2013 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAMME REVEALED FOR PALMERSTON NORTH

The annual NZ International Film Festival returns to Palmerston North in August with Joss Whedon's *Much Ado About Nothing* confirmed as the opening night film.

"We return to Palmerston North thanks to the stalwart commitment of Downtown Cinemas who have once again persuaded us to keep our lights shining in the Manawatu. They have dedicated their valuable digital screen to what is pretty much a fully digitised event in 2013." says NZIFF Director Bill Gosden

Much Ado About Nothing premiered at Toronto International Film Festival in 2012 and has had sell out screenings in Auckland and Wellington. The programme features 46 films in total, including six New Zealand documentaries and three New Zealand features. 18 countries are represented across 87 sessions in Palmerston North this year.

"We're proud to host the 37th year of the Film Festival in Palmerston North. The Digital Cinema Package (DCP) equipment in Downtown Cinemas' cinema 8 will support a full programme again this year." says Downtown Cinemas Manager Paul Wood.

The programme will also feature titles straight from Cannes including *The Great Beauty* (centrepiece screening) and Jim Jarmusch's vampire film *Only Lovers Left Alive* (closing night film). *Utu Redux*, a restoration and re-edit of the 1983 New Zealand classic, will screen as a special presentation. *Sheen of Gold*, Simon Ogston's documentary about former Palmerston North band the Skeptics, will have one screening only on Thursday 29 August at 8 pm.

The NZIFF will screen from 15 August and run to 1 September at Downtown Cinemas.
The full NZIFF programme is now available online. Copies of the brochures are available from Downtown Cinemas, Broadway Avenue.

For Festival updates visit www.nziff.co.nz and register to receive e-newsletters.

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