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FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAMME REVEALED FOR TAURANGA

The annual New Zealand International Film Festival returns to Tauranga in September with *Behind the Candelabra* confirmed as the opening night film.

Steven Soderbergh's biopic on Liberace stars Michael Douglas and Matt Damon and has screened to sell-out audiences in Auckland and Wellington. The programme features 36 films in total, including five New Zealand documentaries and three New Zealand features. Two shorts programmes (*New Zealand's Best 2013* and *Animation Now 2013*) will be presented in Tauranga this year as well.

"We could not be more pleased that Rialto Cinemas Tauranga is now equipped with the topline digital projection required to present a full NZIFF programme this year. A rich variety of local work nestles comfortably into the international showcase this year, including from Tauranga filmmaker Amy Taylor with *Soul in the Sea*," says NZIFF Director Bill Gosden.

Soul in the Sea, a documentary that looks at the life of Moko the dolphin, was shot by Taylor in and around Tauranga and Whakatane in the six months leading up to Moko's passing. The film has two screenings: Saturday 21 September at 12.30pm and Wednesday 25 September at 6.00pm. Amy Taylor will be present to introduce her film.

The programme will also feature titles straight from Cannes, including Italian feature *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.

NZIFF will screen from 12 September and run to 2 October in Tauranga at Rialto Cinemas. The full NZIFF programme is now available online. Copies of the brochures are available from the cinema and cafes around town. Tickets are on sale from the cinema now.

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

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For further information about the NZ International Film Festival or to arrange an interview with Director Bill Gosden:

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