

## PRESS RELEASE



31<sup>st</sup> International Short Film Festival! National tour: February - October 2022

MERIMBULA – FRIDAY 7th & SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER, 7pm

THE TWYFORD

'A KALEIDOSCOPIC CARNIVAL OF SHORT FILMS'

Celebrating 31 years in 2022 **Flickerfest** remains Australia's leading Academy® Qualifying and BAFTA Recognised short film festival, ensuring that we continue to present A-list short film programmes recognised amongst the best in the world with films hand-picked from the festival's record 3,200 entries!

Flickerfest, Australia's largest Short Film Festival is excited to be returning on its National Tour to **The Twyford** in **Merimbula** showcasing the **Best of Australian Shorts** and **Short Laughs Comedy** programmes, over 2 jam packed nights, featuring highlights from our recent Bondi festival competitions.

The short films screening are all entertaining, inspiring, award-winning and fresh from their premieres in competition at Flickerfest Bondi, giving Merimbula Flickerfest audiences a window into the hottest contemporary shorts from at home and across the world today.

**On Friday night** the Australian programme shines a spotlight on the incredible short film talent that exists in our emerging Australian industry. Highlights from the **Best of Australian Shorts** include the quirky black space comedy **The Home Team** starring comedy legend Paul McDermott and acclaimed actress Tara Morice ('*Strictly Ballroom*') and the fun neighbourly drama **Stonefish** written by and starring accomplished young actor, George Pullar ('*Barons, A Place To Call Home*') and directed by acclaimed actress and first time director Megan Smart, known for her most recent roles in mini series ('*Wakefield*' 2021) and ('*Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway*' 2021). The moving and intimate sibling drama **You and Me, Before And After** starring Yael Stone ('*Orange Is The New Black*') and Emily Barclay ('*Mr In Between*', '*Glitch*', '*Baby Teeth*'); the exceptional short film **Tooly** by Noongar writer/director/producer Karla Hart also shines on the big screen in this outstanding programme; alongside the film which took home both the **Academy® Qualifying, Panasonic LUMIX Award for Best Australian Short film** and the **AVID award for Best Original Music** at #flickerfest2022, the stunning **Giants** from director Eddy Bell.

**On Saturday night** the **Short Laughs Comedy** programme features clever comedies from at home and across the world, including the delightful UK short **Don Vs Lightning**, starring the legendary Peter Mullan as Don, a man who just wants a quiet life in the Scottish Highlands – alas the Universe has other plans, alongside acclaimed Australian actor/director Nash Edgerton's hilarious black comedy **Shark** starring Nash and Rose Byrne and the laugh out loud UK/French animation **Affairs Of The Art** recently nominated for an Oscar for Best Short Animated Film. From New Zealand comes the heartwarming winner of the **SAE Creative Media Institute Award for Best Use of Digital Technology In A Short Film** at #flickerfest2022 **Space Invader**, the tale of young Max, who loves three things - hanging out with his dad (who's his best mate), baked beans and Star Wars, now all under threat when dad's new girlfriend comes on the scene.

**WHAT:** Flickerfest 2022 - Best of Australian Shorts programme, Short Laughs Comedy programme

**WHERE:** The Twyford, Merimbula

**PRICE:** \$20 / \$17 concessions / \$15 Twyford Subscribers - each programme. Recommended for ages 15+ Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

**WHEN:** Friday 7th & Saturday 8th October, 7pm each night

**TICKETS & INFO:** [www.flickerfest.com.au/tour/merimbula/](http://www.flickerfest.com.au/tour/merimbula/)

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**IMAGES and PROGRAMS**

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