



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST SHORT FILM FESTIVAL TO GO AHEAD

2020 ST KILDA FILM FESTIVAL MOVES ONLINE

The St Kilda Film Festival, proudly presented and produced by the City of Port Phillip, is going online! Given the government restrictions in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19, the St Kilda Film Festival, in its 37th year, was faced with not taking place. Instead it will take a curated program online and continue to showcase the Top 100 Australian short films and celebrate our local industry.

This festival will feature a number of curated sessions, plus Australia's Top 100 Short Film competition. All films and programs will be available to watch FREE via the [St Kilda Film Festival website](#) from Friday 12 June until Saturday 20 June. Content will only be accessible within Australia.

"Cinema is about action and ideas, so we're embracing the opportunity to deliver the Festival in this new form," said Festival Director, Richard Sowada. "The virtual program will be just as packed, providing audiences nationally the chance to experience the hub of emerging Australian talent the Festival is known for."

The St Kilda Film Festival will remain an Academy Awards® qualifying event. The award-winning films from St Kilda Film Festival are eligible for consideration in the OSCARS® Short Film and Documentary Short Subject Awards.

In a move to help support the impacted creative industry, all 598 entrants to the Film Festival will have their fees refunded with the help of film submission site Film Freeway. In addition, all films selected for the Top 100 will be paid a screening fee.

City of Port Phillip Mayor, Bernadene Voss, said: "We know the creative industry has been hit hard during this time and the City of Port Phillip really thrives on creativity. We hope the St Kilda Film Festival will not only provide a vital voice for the Australian filmmaking industry during this time, but also continue to celebrate the arts for everyone in our community to enjoy."

The full program will be announced in May.





The St Kilda Film Festival is supported by Screen Australia and Film Victoria.

Stay up to date with St Kilda Film Festival news, visit stkildafilmmfestival.com.au and keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram for more information, [@stkildafilmmfest](https://www.instagram.com/stkildafilmmfest).

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