



Media Statement

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Shorts still in fashion at Revelation

The annual special short film event *Get Your Shorts On!* will again showcase the inspired work of Western Australian filmmakers on Thursday July 9 during the Revelation Perth International Film Festival.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said that the event is a unique opportunity for filmmakers and the community to view the latest talent in Western Australian short filmmaking.

"Audiences will be treated to edgy comedies as well standout dramas and documentaries," Mr Booth said.

"*Get Your Shorts On!* is always an entertaining night with the added opportunity to hear first hand from the filmmakers as they provide an insight into the creative filmmaking process."

The 2009 program demonstrates that local filmmakers can aptly tackle challenging themes and explore notions of humanity, community and family bonds. From a live-action and animated suburban Australian fairy tale; monsters hunting a young family; an Indigenous tale of a supernatural spirit; and two very personal documentaries - the 2009 *Get Your Shorts On!* program has something for everyone.

"Revelation has a long association with ScreenWest, and we are pleased to support this partnership by showcasing Western Australian content to local audiences," Revelation Program Director Jack Sargaent said.

"*Get Your Shorts On!* belongs to the filmmakers whose work is screened. It's a chance for their work to shine to their community and for the community to celebrate local creativity. It's also about filmmakers meeting each other, establishing relationships, watching each other's work and, most importantly, celebrating cinema."

Get Your Shorts On! kicks off at 7pm on Thursday July 9 at the Astor Cinema. Get your ticket early because the event is expected to be a sell out success. Tickets are \$10 / \$8 Conc and can be purchased at the Revelation Box Office at the Astor or online at www.revelationfilmfest.org

Get Your Shorts On! films have received funding support from ScreenWest, Lotterywest and/or the Film & Television Institute (FTI).

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2009 Get Your Shorts On! program

Layoordoo

Short drama film

Producer: Naomi Ashcroft (Fremantle)

Writer/director: Mark Coles Smith (Broome)

Synopsis: A story of friendship, family and our relationship with nature, Layoordoo tells the story of three young boys who travel into a coastal wilderness for a camping trip. Hidden somewhere between the wilderness and their dreams lies a spirit which leads all of them further and further into the bush, until they are forced to face up with their own survival in a strange and startlingly beautiful world.

My Uncle Bluey

Short documentary

Producer: James Grandison (Nollamara/West Leederville)

Writer/director: Britt Arthur (Perth)

Synopsis: No-one in Britt's family ever spoke about her uncle, and they hadn't seen him for thirty years. He was the black sheep of the family, he would argue. He owed everyone money and before he left he actually pulled a gun on Britt's dad. At least that is what Britt had heard. [My Uncle Bluey](#) is a documentary about the things that tear families apart, what brings them back together, and how your family is your family. Always. *My Uncle Bluey* was recently invited to screen at the 56th Sydney Film Festival in June 2009.

The Daily Grind

Short comedy film

Producer Karla Nessfield (Coogee)

Writer/director: David Meadows (Mirrabooka)

Synopsis: An office worker decides to test her theory that she has become invisible.

The Deep End

Short drama film

Producer Mala Sujana (Fremantle)

Director Damien Spiccia (Mt Lawley)

Writer Robbie Studsor and Damien Spiccia

Synopsis: Cool and detached, Amber spends a hot Christmas day at her family home and must confront fears from the depth of her psyche. What's worse - the fear of facing her family, of not being able to swim or of the Kreepy Krawly that keeps the pool crystal clear?

The Nappy Tree

Short documentary

Producer/director/writer: Christie Sistrunk (North Perth)

Synopsis: When one new mum learnt that each year disposable nappies contribute to the Australian landfill in figures that would fill the MCG three times over, she decided to do something about it.

Tinglewood

Short drama film

Producer/writer: Antony Webb (Lynwood) and Alex von Hofman (Lynwood)

Director: Alex von Hofman

Synopsis: When a family sets up camp deep in the Tinglewood forest, they encounter an unknown force that leads to a violent battle to survive the night.

Victims

Short comedy film

Producer/writer: Gregg Johnson (Duncraig)

Director: Julia Ngeow (Mt Lawley)

Synopsis: As the slow decay of Chris' sanity impairs his ability to function as a husband and father, his wife Anna starts to feel the strain...

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