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MIFF Melbourne International Film Festival | **INDUSTRY**

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Melbourne Town Hall

6–9 August 2026

Bringing the global screen financing
marketplace to Melbourne

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DAY 1

Thursday 6 August

Swanston Hall & Supper Room

Ground Floor & Level 3

08.15

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

Collect your 37°South Market lanyard for access to Melbourne Town Hall.

09.00 -
14.05

CLOSED SESSION

Individual Meetings

10.50 -
14.05

BAM CLOSED SESSION

Individual Meetings

14.55 -
17.20

CLOSED SESSION

Individual Meetings

17.30 -
19.00

WELCOME DRINKS

Rydges – Meeting Place
186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

End of Day 1

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DAY 1

Thursday 6 August

Yarra Room

Level 2

09.00

37°SOUTH'S BOOKS AT MIFF (BAM)

09.00 -
09.55

BAM CASE STUDY - WICKER

Exploring the book-to-screen journey of MIFF 2026 Opening Night Gala film *Wicker*, adapted from the Ursula Wills-Jones short story, *The Wicker Husband*.

10.00 -
10.35

BAM PITCHING SESSION

Live public pitching of five manuscripts ripe for screen adaptation, selected by the BaM reading panel.

14.05 -
14.55

BAM PUBLISHERS & PRODUCERS INDUSTRY MIXER LUNCH

17.30 -
19.00

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Wicker
dir. Eleanor Wilson, Alex Huston Fischer, 2026.



OPENING NIGHT GALA

MIFF 2026 commences with the Australian premiere of Eleanor Wilson and Alex Huston Fischer's cheeky, star-studded and irresistible fable, *Wicker*.

Thursday 6 August
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DAY 2

Friday 7 August

Swanston Hall & Supper Room

Ground Floor & Level 3

08.30	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN Collect your 37 th South Market lanyard for access to Melbourne Town Hall.
09.00- 12.25	CLOSED SESSION Individual Meetings
13.30- 17.30	CLOSED SESSION Individual Meetings

DAY 2

Friday 7 August

Yarra Room

Level 2

12.25-
13.25 **PRODUCERS & NEXUS RIGHTS HOLDERS INDUSTRY MIXER LUNCH**

14.50-
16.40 **STATE OF PLAY TALKS**

14.50 **The Debut Feature and Beyond: Sustaining Careers in Feature Filmmaking**

Presented by WIFT Australia

15.50 **Game Changers: Diversifying Screen Businesses**

Presented by VicScreen

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17.30-
18.30 **HAPPY HOUR DRINKS**
Portico Room & Balcony - End of Day 2

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Mad Rush
dir. Maddelin McKenna, 2026.

ATM



ACCELERATOR LAB: TALKS

Hear from the key creatives
behind the Australian selections
in the 2026 MIFF program.

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& Saturday 15 August
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EDITING MAD RUSH WITH GERI DOCHERTY & MADDELIN MCKENNA
Friday 14 August

Hear from editor Geri Docherty and director Maddelin McKenna about how they cut MIFF's most stressful movie.

MODERN AUTEURS WITH DARIO RUSSO & HARVEY ZIELINSKI
Saturday 15 August

Writers, directors, and so much more... Dario Russo and Harvey Zielinski discuss the pros and cons of cinematic DIYing.

FILMING THE AIRPORT CHAPLAIN WITH ALEX CARDY
Saturday 15 August

Ahead of its world premiere at Forum Melbourne, cinematographer Alex Cardy talks about shooting the first four episodes of SBS's *The Airport Chaplain*.

DAY 3

Saturday 8 August

Swanston Hall & Supper Room

Ground Floor & Level 3

- 08.30 **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN**
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- 09.00-12.25 **CLOSED SESSION**
Individual Meetings
- 13.25- **CLOSED SESSION**
Individual Meetings
- 18.15 End of Day 3

DAY 3

Saturday 8 August

Yarra Room

Level 2

- 12.25-13.20 **POSTSCRIPT & DIRECT (PS&D) MIXER LUNCH**

- 13.50-17.40 **STATE OF PLAY TALKS**

- 13.50 **Financing First-Timers**
Presented by Getty Images
- 14.50 **Distribution: What's Working Overseas and What's Still Pre-Selling?**
Presented by Screenrights
- 15.50 **Who's Backing What?: Funding, Incentives & Opportunities**
Presented by Screen NSW
- 16.50 **Pathways to Features: From Shorts to Online Creators**
Presented by Screen NSW

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MIFF PREMIERE FUND

WORLD PREMIERE
Sweet Milk Lake (dir. Harvey Zielinski)
Supported by MIFF Premiere Fund

6.45pm, Saturday 8 August
The Capitol
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Sweet Milk Lake
dir. Harvey Zielinski, 2026.



DAY 4

Sunday 9 August

Swanston Hall & Supper Room

Ground Floor & Level 3

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09.00-12.25 **CLOSED SESSION**
Individual Meetings

13.25-18.15 **CLOSED SESSION**
Individual Meetings

18.30 **MIFF 37°SOUTH MARKET CLOSING DRINKS**
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DAY 4

Sunday 9 August

Yarra Room

Level 2

12.25-13.20 **PS&D MIXER LUNCH**

13.50-17.40 **STATE OF PLAY TALKS**

- 13.50 **The Other Money: Private Investment Demystified**
Presented by Screen Australia
- 14.50 **Finding the Right Match: The Art of Co-Production**
Presented by the New Zealand Film Commission
- 15.50 **Is it all just about ROI?: How are Projects Getting Financed Today**
Presented by Xe
- 16.50 **Audience as a Development Strategy: Who's It For?**
Presented by the South Australian Film Corporation

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