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**FILM FESTIVAL TO LIGHT UP GORE THIS WINTER**

Gore will be the newest location to host the New Zealand International Film Festival from August this year.

The SBS St James Theatre, operated by the Gore Operatic Society, is now fully equipped to screen digital as well as 35mm film, allowing for a strong selection of NZIFF titles to be programmed for the regional town.

Screenings will coincide with the Dunedin leg of the Festival which will mean Gore will be one of the first regions outside of Auckland and Wellington to screen NZ and world premiere NZIFF titles.

"We're thrilled to be expanding the Festival to Gore. NZIFF gives movie lovers the chance to sample the best of international cinema hot on the heels of the world's most prestigious Film Festival – and in many cases months ahead of Festival audiences in London, New York, and Rome," says Festival Director Bill Gosden

"In recent years, Dunedin was the nearest Festival location and for film lovers (including myself) that meant driving north to see as many films as possible in a weekend, or missing out," says St James Theatre manager Emma Carle.

"I'm personally very excited about the Festival coming to Gore. The St James Theatre is central to Southland and Otago and we hope to see audiences coming from across the region to experience the Festival. Films from around the world show different ways of living, unique experiences, sides of life that you may never otherwise encounter and I think that's really valuable for anyone." says Ms Carle.

NZIFF will screen in Gore from 15 August at the SBS St James Theatre, and in Dunedin at the Regent Theatre and Rialto Cinemas from 8 August. Full programme updates will be made in late June. For Festival updates visit [www.nzff.co.nz](http://www.nzff.co.nz) and register to receive e-newsletters.

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