



Premiere Fund-Supported Downriver in Toronto

Following its world premiere at MIFF 2015, fellow **MIFF Premiere Fund**-supported film *Downriver* has been selected to have its international premiere in the Discovery section of the Toronto International Film Festival. Produced by **Jannine Barnes**, the film is directed by **Grant Scicluna** who is an alumnus of the **MIFF Accelerator** directing workshop.

“We had the most wonderful premiere season at MIFF and it put us on a high to get to Toronto and go again,” said Scicluna. “Becoming a partner right when we needed it, the **MIFF Premiere Fund** took a leap of faith to nurture us all the way. The **MIFF Premiere Fund** propels projects, often giving a leg-up to first-time filmmakers like us. There are a shrinking number of investors prepared to do that. With those same films supported by the MIFF Premiere Fund winning awards and getting selected for A-list festivals, it shows how important this Fund is for the Australian industry and is a timely reminder that a bold vision is still the foundation of an enduring film.”