



# Media release

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The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

## A new film festival for Brisbane in first round funding

The re-birth of the Brisbane International Film Festival, along with the return of popular Brisbane-based film events will take place in 2017 and 2018, announced Queensland Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk.

“Screen Queensland funding of \$882,000 will support seven Brisbane-based festivals and events, including a brand new Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF) to take place in August,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

“This funding will also support two years of funding for the Asia Pacific Screen Awards industry and screening program.”

“Queenslanders have an enormous interest in film and the range of festivals and events in Brisbane will help to meet the demand for innovative screen activities,” she said.

Screen Queensland Board Chair Linda Apelt said Screen Culture funding, offered in two rounds each year, with multi-year funding available for festivals with attendances above 10,000, worked to leverage significant industry partnerships.

“Screen Queensland is partnering with Brisbane Marketing for the Asia Pacific Screen Awards, and with Palace Cinemas for the Brisbane International Film Festival,” Ms Apelt said.

Screen Queensland CEO Tracey Vieira said Screen Culture funding would support new events for Brisbane.

“I welcome the new entrants on board,” Ms Vieira said. “These include the interactive screen conference Game On at Brisbane Powerhouse, a unique film program for 2017 Brisbane Festival, the Brisbane International Film Festival, and the year-round APSA screening program.”

“Screen Culture funding ensures we can support an active screen culture and increase access to screen content from traditional cinema to new platforms,” she said.

Screen Culture funding is offered twice each year. Applications for film activity from January to July 2018 will open in August 2017.

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### Screen Culture Funding:

Festival	Dates	Location	Funding
APSA 2017 and	Dates to be announced	Brisbane	\$600,000 over two years
APSA 2018			(\$300,000 per year)
Brisbane Festival film program	20 – 23 September 2017	Brisbane	\$20,000
Brisbane International Film Festival 2017	17August – 3 September 2017	Brisbane	\$250,000

Brisbane Short Film Festival	20 – 21 October 2017	Brisbane	In kind support
Game On GO423 Festival	12 –13 August 2017	Brisbane	\$4,000
Iranian Film Festival	19 –21 October 2017	Brisbane	\$4,000
Queensland Film Festival	13 – 23 July 2017	Brisbane	\$4,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$882,000</b>