

2013 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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NEW ZEALAND HIGHLIGHTS TO SCREEN IN HAMILTON

Hamilton will screen the latest New Zealand films as part of the New Zealand International Film Festival from August this year.

The following New Zealand titles have their world premieres as part of NZIFF in 2013 and screen in Hamilton at the Lido Cinema:

Documentary *Don Driver: Magician*, directed by local filmmaker Paul Judge, will have one Hamilton screening on Saturday 7 September at 11.00am. Paul Judge's doco provides a thorough record and eloquent posthumous tribute to a major and often controversial NZ artist. Draws on a wealth of archive material, plus his own interviews with Driver and other art world notables.

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/276da2fc-8304-4e62-8258-103e4ba0e1d8>

Antarctica: A Year on Ice

New Zealand 2013/92 mins

Filling the giant screen with stunning time-lapse vistas of Antarctica, and detailing year-round life at McMurdo and Scott Base, Anthony Powell's documentary is a potent hymn to the icy continent and the heavens above.

Screens Saturday 24 August 12.45pm, Sunday 25 August 11.00am, and Tuesday 27 August 11.00am

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/a397c1f6-abd1-4b06-ab12-80e4e5c38e41>

The Deadly Ponies Gang

New Zealand 2013/65 mins/R13 drug use, offensive language

Clint and Dwayne, awesome lady-killer pony-riding gang of two, raise the funds to get Dwayne a new set of teeth. The funniest movie valentine to stoned mateship and recreational innovation in backblocks NZ since *Kaikohe Demolition*.

One screening only on Friday 6 September 8.30pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/the-deadly-ponies-gang>

Gardening with Soul

New Zealand 2013/96 mins

Sister Loyola Galvin turns 90 and shares insights on faith, ageing, compassion and compost. A *NZ Gardener* Gardener of the Year, Loyola's commitment is to nurturing all living things, especially those which 'don't get a good start'.

Screens Friday 6 September 11.00am, Saturday 7 September 1.15pm and Sunday 8 September 3.30pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/gardening-with-soul>

Giselle

New Zealand 2013/104 mins

The Royal New Zealand Ballet's superb, universally acclaimed production of the great Romantic ballet *Giselle* has now been made into a superb film, directed by Toa Fraser and shot by Leon Narbey. With Gillian Murphy, Qi Huan.

Screens Wednesday 4 September 11.00am and Thursday 5 September 6.15pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/giselle>

New Zealand's Best 2013

New Zealand 2013/86 mins approx./R16 violence, offensive language, drug use, sex scenes

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NZIFF's only cash-prize competition section sets out to identify and reward the year's best local shorts. Sample the best of homegrown talent as we line up the six finalists guest-selected by filmmaker Alison Maclean.

One screening only on Friday 30 August 6.15pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/ee51f721-f9ca-4e43-9186-3e1e0b0bb3bb>

Romeo and Juliet: A Love Song

New Zealand 2013/107 mins/M violence

Shakespeare's tale of teen love reimagined as a rock opera set in a beachside caravan park. A triumphant blast of style and 21st-century Kiwi trailer trash pop. Classic tragedy probably shouldn't be quite this much fun.

Screens Tuesday 3 September 8.15pm and Wednesday 4 September 3.45pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/5a220bb1-9e49-47a7-b0a6-f3fd646ec164>

Soul in the Sea

New Zealand 2013/64 mins

Amy Taylor's moving doco explores the impact of Moko, a 'friendly dolphin', on the eastern coastal communities he frequented in the six months up to his death in 2010 – and one woman's quest to befriend and protect him.

One screening only on Saturday 31 August 1.00pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/soul-in-the-sea>

Utu Redux

New Zealand 1983/2013/109 mins/PG violence

The glorious peak achievement of the new feature film culture that burgeoned in NZ in the 70s, Geoff Murphy's 1983 Land Wars epic has been restored, digitised and unveiled afresh in its ravishing, pictorial splendour.

Screens Friday 23 August 8.15pm and Tuesday 27 August 6.15pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/utu-redux>

The Weight of Elephants

New Zealand/Denmark 2013/87 mins/M content may disturb

Kiwi-born Daniel Joseph Borgman returns to NZ, after a string of successful Danish shorts, with this piercing insight into the world of children, centred on a lonely, imaginative 11-year-old boy's search for friendship.

One screening only on Sunday 8 September 7.45pm

<http://www.nziff.co.nz/hamilton/film/3b1042a2-421f-4eda-99dc-c4cc61a4eab0>

The NZIFF will screen from 21 August and run to 15 September at Lido Cinema. The full NZIFF programme is now available online. Copies of the brochures are available from Lido Cinema, and from cafes and bookstores around town.

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

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