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Media Statement

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Indigenous and remote communities make their stories heard

The Film and Television Institute's (FTI) Making Movies Roadshow is giving Western Australian regional and remote communities the chance to receive film making training and make their own short films.

Culture and Arts Minister John Day tonight launched the 2009 Making Movies Roadshow and invited communities to participate in this year's program.

"The Roadshow is an invaluable opportunity for Western Australian communities to learn filmmaking skills and see their stories transported onto the screen," Mr Day said.

The Roadshow team of filmmakers run five-day digital filmmaking workshops in remote communities throughout WA where participants learn how to script a story, and use a camera, sound and editing equipment.

"At the end, they celebrate with a screening of their film," Mr Day said.

"Many of the regions visited are home to Indigenous communities, providing residents with the skills and equipment to document their important dreamtime and cultural stories.

"The films made through this unique cultural program are a valuable record for each community and also help educate the wider community through broadcast and festival screenings."

The Making Movies Roadshow has toured annually since 2003, delivering more than 50 filmmaking workshops to 600 regional participants and producing more than 140 short films. In 2009, the Roadshow will visit eight locations in WA.

Minister Day will also announce tonight the recipients of the 2009 FTI Indigenous Media Internship. Greg Martin and Katherine Glass will both receive a place in FTI's 30-week Diploma in Screen and Digital Media Production and a six-week project based work placement at FTI.

Applications for the 2009 Making Movies Roadshow close March 31. Forms can be downloaded from www.fti.asn.au or by contacting FTI on (08) 9431 6700. The Making Movies Roadshow is supported by ScreenWest, Lotterywest, National Indigenous Television (NITV) and Woodside.

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