

# **PALESTINIAN FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM**

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**AUSTRALIA 2016**  
**17 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER**

**SYDNEY 17–20 NOVEMBER**

**MELBOURNE 25–27 NOVEMBER**

**ADELAIDE 18–20 NOVEMBER**

**PERTH 2–4 DECEMBER**

# 2016 FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## 3000 NIGHTS

Director: Mai Masri

Length: 103 mins

Genre: Drama

A young Palestinian woman fights to protect her newborn son, survive and keep hope alive in an Israeli prison.



<b>SYD</b>	THURSDAY 17 NOV	7:30PM
<b>ADEL</b>	FRIDAY 18 NOV	7:00PM
<b>MELB</b>	FRIDAY 25 NOV	7:00PM
<b>PERTH</b>	FRIDAY 2 DEC	7:00PM

## VILLA TOUMA

Director: Suha Arraf

Length: 85 mins

Genre: Drama

*Villa Touma* follows the story of three sisters from an upper-class family in Ramallah who have shut themselves inside their villa in an attempt to freeze time and keep out the occupation.



<b>SYD</b>	SUNDAY 20 NOV	7:00PM
<b>ADEL</b>	SUNDAY 20 NOV	7:00PM
<b>MELB</b>	SUNDAY 27 NOV	6:30PM
<b>PERTH</b>	SATURDAY 3 DEC	7:00PM

## AMBULANCE

Director: Mohamed Jabaly

Length: 80 mins

Genre: Documentary

A mixture of reportage and reality television, *Ambulance* follows a dedicated team of paramedics through the war-torn streets of Gaza.



**SYD**

SUNDAY 20 NOV

4:45PM

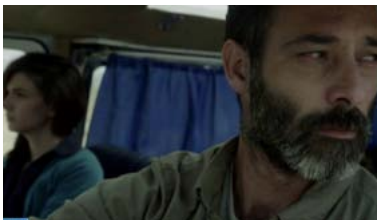
## THE CURVE

Director: Rifqi Assaf

Length: 81 mins

Genre: Drama

Three displaced souls - a hermetic Palestinian, a Palestinian divorcee heading to Syria and a Lebanese TV director - embark on a journey across Jordan in a VW minivan while discussing their troubled pasts, fears and hopes for the future.



**SYD**

SUNDAY 19 NOV

7:00PM

**MELB**

SATURDAY 26 NOV

6:30PM

## NUN WA ZAYTOUN

Director: Emtiaz Diab

Length: 50 mins

Genre: Documentary

A road trip through the hills, valleys and villages of Palestine, following Murad, the cinema-lover who has made it his mission to bring Palestinian cinema to forgotten and marginalised communities in the West Bank.



**SYD**

FRIDAY 18 NOV

7:00PM

**MELB**

SUNDAY 27 NOV

4:00PM

## THE IDOL

Director: Hany Abu-Assad

Length: 100 mins

Genre: Drama

The story of Mohammed Assaf, the Palestinian singer from Gaza who defied all odds to compete and win in the second season of the popular TV show, Arab Idol.



**PERTH**

SUNDAY 4 DEC

7:00PM

## THE WANTED 18

Director: Amer Shomali

Length: 75 mins

Genre: Documentary Animation

The *Wanted 18* recreates an astonishing true story: the Israeli army's pursuit of 18 cows, whose independent milk production on a Palestinian collective farm was declared "a threat to the national security of the State of Israel".



**ADEL**

SATURDAY 19 NOV

7:00PM

## A MAGICAL SUBSTANCE FLOWS INTO ME

Director: Jumana Manna

Length: 68 mins

Genre: Documentary

Artist Jumana Manna sets out in search of the musical diversity of historical Palestine, focusing on the German-Jewish ethnomusicologist, Robert Lachmann (1892-1939) and his work in Palestine.



**SYD**

FRIDAY 18 NOV

7:00PM

**MELB**

SUNDAY 27 NOV

4:00PM

## HOME MOVIES GAZA

Director: *Basma AlSharif*

Length: 24 mins

Genre: *Short (Documentary)*

In an attempt to describe everyday life where people are struggling for the most basic human rights, *Home Movies Gaza* introduces us to the Gaza Strip as a microcosm for the failure of civilisation.



**SYD**

SUNDAY 20 NOV

4:45PM

## A SKETCH OF MANNERS (ALFRED ROCH'S LAST MASQUERADE)

Director: *Jumana Manna*

Length: 12 mins

Genre: *Short (History)*

An exceptional, historical photograph is the basis for a re-enactment of the last Palestinian masked ball in Jerusalem held in 1942.



**SYD**

SUNDAY 20 NOV

7:00PM

**ADEL**

SUNDAY 20 NOV

7:00PM

**MELB**

SUNDAY 27 NOV

6:30PM

**PERTH**

SATURDAY 3 DEC

7:00PM

## AVE MARIA

Director: *Basil Khalil*

Length: 15 mins

Genre: *Short (Drama)*

The silent routine of 5 Palestinian nuns in the middle of the West Bank wilderness is disrupted when a family of Israeli settlers come knocking at their door for help after crashing into the convent's wall.



**SYD**

SATURDAY 19 NOV

7:00PM

**ADEL**

SATURDAY 19 NOV

7:00PM

**MELB**

FRIDAY 26 NOV

6:30PM

**PERTH**

SUNDAY 4 DEC

7:00PM

# A SESSION FOR SHORTS

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## **IN THE FUTURE, THEY ATE FROM THE FINEST PORCELAIN**

*Director:* Larissa Sansour  
*Length:* 28 mins  
*Genre:* Short (Science Fiction)

A cross between sci-fi, archaeology and politics, this film explores the role of myth for history, fact and national identity.



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## **PINK BULLET**

*Director:* Ramzi Hazboun  
*Length:* 11 mins  
*Genre:* Short (Fantasy)

An interpretation of youth navigating everyday life and a fractured political context.



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## **A MAN RETURNED**

*Director:* Mahdi Fliefel  
*Length:* 30 mins  
*Genre:* Short (Documentary)

The poignant story of a young Palestinian refugee struggling to make a life for himself in Lebanon's Ain El-Helweh camp.



# SYDNEY

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

4:45PM

# MELBOURNE

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

3:00PM

## JOURNEY OF A SOFA

Director: Alaa Al Ali

Length: 9 mins

Genre: Short (Documentary)

The hardships of Palestinians displaced in refugee camps in Lebanon are expressed through the difficulties of delivering a new sofa to a home embedded deep in the convoluted Shatila camp in Beirut.



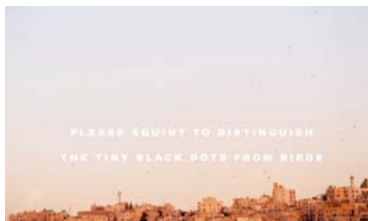
## THE STORY OF MILK AND HONEY

Director: Basma Alsharif

Length: 10 mins

Genre: Short (Experimental)

An unknown author fails to write a love story as images and sounds develop into a search for human perception of history and truth.



## NO EXIT

Director: Mohanad Yaqubi

Length: 11 mins

Genre: Short (Thriller)

Two generations, two wars and two lost souls meet while waiting in an eerie underground station for a bus that will never arrive.





# VENUES

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## **SYDNEY 17-20 NOVEMBER**

PALACE NORTON ST CINEMA, 99 NORTON ST LEICHHARDT

## **ADELAIDE 18-20 NOVEMBER**

PALACE NOVA CINEMAS, 3 CINEMA PLACE ADELAIDE

## **MELBOURNE 25-27 NOVEMBER**

CINEMA NOVA, 380 LYGON ST CARLTON

## **PERTH 2-4 DECEMBER**

CINEMA PARADISO, 164 JAMES ST NORTHBRIDGE

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