

Early-birds: 37°South Market Returns!

Early-bird applications are now open for the 16th edition of <u>MIFF 37°South Market</u>, the screen content development & financing event managed by <u>MIFF Industry</u> occurring **03** - **06 August 2023** during the Opening Weekend of the **Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF).**

Facilitating **commercial and creative connections** at multiple points in the IP generation, development and screen content production value chain, the selective entry <u>37°South Market</u> provides curated opportunities for invited producers to source, acquire, develop and finance screen content slates via individually-tailored diaries of bespoke meeting and networking opportunities.

MIFF <u>37°South</u>'s central offering continues to be the **Bridging the Gap** meetings forum across all four days of the Market where producers pitch their script-stage film & TV projects to a diverse array of screen content financing guests (including distributors, sales agents, TV-networks, equity investors, cashflow providers, gap funders, streaming services and more). Also returning is **37°South's Breakthru Screenings**, where screen content buyers view completed films seeking sales/distribution followed by meetings with the films' producers at the Market.

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Building on last year's record-breaking edition (when <u>37°South</u>'s participant numbers were more than double 2019's tally and scheduled meetings increased 10% to almost 3,700 contributing to a grand total in excess of 32,000 scheduled meetings across the 15 editions so far), 37°South's other program modules also enable connections for producers (and development executives) with sellers of source-IP/content (to then develop for screen adaptation) in the **specialist opt-in modules** (on selected days) of:

- <u>PostScript&Direct</u> (writers/directors/creatives seeking producers);
- Books at MIFF (traditional publishers offering books to option for adaptation); and
- <u>Nexus</u> (other rights holders pitching their creative assets for adaptation, including comics, games, stage-productions, podcasts, press-pieces, poems, short-stories, web-series, self-published novels).

Meantime, creative collaborations and business opportunities are fostered for producers in the **specialist opt-in modules** (on selected days) with:

- potential co-production & co-financing entities in **Team-Up**; and with:
- 37°South's partner organisations (including screen agencies, service companies, PDV houses and more) in Link-Up.

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Apply before 14 April to be eligible to avail of the Market's early-bird pricing and save
20% off **37°South**'s regular full-admission prices. Early-bird producer applicants who are selected for **Bridging the Gap** will, for just \$425, receive a **37°South** Market registration which *includes* the following benefits:

- Photo-lanyard pass to market floor and personal diary of meetings with screen content financiers/buyers (meetings allocated by 37°South personnel on basis of buyer preferences) at **Bridging the Gap**;
- Access to six (6) networking events (two cocktail functions and four mixerlunches;
- Entry to **State of Play** talks;
- Choice to opt-in (at no extra cost) or opt-out of participating in the contentseeking modules of **Books at MIFF** and/or **Nexus** and/or **PostScript&Direct**; and the business development modules of **Team-Up** and **Link-Up**.

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Operating with Victorian Government funding since commencing in 2007, MIFF Industry contributes to Melbourne's standing as a creative city and supports the Antipodean screen sector through selective-entry programs to foster creative connections and collaborations, including: <u>37°South Market</u>; <u>Accelerator Lab</u> to nurture emerging directors; and <u>MIFF Premiere Fund</u> to support co-commissioning Australian '*stories that need telling*' into films which then premiere at MIFF.

MIFF INDUSTRY

Acclaimed as "an instant Australian classic" by critics, MIFF **Accelerator Lab** alumnus director **Goran Stolevski'**s MIFF <u>Premiere Fund</u>-supported **OF AN AGE** (which world premiered as MIFF-70's Opening Gala and won Cinefest's \$100k Prize) is now in cinemas nationally. See trailer <u>here</u>; see the movie on the big screen!



Providing co-finance to support production of new Australian films that then premiere at **Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF)**, the **Premiere Fund**, operated by <u>MIFF INDUSTRY</u> with funding from Victoria's State Government, has since 2007 supported <u>more than 90</u> "*stories that need telling*" which have won almost 200 awards from nearly 500 nominations and secured more than 700 <u>festival selections globally (see show-reel here</u>).

Round 66 applications close 04 April 2023

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