

2013 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAMME REVEALED FOR NELSON

The annual New Zealand International Film Festival returns to Nelson from the end of August with Joss Whedon's *Much Ado About Nothing* confirmed as the opening night film.

"We could not be more pleased that the Suter Cinema in the Suter Art Gallery is equipped with the top-line digital projection required to present a full NZIFF programme again this year. The technology upgrade at State Cinemas Motueka also means we can return to satellite screenings there with highlights from the programme," 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 43 films in total, including five New Zealand documentaries and three New Zealand features. A total of 81 sessions will be held across Nelson and Motueka this year.

The programme will also feature titles straight from Cannes, including Jim Jarmusch's vampire film *Only Lovers Left Alive* (centre-piece screening) and Italian feature *The Great Beauty* (closing night film). *Utu Redux*, a restoration and re-edit of the 1983 New Zealand classic, will screen as a special presentation. *Fantail*, the first feature from Nelson-born Curtis Vowell, will have one screening only on Thursday 12 September at 8.30pm.

NZIFF will screen from 28 August and run to 15 September in Nelson. Limited screenings will be held in Motueka in addition to the main programme screening at the Suter Cinema. The full NZIFF programme is now available online. Copies of the brochures are available from State Cinemas Nelson and Motueka.

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

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