



21st Australian International Short Film Festival

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National tour to over 37 venues January - May 2012

Festival Patrons: Baz Luhrmann, Gillian Armstrong and Claudia Karvan

Festival Director: Bronwyn Kidd

Short Laughs - Comedy programme

Chortle your way through a hilariously off-kilter selection of funny shorts.



THE COLDEST CALLER

UK/ 4 min/ Video/ 2011

WRI/DIR: Joe Tucker

PROD: Jessica Levick

Mrs Evans wasn't expecting any visitors today...

Australian Premiere

Palm Springs; London SFF; FantasticFest; Sitges



ZOLTAN: THE HUNGARIAN GANGSTER OF LOVE

USA/14 min/ Video/ 2011

WRI/DIR: Justin Reardon

PROD: Barbara Reardon

A Felliniesque adventure centering on the Don Juan of a remote Hungarian Village during his daily quest to satisfy his lust for women. Fueled by music from the Hungarian psychedelic band ILLES, "Zoltan" offers a dip into the surreal, with a timeless black and white cinematic style that enhances its cast of offbeat characters as they swim in their world of absurdity.

Australian Premiere

Palm Springs; Chicago Underground; Raindance



LA ÚLTIMA SECUENCIA

Spain/ 13 min/ Video/ 2011

WRI/DIR/PROD: Arturo Ruiz Serrano

The late 1960s. In the Almería desert, a Spanish-Italian co-production is being filmed. The lack of resources and poor communication among the different members of the crew are on verge of ruining the end of the film. They might just be saved by one shot/scene...

Australian Premiere



NOREEN

Ireland/18 min/ Video/2010

WRI/DIR: Domhnall Gleeson

PROD: Juliette Bonass, Ciarán Deeney, David Clarke

Two policemen learn life lessons on a house-call in rural Ireland; Frank is young and heartbroken... Con is middle-aged and weary... They're both alone. They're both idiots.



THE CHAMPIONS

Singapore/11 min/ Video/2011

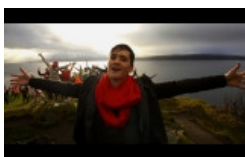
WRI/DIR: Gilani Sumida-Moiseff

PROD: Sherman Lai

Each of the Champions is quite attracted to the lovely new neighbor next door. When they discover he is an exorcist, they devise their own unique brand of demons to entice him into their home.

Australian premiere

Palm Springs



BALDGUY

Norway/12 min/Video/2011

WRI: Lars Jacobsen & Maria Bock

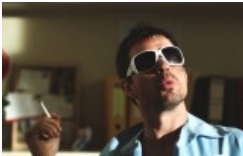
DIR: Maria Bock

PROD: Tomas Evjen

A story about a young man's quest for love and acceptance, all in a lively musical film about being yourself and loving whoever you want. This is a film about forbidden and boundless love and the risk of losing everything when your choice is head on with the morally accepted.

Aspen Shortsfest, BAFTA/LA Award for Best Short Film; Uppsala, Special Mention;

Brest European, Prix des Passeurs de Courts; Frameline35 AT&T Audience Award Best Short



THE WINKING BOY
Australia/14 min/Video/2011
WRI: Alan King
DIR: Marcus Dineen
PROD: Alan King & Marcus Dineen

Communicating only by winking, Martin enjoys a lifestyle of pampering at Calm Springs Rehabilitation Center, having fooled everyone into believing he is completely paralyzed. However everything changes when a mysterious new nurse starts working at the center.

Australian Premiere

Amsterdam, Best Comedy Award; Las Vegas, Best Screenplay Award; Moscow



DAS TUB
New Zealand/ 5 min/ Video/ 2011
WRI: Nick Ward
DIR: James Cunningham
PROD: Nick Ward

Lost in the frozen depths of the Atlantic a German U-Boat crew find themselves on a collision course with objects stranger than they can fathom. The truth leaves them bathed in confusion in this submarine drama of domestic proportions. Switching back and forth across two parallel realities, the main protagonists unwittingly hurtle themselves into a collision of scatological ramifications.

Australian Premiere

Siggraph



BAD NIGHT FOR THE BLUES
UK/15 min/Video/2010
WRI/DIR: Chris Shepherd
PROD: Maria Manton

Blues rinses, portraits of the queen and stand up bingo. Chris Shepherd delves into his past and recalls the world of his Aunty Glad and her local Conservative Club. The hues of blue that make up the Tory heartland are more than just a party - they are a state of mind.

Clermont Ferrand, Canal+ Award

Duration: 106 mins

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