc/Fest, 2012

Tribeca Film Festival, 2012

IFF Boston, 2012 – Best Documentary Special Jury Award

# **Words of Witness**

#### Australian Premiere

Mai Iskander / Egypt and USA / 2012 / 68 mins English and Arabic with English subtitles / Documentary

During the Egyptian uprising, social media was the weapon of choice for a new generation. In *Words of Witness*, filmmaker Mai Iskander (*Garbage Dreams*, HRAFF 2010) follows Heba Afify, a budding online journalist reporting from the frontline of the revolution. Heba's attempts to report are continually compromised by the restrictions she faces as a young woman in Egyptian society – in particular, by her mother's incessant reminders that, whilst a journalist, she is above all 'a girl'. As the country begins the transition towards democracy, Heba starts to understand that this hard-fought revolution may in fact not yet be over. Exploring the personal and political in equal measure, *Words of Witness* is a timely glimpse into post-revolution Egypt today.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

Berlinale, 2012

One World Film Festival, 2012 Best of the Festival Jury Award

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#### **POST-FILM FORUM**

Words of Witness will be followed by a Skype discussion between **Professor Fethi Mansouri**, director of the strategic research Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University and **Dina Harb**, an Egyptian film producer who is making films about people's stories post-revolution. The conversation will shed light on the current state of affairs in Egypt, two years after the revolution.

# THE VIRTUAL REVOLUTION: NEW MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

#### WED 22 May, 6:00 PM, The Cube, ACMI

New media has transformed the dissemination of information around the world. Virtual activists are galvanising public support and action through the use of digital technologies. Citizens have become 'accidental journalists'. Armed with smartphone cameras and Twitter accounts, they use the internet to report on human rights abuses, bypassing government censorship and repression.

Facebook has been key in engaging the Egyptian population during the Arab Spring, Barack Obama's 2008 online campaigning levelled the playing field of American politics and Chinese bloggers have used the internet for years to tell stories that would otherwise remain hidden.

But along with these new possibilities come new dangers, including the ability of authoritarian governments to identify and target human rights activists. Disparity in technological access remains a problem and debates about the reliability of citizen bloggers are rife.

Join our panellists who will discuss the dichotomies of the digital landscape and the role of new media in the struggle for human rights.

#### DALIA ZIADA (VIA SKYPE)

Is an award-winning Egyptian liberal human rights activist and Executive Director of the Cairo-based Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, one of the oldest and biggest NGO's advocating human rights and civil freedoms in Egypt and the Arab World. She has been named one of the Arab world's eight agents for change and one of the world's 17 bravest bloggers.

#### **ED GILES**

Is an award-winning Australian photojournalist and multimedia reporter based in Cairo, Egypt. In 2011, Ed was awarded a Walkley Award for Online Journalism, for work with the ABC's Online Investigations Unit and in 2010 a United Nations Media Peace Prize for Online Reporting.

#### JESS HILL

Used social media to report over 200 original stories from the Arab world during the uprisings in 2011 - all from her desk in Sydney. In 2012, she moved to the Middle East as a correspondent for *The Global Mail*, living in both Cairo and Beirut.

#### SABA BEBAWI

Is a journalism and media researcher with research interests in the role of media in democracy-building. Saba was a broadcaster/producer for Radio Jordan English service for four years.



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# Law of The Jungle

#### Australian Premiere

Michael Christoffersen & Hans la Cour / Denmark / 2012 85 mins / Spanish with English subtitles / Documentary

Indigenous Peruvians clash with local police in a bloody land dispute. When a policeman is found dead, a group of indigenous leaders, 'the usual suspects', are rounded up, tortured and thrown in prison. What ensues is a courtroom drama of David and Goliath proportions, as one indigenous community bravely exposes multinational malpractice, police brutality and government corruption to the highest degree. Facing obstacles at every turn, Fachin, one of the accused, refuses to accept defeat – steadfast in the conviction that his community should control their land and their future. Things begin to advance when they enlist the assistance of a human rights lawyer dedicated to their struggle – that is, until their only witness goes missing.

"A timelessly powerful film, Law of The Jungle has done what only the best documentaries can do. It has delivered very uncomfortable and disturbing truths to powerful organisations, whilst holding an iron grip on the heartstrings of its audience." — Sheffield Doc/Fest Jury, 2012

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

Sheffield Documentary Festival, 2012 The Green Award



**THIS PLACE** 

# Xingu

#### Melbourne Premiere

Cao Hamburger / Brazil / 2012 / 103 mins Portuguese with English subtitles / Drama

Writer-director Cao Hamburger's epic eco-drama tells the true story of the Villas-Boâs brothers and their adventures into the interiors of Brazil. Beginning in the 1940s, this visually spectacular film charts the brothers' first contact with the tribes of the upper Amazon. When disease and government exploitation threaten the Xingu, the Villas-Boâs brothers are forced to confront their own role in the destruction of indigenous Amazonian society. What starts as an innocent expedition into the unknown leads to one of the most ambitious conservation campaigns in Brazilian history. Co-produced by Fernando Meirelles (City of God, The Constant Gardener).

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18. Conc \$16

Berlinale, 2012 - Audience Award, Berlinale Panorama

# Soldier on the Roof

#### Australian Premiere

Esther Hertog / The Netherlands / 2012 / 80 mins Hebrew and English with English subtitles / Documentary

800 Jewish settlers live among 120,000 Palestinians in the West Bank city of Hebron, protected by a battalion of Israeli soldiers from the rooftops. Considered a holy place for both Jewish and Muslim people, Hebron has been a historic hotbed of violence between two groups struggling to live side-by-side. Filmmaker and anthropologist Esther Hertog spent three years filming the real, sometimes surreal existence of soldiers, ideological settlers and their children. Soldier on the Roof is a personal and anthropological quest to understand the lives and motivations of the settlers while shedding light on the experience of the Palestinians surrounding them.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18. Conc \$16

Doc Edge New Zealand, 2013 IDFA 2012, Best Documentary - First Appearance and Best Dutch Film



THIS PLACE

# Sun Kissed

#### Australian Premiere

Maya Stark & Adi Lavy / USA / 2011 / 85 mins Navajo and English with English subtitles / Documentary

A single gene exposes a hidden history. For a Navajo couple, Yolanda and Dorey Nez, their two children have inherited a rare, recessive genetic disorder known as XP. Both parents are burdened by the fact that they carry the defective gene – a one in a million chance. But when rumours surface of other children on the reservation with XP, they begin an investigation into a disturbing truth, which returns them to the earliest days of the Navajo/settler encounter. A portrait of the Wild West as you've never seen it before, Sun Kissed is punctuated with beautiful imagery of the New Mexican landscape, which starkly contrasts with the final, shocking revelation.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

LA Film Festival, 2012 SilverDocs, 2012



# Mothers & Ink

#### Presented by The Ownership Project in partnership with HRAFF.

During February and March 2013, The Ownership Project ran printmaking workshops with women from the Horn of Africa community living at the Carlton Housing Estate.

Exploring ideas of pattern and design, the women spent afternoons crafting images together around a hall table, incorporating henna, textile and various East African motifs into their work. The designs were then brought to life through various printmaking techniques resulting in a vibrant series of both playful and poetic prints.

#### About The Ownership Project

The Ownership Project is a non-profit print making studio and gallery in Fitzroy. The project is a cultural development initiative, working with local migrant and indigenous communities through studio residency programs and various community art projects.

Opening: Friday 17 May, 6pm-8pm,

Exhibition: 16 May-2 June

Opening Hours: 10am–5pm, (Thurs-Sat) 11am–4pm (Sun)

Location: The Ownership Project gallery, Level 1/110 Johnston Street, Fitzroy.

**FREE** 

Image Credits: Nadia Ahmed, *untitled*, lino print on Magnani paper, 2013. Image courtesy of The Ownership Project.





A package of films brimming with hope and heart. These International Shorts tackle human rights issues with a tender touch and an occasional laugh.

#### Zombi

David Moreno / Spain / 2012 12:43 mins / Spanish with English subtitles / Drama

As his language and memory disappears, a grandfather fights to make one final decision on his own.

A joyful and affectionate meditation on the right to die with dignity.

# 30% (Women and Politics in Sierra Leone)

Anna Cady / UK / 2012 / 10:35 mins English / Animated Documentary

Blending animation and documentary footage, this powerful film introduces us to three women as they lobby for increased female representation in Sierra Leone's parliament.

#### suh

Jossie Malis Álvarez / Spain / 2012 15:00 mins / Multiple languages with English subtitles / Drama

How can you work, socialise or simply survive in society when no one can understand you?

#### Unravel

Meghna Gupta / UK / 2012 14:00 mins / Hindi with English subtitles / Documentary

What happens to all our discarded clothes? Unravel journeys to Panipat, India to meet the women working in recycling factories that turn masses of unwanted Western clothing back into thread.

#### Asad

Bryan Buckley / USA & South Africa 2012 / 18:00 mins / Somali with English subtitles / Drama

Full of wonder and hope from a country emerging from the ravages of war. Asad is the coming-of-age story of a young boy faced with choosing the life of pirates, or learning to be a fisherman. Starring an all-Somali-refugee cast. Nominated for an Academy Award, 2013.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

#### Hold on Tight

Anna Rodgers / Ireland / 2011 12:00 mins / English / Documentary

For same-sex couples in Ireland, the simple act of touching can provoke outrage or even violence. Hold on Tight is a tender collection of love stories from LGBTI couples in Ireland.

#### Abuelas

Afarin Eghbal / UK / 2011 9:16 mins / English / Animation

A grandmother shares her story of disappearance, loss, protest and reclamation; a story familiar to hundreds of Argentinian women whose children went missing during Videla's military dictatorship. A new Australia rising. Featuring outstanding work by emerging filmmakers, these shorts take inspiration from the stories and the people that define us now.

#### The Wilding

Grant Scicluna / Australia / 2012 15:14 mins / English / Drama

Malcolm and Tye are inmates at a juvenile detention facility. They also happen to be in love. But when Malcolm is offered the chance of early parole, it sets off a chain of events that puts Tye in danger.

#### The Art of Fighting

Gavain Browne / Australia / 2011 11:40 mins / English / Documentary Inspired by a battered

Inspired by a battered photograph of Bruce Lee, Afghan-Australian martial artist Hussain Sadiqi is on the cusp of pursuing his lifelong dream.

#### The Interviewer

Genevieve Clay-Smith / Australia 2012 / 12:00 mins / English with English subtitles / Drama

Thomas nervously waits to be interviewed for a position at an esteemed law firm, but this isn't going to be an ordinary interview – it will end up challenging Thomas' prejudices and preconceptions.

#### Silent Night

Bec Kingma / Australia / 2011 26:30 mins / English / Drama

Suffocating under the weight of living in a small country town, Kim and Chantelle go for a night out at the pub to unwind. Winner of Best Short Film at the Cockatoo Island Film Festival 2012.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

#### Trans Boys - Danny

Monique Schafter & Ali Russell Australia / 2012 / 5:07 mins / English Documentary

A captivating and personal portrait of Danny as he prepares to celebrate his son's first birthday.

#### Blackbuster

S.F. Tusa / Australia 2012 / 10:00 mins / English Musical Comedy

When a bashful teenager falls for the publican's daughter, he turns to his favourite films for inspiration. This indigenous comedy is a movie buff's delight.

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Join us after the session for the Australian Shorts Award announcements and a drink with the filmmakers

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# Rawer

#### Australian Premiere

Anneloek Sollart / Netherlands / 2012 / 57 mins Dutch language with English subtitles / Documentary

14-year-old Tom and his mother Francis adhere to a strict raw food diet (dairy, fish, meat and eggs are all off-limits). When it is discovered that Tom is malnourished, and not growing at the rate doctors think he should be, child welfare steps in. With remarkable access into one of the most curious trials of child abuse the Netherlands has ever seen, *Rawer* looks at contemporary debates about what we eat.

FEATURES POST-FILM FORUM - DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

IDFA, 2012



#### **RAWER FORUM**

Rawer will be followed by a panel to address some of the controversial issues raised in the film. This panel will reflect on the difficult questions that stem from conflict between health care providers and families in a world where alternative nutritional practices continue to be viewed as oppositional to the logic of Western science.

#### MARK DONEDDU

Is the president of Vegetarian Victoria and Event Manager for World Vegan Day. He has extensive experience researching vegetarian health issues as well as the environmental impacts of a healthy vegetarian diet.

#### **DAVID WOLFE**

David "Avocado" Wolfe is one of the world's leading authorities on nutrition, natural health, superfoods, chocolate, herbalism and nutrition. He is an author of many best-selling books and has over 16 years of dedicated experience in these fields.

#### DR KYLIE SMITH

Is a Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer at the Youth Research Centre located in the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education. Kylie was also Centre Director at the University of Melbourne's Swanston Street Children's Centre for fifteen years.



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# A Still Jacket

#### Australian Premiere

Ramòn Giger / Switzerland / 2010 / 77 mins German with English subtitles / Documentary

"What is a prejudice for you? If I'm only considered as an autistic person. How would you like to be considered? As a total human being."

Conversation between filmmaker, Ramon Giger and protagonist, Roman

Roman, a young man living with autism, has never spoken a word. He communicates in other ways. Filmmaker Ramòn Giger presents a touching portrait of Roman and his carer, Xaver, who teaches him the dangerous skill of operating a chainsaw. Through these lessons a very close but challenging friendship emerges as these two men must learn to communicate and connect. With rich cinematography that includes footage shot by Roman himself, this powerful documentary invites audiences to enter Roman's world, and see from his perspective right up until the breathtaking conclusion.

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18 Conc \$16

Visions du Reel, 2011

# My Brother the Devil

#### Melbourne Premiere

Sally El Hosaini / UK / 2012 / 111 mins English and Arabic with English subtitles / Drama

Power, poverty and sexuality. My Brother the Devil is a comingof-age drama like no other. Rashid and Mo are two Arab-British brothers growing up in the Hackney council flats with their Egyptian parents. Rashid, the eldest, is already involved in the gritty underworld of drugs and gangs, but holds higher hopes for his younger brother Mo. When a tragic event brings the brothers face-to-face with the realities of urban violence, Rashid attempts to get out while Mo becomes more determined than ever to step up and take his place. A story about brotherhood and belonging, My Brother the Devil is a slick and energetic portrayal of migrant youth pushed to the fringe.

"Sally El Hosaini brings sensitivity, distinctive identity and an invigorating adrenaline charge to a story of criminally inclined youth in suburban East London in her dynamic first feature." — David Rooney, Hollywood Reporter Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18. Conc \$16

Sundance, 2012 - Best

Cinematography and Sundance Impact Award

BFI London, 2012 - Best Newcomer, Sally El Hosaini

Berlinale, 2012 – Best European Film





# **Ombline**

Australian Premiere Stéphane Cazes / France / 2012 / 95 mins French with English subtitles / Drama

Mélanie Thierry delivers a raw and riveting performance in this masterful debut by French writer-director Stéphane Cazes. Ombline, 20, is serving a three-year prison sentence after violently assaulting police. Traumatised and alone, she struggles to find the will to live, until she discovers that she is pregnant. *Ombline* takes audiences to the darkest corners of prison life as a young mother struggles to raise her child behind bars.

"Valuable insights into the troubling reality of prison child-rearing – from the lack of decent medical care to the makeshift toys and dolls – revealing how women in such situations cope with solitude and minimal resources as they try to create suitable environments for their kids." —Jordan Mintzer, Hollywood Reporter

Where: ACMI Cinemas Price: Full \$18, Conc \$16

Paris Cinema Fest, 2012 Cinémania, 2012 – Best Feature Film

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#### PRE-FILM INTRO

Ombline will be introduced by **Sharynne Hamilton**, the first Indigenous Internship Officer at ANU, where she undertakes work in child protection. She is also the ACT Chairperson of FIN (Family Inclusion Network).

#### MEET THE FILMMAKERS

MON 20 May, 5:30 PM, The Cube, ACMI

Everyone wants to be a director, but what does it actually mean to direct a documentary film?

In partnership with RMIT University, HRAFF is hosting a discussion with some of our international guest filmmakers. They will be talking about funding pitfalls, ethical dilemmas, shifting technologies and how to turn hours of real footage into a complete work. Come and hear the stories behind the films in this intimate and personal discussion.

Guest filmmakers include Ben Nabors, founder of New York-based production company {group theory}. His latest film *William and the Windmill* (HRAFF 2013) won the 2013 Grand Jury Award at SXSW.

HRAFF PRESENTS a night of film and music inspired by the creativity and imagination emerging from the one billion people living in urban slums around the world. The lineup includes a late-night screening of the explosive Mondomanila, followed by Saca La Mois DJ!! & VJ Martin Hadley (Space Is The Place PBS FM / Cumbia Cosmonauts) taking us on an audiovisual exploration of the dance floors of the world's favelas, shantytowns and barrios.

WHERE: Bella Union, Level 1, Trades Hall, corner of Victoria & Lygon Streets Carlton South (enter off Lygon St)

PRICE: \$12 Full, \$10 Concession

# **MONDOMANILA**

Khavn De La Cruz / Philippines / 2012 / 75 mins Tagalog with English subtitles / Narrative

#### MELBOURNE PREMIERE

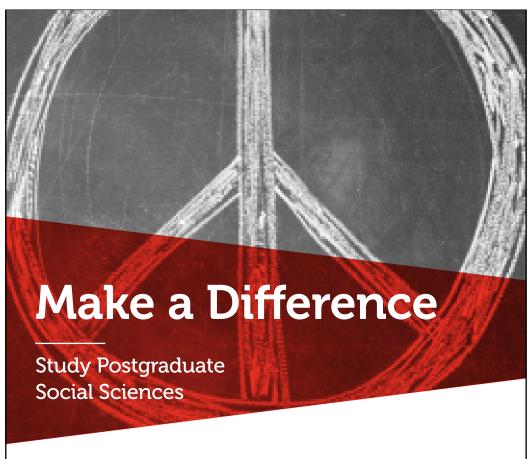
Rotterdam, 2012 Fantasia, 2012

Welcome to Manila's grubby underbelly. Teenage antihero Tony de Guzman lives in the slums with his gang of underage no-hopers, whose lives are about trying to get enough money to survive day-by-day. In order to protect themselves from the threats of the slum, they follow their own rules, sticking together, cheating the system and taking what they can. Described by one critic as "Glee on crack", Mondomanila is a radical film of cinematographic artistry, but also a grotesquely violent, deliberately offensive account of urban ghetto life. To tell Tony's story, Khavn dexterously manoeuvres between slapstick, sensationalised porn, bestiality and hyper-real bloodshed. Whilst ultimately a comedy, Mondomanila raises uncomfortable questions about the exploitation of the urban poor and the commodification of slum culture. It is a divisive film, which will have you morally outraged or laughing in disbelief. Entering the world of Mondomanila will make your eyes pop, your stomach turn, and make you rethink everything you ever thought about the slum.



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# Artspaces for Human Rights

#### Presented by RMIT

RMIT, in partnership with HRAFF, presents artworks across all four Link Arts and Culture Artspaces; including the NEW Library Artspaces.

Artspaces for Human Rights is by emerging RMIT artists whose works promote the ethos of the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival. Works range from small-scale sculptures to photography and ceramics.

The exhibition runs from the 9-23 May.

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## LISTING OF FORUMS, Q&A's and ARTIST TALKS

#### **OPENING NIGHT**

Alias Ruby Blade Post-film Q&A (pg. 8) Thurs 9 May, 6:30pm screening ACMI Cinemas

You must attend the film session to attend this forum

Love Free or Die Post-film Forum (pg. 15) Mon 13 May, 6:30pm screening ACMI Cinemas

You must attend the film session to attend this forum

Walk Away Renee Post-film Forum (pg. 17) Tues 14 May, 6:30pm screening ACMI Cinemas

You must attend the film session to attend this forum

Words of Witness Post-film Forum (pg. 29) Wed 15 May, 6:30pm screening ACMI Cinemas

You must attend the film session to attend this forum

Reverie Curator Talk and Exhibition (pg. 20) Wed 15 May, 6:30pm The Dax Centre, The University of Melbourne FRFF

William and the Windmill
Post-film Q&A (pg. 22)
Thurs 16 May, 6:15pm screening
ACMI Cinemas
You must attend the film session to

attend this forum

Requiem Exhibition viewing and floor talk with curator Tim Page (pg. 27) Sun 19 May, check out website for time Federation Square, Gr Lv Yarra Building FREE

Meet the Filmmakers (pg. 44) Mon 20 May, 5:30pm The Cube, ACMI FRFF

Eddie Adams: Saigon '68 (pg. 26) Mon 20 May, 6:30pm ACMI Cinemas \$10 / \$12 Tickets from ACMI

El Huaso Post-film Forum (pg. 19)
Tues 21 May, 6:15pm screening
ACMI Cinemas
You must attend the film session to
attend this forum

Rawer Post-film Forum (pg. 39) Tues 21 May, 8:30pm screening ACMI Cinemas

You must attend the film session to attend this forum

The Virtual Revolution: New Media and Human Rights (pg. 30) Wed 22 May 6pm The Cube, ACMI FREE

**CLOSING NIGHT** 

In the Shadow of the Sun Post-film Q&A (pg. 10) Thurs 23 May, 6:30pm screening ACMI Cinemas

You must attend the film session to attend this forum



HRAFF's 2013 Film Award competition recognises exceptional films that connect audiences to human rights stories. Feature length winners are honoured for their outstanding achievements in both narrative and documentary filmmaking, while our shortfilm competition commends filmmakers exploring powerful stories with brevity. HRAFF is also delighted to celebrate emerging Australian talent with two prizes dedicated to homegrown films.

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# HUMAN RIGHTS ARTS & FILM FESTIVAL



Our national festival tour returns in 2013 as we travel the country throughout May and June. Showcasing a collection of captivating stories fresh from the Melbourne program, we'll hit the road in search of new audiences to delight and inspire with our films and art collaborations.

See you on tour! All tickets available through the HRAFF website: www.hraff.org.au

#### **CANBERRA**

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When: June 4-6 Price: \$15/\$13

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When: June 3-5 Price: \$15/\$13

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#### **SYDNEY**

Chauvel Cinema
Oxford St, Paddington

When: May 28-30 Price: \$15/\$13

#### ARTIST IN CONVERSATION

Wangechi Mutu with MCA Senior Curator Rachel Kent, presented in association with HRAFF

Museum of Contemporary Art Sydney, Veolia Lecture Theatre

May 23 2013, 6:30-7:30pm -FREE

www.mca.com.au

This event is part of the Wangechi Mutu exhibition

#### **REQUIEM EXHIBITION**

#### **EDDIE ADAMS: SAIGON '68**

Screening + Panel discussion

Check out the HRAFF website for all the details: www.hraff.org.au.

# HRAFF'S SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY PROGRAM

HRAFF's Schools & Community Program (SAC) continues the reach of the festival by focusing on young people and others who are unable to attend the festival. We believe that film evokes empathy and compassion in a way that a lecture or lesson often cannot. For this reason film is a wonderful way to highlight the value of difference and diversity in all areas of life and connect individuals with an understanding of the human condition.

The program provides school students from years 5 to 12 the opportunity to view selected films suited to the specific interests and curriculum of their class and year level. Issues explored include indigenous rights, environmental issues, bullying, discrimination, poverty, disability rights and women's rights. After each screening, HRAFF delivers a workshop, presentation or discussion forum to explore the issues raised in the films in depth. HRAFF also holds community screenings around Victoria.

HRAFF's SAC film program aims to create a more accepting and compassionate environment within the classroom and beyond, leading the way to a stronger and more cohesive human rights culture in Australia.

Please contact the education team for more information about how your school or community group can participate in the program on (03) 9639 1121 or info@hraff.org.au.

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# ARTIST IN CONVERSATION

Wangechi Mutu with Senior Curator Rachel Kent Thursday 23 May / 6.30-7.30pm Veolia Lecture Theatre, Museum of Contemporary Art Austr

Join Wangechi Mutu and MCA Senior Curator Rachel Kent in conversation, as they discuss aspects of the artist's practice including themes of gender, desire and the female body, as well as abjection and violence. Mutu uses diverse materials in the realisation of her works, from packing tape to fur. Hear about her approach to materiality and the collaging of diverse visual imagery to create powerful, and at times confronting, work.

FREE, drop-in

Presented by the Museum of Contemporary Art in association with HRAFF

> WANGECHI MUTU photograph: Kathryn Parker Almanas





WANGECHI MUTU

Perhaps the Moon Will Save Us 2008 blankets, plastic pearls, aluminium foil, animal pelts, clothing, photo collage, packing tape, ink, paintdimensions variable Image courtesy the artist and Gladstone Gallery, New York and Brussels & the artist

# PART OF THE WANGECHI MUTU EXHIBITION AT MCA

A major presentation of Kenyan-born, Brooklyn-based Wangechi Mutu's art across collage and drawing, sculpture, installation and video. Mutu combines drawn elements and image fragments from popular and ethnographic journals, as well as representations of the female body. Sculpture and collage are also combined within large-scale constructed environments which often reference feasting or gluttony. A selection of Wangechi Mutu's videos will be included which reflect a different kind of corporeality and feature the artist herself in a range of roles.

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AVID volunteer Kris Bowpitt with Kavieng guest house owner John Knox as part of her work with the New Ireland Tourism Bureau, DNG, Photo > Harjono Djoyobisono / AVI

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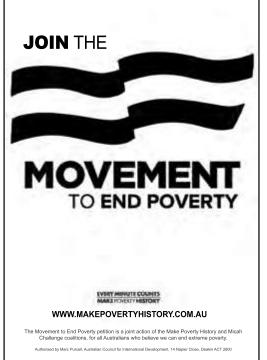
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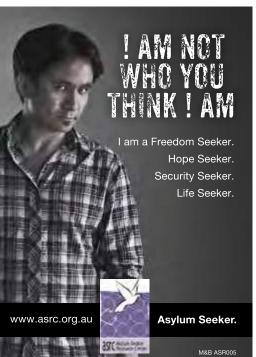
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## TICKETING & FESTIVAL INFORMATION

# **VENUE INFORMATION**

#### **TICKET PRICES**

Opening Night Film & After-party \$40 / \$35 Closing Night Film & complimentary drink \$30 / \$25 ACMI film sessions \$18 / \$16

CineSeeds film session \$25 / \$15 / \$60 Family of 4 (Max. 2 Adults)

Eddie Adams: Saigon '68 \$12 / \$10

Mini Pass (5 films excl. Opening & Closing) \$60 / 50

Mondomanila \$12 / \$10

Forums FREE

Reverie Exhibition Viewing & Curator's talk FREE

Mothers & Ink Exhibition FREE

Requiem Exhibition FREE

Concession rates apply to students, pensioners, seniors, health care cardholders and companion cardholders. ACMI members enjoy \$1 off all concession priced tickets. HRAFF supports the Companion Card. Companion Card complimentary tickets are not available online. All companion tickets must be booked in person or over the phone. The card will need to be presented at the time of booking/collection.

#### **HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS**

Tickets to HRAFF films and events can be purchased in the following ways:

#### **ONLINE**

Purchase tickets to all films and events held at ACMI through the ACMI website: www.acmi.net.au Tickets to Mondomanila available through the HRAFF website: www.hraff.org.au

#### DROP INTO ACMI

Purchase tickets to all films and events held at ACMI in person at The Tickets & Information Desk, accessible from the Main Square, Federation Square.

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#### **ACCESS**

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#### **FILMS & FORUMS**

ACMI

The Australian Centre for the Moving Image Federation Square, Melbourne Cinema 1. 2 and The Cube



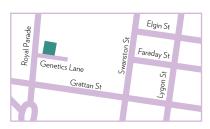
#### **REQUIEM**

Federation Square, Ground Level Yarra Building Melbourne



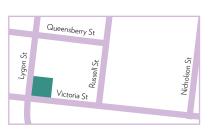
#### **MOTHERS & INK**

The Ownership Project Level 1, 110 Johnston Street Fitzroy, Melbourne



#### **REVERIE**

The DAX Centre Kenneth Myer Building University of Melbourne Genetics Lane off Royal Parade Melbourne



#### **MONDOMANILA**

Bella Union Level 1, Trades Hall corner of Victoria & Lygon Streets Carlton South (enter off Lygon St)

| Page         | Event                      | Form                                      | Venue                                     | Thu 9  | Fri 10                 | Sat 11  | Sun 12  | Mon     | 13         | Tue 14   | Wed 15      | Thu 16      | Fri 17              | Sat 18    | Sun 19   | Mon 20 | Tue 21 | Wed 22               | Thu 23     |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|----------------------|------------|
| TRAILBLAZERS |                            |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 8            | Alias Ruby Blade           | Film, Q&A + After-party                   | ACMI Cinemas                              | 6:30pm |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 10           | In the Shadow of the Sun   | Film, Q&A, Best Feature<br>Award + drinks | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      | 6:30pm     |
| 12           | Cineseeds: Zarafa          | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           | 3pm      |        |        |                      |            |
| 14           | Taxi Sister + Red Wedding  | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         | 6pm     |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 15           | Love Free or Die           | Film + Forum                              | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         | 6:30p   | m          |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| ONN          | 1Y MIND                    |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 16           | Walk Away Renee            | Film + Forum                              | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         | $\epsilon$ | 5:30pm   |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 18           | El Huaso                   | Film + Forum                              | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        | 6:15pm |                      |            |
| 20           | Reverie                    | Curator Talk + Exhibition                 | The Dax Centre,<br>Melbourne University   |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          | 6:30pm      |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| IAM          | (NOT WHO YOU THI           | NK I AM)                                  |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 21           | Informant                  | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             | 9pm         |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 22           | William and the Windmill   | Film + Q&A                                | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             | 6:15pm      |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 23           | Go Grandriders             | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        | 3pm     |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| WOR          | D FROM AFAR                |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 26           | Eddie Adams: Saigon '68    | Film + Forum                              | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          | 6:30pm |        |                      |            |
| 27           | Requiem                    | Opening<br>Exhibition + Floor Talk        | Yarra Gallery,<br>Federation Square       | 1      | 6pm-7pm<br>12pm-6:30pm | 1pm-7pm | 1pm-7pm | 12pm-6. | 30pm 12pr  | m-6.30pm | 12pm-6.30pm | 12pm-6.30pm | 12pm-6.30pm         | ı 1pm-7pm | 1pm-7pm  |        |        | for details of<br>e. | floor talk |
| 28           | High Tech, Low Life        | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          | 8.30pm      |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 29           | Words of Witness           | Film + Forum                              | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          | 6.30pm      |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 30           | The Virtual Revolution     | Forum                                     | The Cube, ACMI                            |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        | 6pm                  |            |
| THIS         | PLACE                      |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 31           | Soldier on the Roof        | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          | 8:30pm |        |                      |            |
| 32           | Xingu                      | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           | 7pm      |        |        |                      |            |
| 33           | Law of The Jungle          | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         | 8:15pm  |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 34           | Sun Kissed                 | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            | 7pm      |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 35           | Mothers & Ink              | Opening<br>Exhibition                     | The Ownership<br>Project Gallery, Fitzroy |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             | 10am-5pm    | 6pm-8pm<br>10am-5pm | 10am-5pm  | 11am-4pm |        |        |                      | 10am-5pm   |
| ALL          | S LOVE                     |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 38           | Rawer                      | Film + Forum                              | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        | _       |         |         |            | _        |             |             |                     |           | _        | _      | 8:30pm |                      |            |
| 40           | A Still Jacket             | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           | 5:15pm   |        |        |                      |            |
| 41           | My Brother the Devil       | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        | 6:30pm  |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           | ·        |        |        |                      |            |
| 42           | Ombline                    | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        | 6:45pm                 |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| SHO          | RTS                        |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 36           | International Shorts       | Film                                      | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     | 7:30pm    |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 37           | Australian Shorts          | Film + Drinks                             | ACMI Cinemas                              |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             | 7pm                 |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| SPEC         | IAL EVENT                  |                                           |                                           |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 49           | Mondomanila                | Film + Party                              | Bella Union,<br>Trades Hall               |        | 9pm                    |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
| 45           | Meet the Filmmakers        | Forum                                     | The Cube, ACMI                            |        |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          | 5:30pm |        |                      |            |
| 47           | Artspaces for Human Rights | Exhibition                                | RMIT Link Arts Venues                     | s      |                        |         |         |         |            |          |             |             |                     |           |          |        |        |                      |            |
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