



Veterans Film Festival

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Veterans Film Festival returns to Australian War Memorial

The 2nd annual Veterans Film Festival (VFF), in partnership with the RSL National, returns to Canberra, with a three-day program on 13, 14 and 15 October, 2016 at the Australian War Memorial.

The Festival kicks off with Afghan war epic **“Hyena Road”**, a Canadian drama written, directed and starring Paul Gross and Rossif Sutherland (son of legendary actor Donald Sutherland). *‘A Canadian sniper team stands at the intersection of three complex tales of modern warfare.’*

The screenings include dramas, comedy, animation and science fiction, in feature-length, short film and documentary form. Submissions are selected from both independent and emerging filmmakers, featuring talent from thirteen countries (including Australia, Serbia, UK, Germany and Iran).

Festival director, Tom Papas says, “Canberra is the perfect city for this festival. The iconic Australian War Memorial is a world-class venue”.

The festival has already become a significant event for the screening of stories that explore issues about conflict and their impact on individuals and their communities.

Some of the entertaining short films include Australian offering **“The Ravens”**, in which director Jennifer Perrot tells the story of a veteran struggling with the aftermath of battle and trying to reconnect with his wife and daughter. Also screening is an Iranian animation comedy that has a turtle and a lizard unwillingly involved in a war between two powers. How will the turtle solve the problem?

RSL National President Rod White said the organisation is proud to be a partner with the VFF, to highlight the many and varied experiences of war.

“I urge all Australians to join us in October to see three days of inspiring, exceptional and thought provoking story-telling from around the world,” Mr White said.

For Further information visit www.veteransfilmfestival.com

Tickets are available online now.

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