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MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL 2014



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February 13 - 23



Mardi Gras Film Festival's program has been launched and we're pleased to say the reaction has been fantastic. Ticket sales are going very strong - some sessions are selling so fast we've included them below so you don't miss out.

Many people have asked about an online version of our program guide. Thanks to Sydney Star Observer we have a fantastic online version available [right now](#).

Have a look at all our great films on our [website](#).

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We're confident there are loads of films you're going to love at the festival this February. See more and save money by purchasing a [festival pass](#).

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SELLING FAST



Ticket sales have been very strong for these films. We recommend purchasing tickets now to avoid disappointment.



[REACHING FOR THE MOON](#)

OPENING NIGHT: THU 13 FEB, 7PM

Australia's own Miranda Otto shines in this seductive biopic of famous American poet Elizabeth Bishop. Bishop escapes New York to find inspiration in the heart of Rio de Janeiro's Bossa Novan culture. She does not, however, expect to be drawn into a tempestuous relationship with architect Lota de Macedo Soares in which the two women are tested by jealousy, separation and military coups.



[OUT IN THE LINE-UP](#)

THU 20 FEB, 7PM

Don't miss the World Premiere of this documentary that shines a torch on the taboo of being gay in the surf world. David Wakefield is a former state champion surfer who ended his career early in fear that his peers would discover his sexuality. 20 years later David is back in the spotlight after he publicly comes out in front of hundreds of thousands at Mardi Gras.



[SNAILS IN THE RAIN](#)

SUN 16 FEB, 9PM

International model for Armani and D&G, Yoav Reuveni swaps the catwalk for the film set. He plays Boaz, a young man living a peaceful life in Tel Aviv with his beautiful girlfriend. Every day, Boaz waits by his mailbox for news of his scholarship application, instead, he begins to receive letters from an anonymous, obsessive male admirer. Presented by Dayenu.



[FREE FALL](#)

FRI 14 FEB, 9PM and SUN 23 FEB, 7PM

The German BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN. With a promising career in the police force, a girlfriend and a baby on the way, Marc's life seems to be on track – until he meets the handsome and seductive Kay at police training camp. Marc begins to develop intense and confusing feelings for him, and the two cops begin a secret relationship. Soon Marc is living a double life.



[CROC-A-DYKE DUNDEE, THE LEGEND OF DAWN O'DONNELL](#)

Closing Night: SUN 23 FEB, 7.30PM

Dawn O'Donnell was a penniless lesbian in 1950s Australia. She wanted money, power and sex, but of course it was the dark ages. Women were third class citizens, lesbians practically invisible. Everything was illegal, and you couldn't even get a drink after 6.00pm. Homosexuality was criminalised, and police brutality was commonplace. From this Dawn built an empire.

FILMS AVAILABLE TO YOUNGER AUDIENCES



Some of the films in this year's program are suitable for a younger audience - and adults too, of course.

[GEOGRAPHY CLUB](#)

Australian Premiere. Presented by ReachOut.com

In a small American town a group of students create a secret school club for gay and lesbian teens. They call it the Geography Club, hoping nobody else in their right mind would ever want to join. Members of the club include a handsome 16-year-old football player Russell, who knows he is gay but is still going on dates with girls while hiding his secret relationship with football quarterback Kevin. Kevin will do anything to prevent his teammates from discovering his feelings for Russell. Min and Terese tell everyone that they're "just really good friends." And then there's Ike, who can't figure out who he is or who he wants to be.

Suitable for 15+

[G.B.F. + YEAH KOWALSKI!](#)

G.B.F. is selling very well, so grab your tickets to this teen comedy now. When comic book-loving teen Tanner (Michael J Willett) is outed against his will as the only gay at high school, his flamboyant best friend seethes with jealousy. The popular girls at school then fight it out to secure him as a 'Gay Best Friend,' which will assure one of them the prom queen crown.

YEAH KOWALSKI! is a great short film screening before G.B.F. When Gabe's 'anonymous' question about his still smooth ampits is selected to be read aloud in sex-ed class, Gabe goes to great lengths to impress his classmate crush, Shane, at Penny Foster's birthday party.

Suitable for 15+

[RAINBOW KIDS - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST](#)

Presented by [Rainbow Babies and Kids](#)

Bring the family along to this gay-friendly screening of the Disney classic. Come dressed up! We will have colouring books and Disney prizes to make this a great afternoon out for parents as well as kids.

Belle's peaceful life is disrupted when she is taken captive by a hideous Beast, a prince who was magically transformed into a monster as punishment for his selfishness. Whilst being held captive in the Beast's castle, she becomes friends with some unlikely characters – a teapot, a candelabra, and a mantel clock. With their help, and a handful of killer musical numbers, Belle begins to see beneath the Beast's exterior and discover the heart and soul of a prince.

Suitable for all ages



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