



FLICKERFEST 2010

19th Australian International Short Film Festival

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION PROGRAMME

AUSTRALIAN 5

THE LAUNDROMAT

Australia/6:30min/Video/2009

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Tim Melville

PRODUCER: Dominic Allen

Could such a strange encounter lead to romance?

SHOCKWAVES

Australia/18min/Video/2009

DIRECTOR: Serge Ou

WRITER: Michael Cove

PRODUCER: Michael Tear

"Our town" as Terry the star of talk radio loves to call it could be any town. Any town in Australia today where to the accompaniment of the phone-in and the opinionating of breakfast radio people stir dress set off for work or school or shops. On this day there is no reason to suspect anything different. But hidden amongst the callers treated with the Terry's usual cavalier disdain is one man who will make this a day tragically unlike any other.

Tampere International Film Festival 2009; Best Editing - St Kilda Film Festival 2009

SCHADENFREUDE

Australia/9min/Video/2009

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Peter O'Brien

PRODUCER: Elene Pepper

A man's desperate quest for his lost shoe becomes a symbol for the inexplicable. He is forced to hop towards his dark truth through a suspect world filled with a potent concoction of wonder and madness that entralls and tortures him. He can't escape!

Finalist In Competition – Budapest International Film Festival 2009; Adelaide Film Festival 2009; St. Kilda Film Festival 2009

CALYPSO

Australia/9:30min/35mm/2009

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Jack Parry

PRODUCER: Marianna Parry

The story of an old man's escape from dying. In the not-too-distant future our elderly are left to be cared for by machines. George, an abandoned, terminally-ill man, has been left to end his life surrounded by a circle of mechanized carers in a cold, sterile hospital ward. His only solace is what little can be seen from his window. Until one night George has a visitor...

World premiere

HUNTED

Australia/22min/Video/2009

DIRECTOR: Stuart Moulds

PRODUCER: Scott Alexander

On the outskirts of a future Melbourne Bud a Department of Human Collection contractor hunts illegal citizens. When Zak is caught and taken back to his place of refuge things start to go wrong. Delays forms and more applications keep haunting Bud as he tries to process Zak and move on to the next job.

Australian Premiere

MANDARIN PEEL

Australia/4min/Video/2009

DIRECTOR: Anna McGrath

PRODUCER: Aaron Wilson

Mandarin Peel explores memories and dreams of childhood, focusing on the experiences of two girls in the dry Melbourne summer.

Locarno International Film Festival 2009; London Film Festival 2009

STRANGERS IN A SUSHI TRAIN

Australia/7min/Video/2009

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Anna Brady

PRODUCER: Fiona O'Connell

All Hank wants is a quiet bite on his way home from work. But when sinister messages suddenly appear concealed beneath his sushi he realises he's being watched, and it's not by the octopus at the end of his chopsticks. Somebody in that sushi bar knows his past, & it's on a bullet train hurtling right towards him. Hank's about to discover that like sashimi revenge is a dish best served cold.

DROWNING

Australia/20min/Video/2009

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Craig Boreham

PRODUCER: Annmaree J Bell

Things are changing for Mik. His world has been turned upside down by the sudden death of his big brother forcing him to redefine his place in his family and the world. The one solid thing in Mik's life is his best friend Dan. But Dan has a new girlfriend. Drowning is a journey through the final moments of childhood as two friends are dragged toward their adult lives. Realisations of their place in the world their familial responsibilities and awakening sexualities shape the men they will become and their changing relationship with each other.

World Premiere

AUNTY MAGGIE AND THE WOMBA WAKGUN

Australia/11min/Video/2009

DIRECTOR: Leah Purcell

PRODUCER: Bain Stewart & Lisa Duff

Aunty Maggie and Uncle Peter struggle to feed their three nephews. The arrival of some chickens provides a new food source...Eggs! When the new rooster becomes more of a headache and nearly dies, Aunty Maggie's quick - thinking shocks the family and makes her famous.

Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival 2009

Duration: 107 minutes

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