

## 37ºSouth Market & Accelerator Lab – Update

We write to you with the sad news of the cancellation of this year's edition of **MIFF** <u>37</u><u>South</u> <u>Market & Accelerator Lab</u>, and associated events, owing to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

While this was a very difficult decision, it is, of course, an entirely necessary one and mirrors the parallel decision taken to cancel the 2020 edition of the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF) in August.

With the support of generous partners, funders and sponsors, <u>37°South Market</u> has, across 13 editions, brought the international film financing marketplace to Melbourne to enable Australia-NZ filmmakers to co-finance their new projects, while <u>Accelerator Lab</u> has, for the past 16 years, assisted emerging directors' transition into feature filmmaking.

So, while we will very much miss delivering these programs for screen practitioners this year, **37**°South Market & Accelerator Lab will return in August 2021.

Looking ahead to 2021 and beyond, the MIFF Premiere Fund will continue to accept applications from eligible projects to premiere at MIFF 2021 or MIFF's 70th edition in 2022. Keep an eye on this page for dates of upcoming funding rounds, which will be available in the coming weeks, and also consider signing-up to the MIFF Widescreen newsletter which will include reminders for each Premiere Fund financing round.

Finally, please stay safe at home watching many great movies - and be well.

Your 37°South Market & Accelerator Lab Team