

MUFF 25

RICHARD WOLSTENCROFT PRESENTS

THE 25TH MELBOURNE UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL

TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF INDY CINEMA REBELLION

OPENING NIGHT - TWO NEW AUSSIE FEATURES
"TRACY" AND "REIGN ON ME"

CLOSING NIGHT - "YESTERDAY'S HERO"

NEW AUSSIE AND OS FEATURES
MUFF SHORTS

VENUE: THE BLACK SHEEP HAWTHORN
546 BURWOOD RD. HAWTHORN VIC 3122

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 TO
THURSDAY DECEMBER 4, 2025



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MUFF 25 Features

OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28

Two Australian Features:

7PM TRACY - DIR KOSTADINOS HATZIVALSAMIS - AUS - RUNTIME 100MIN



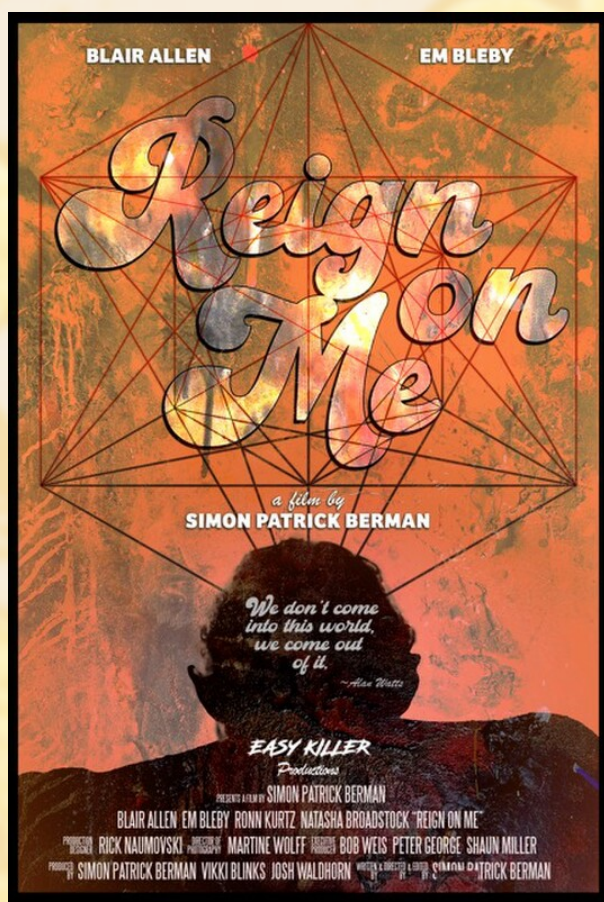
Set in December 1974 Darwin, Tracy follows Morris, yearning for adventure, Lisa, seeking contentment, and Gregory, grappling with duty, as they prepare for Christmas.

Their lives are upended when Cyclone Tracy devastates the city on Christmas Day, reshaping their worlds.



+ AUSSIE SHORT COMING HOME ABOUT COVID TIMES - DIR JAMIE WILSON - AUS - 14 MIN

9PM REIGN ON ME - DIR SIMON PATRICK BERMAN - AUS - RUNTIME 110MIN



Siblings Steven, a painter, and Stefi, a musician, share a private world with unique rituals and language, strained by an extended lockdown.

When an outsider enters, their fragile sanctuary unravels, sparking jealousy, anger, and violence.



+ AUSSIE SHORT FRIDAY NIGHT FEELS | DIR ANDERS MCCOY | AUS | 5 MIN

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

7PM MUFF SHORTS SESSIONS 1

9PM MUFF SHORTS SESSIONS 2

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

5PM FOREIGN OBJECTS - DIR DANIEL CLAYTON WATKINS - USA - RUNTIME 85MIN

A metatextual ghost story blending documentary and fiction, Foreign Objects probes a woman's disappearance through fragmented footage and contradictory testimonies. As interviews and reenactments blur, the film shifts from investigation to a critique of media, with haunting glitches. Slow cinema that unsettles boundaries between timelines and realities.



7PM MUFF SHORTS SESSIONS 3

9PM MUFF SHORTS SESSIONS 4

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 2

International Features:

7PM LOSS OF BALANCE - DIR KOREK BOJANOWSKI - POLAND - RUNTIME 100MIN



Maja, a self-doubting acting student, plans to pivot to marketing after theatre school, fearing she won't succeed as an actress. Her perspective shifts when a charismatic new director casts her as Lady Macbeth, reigniting her passion and confidence. But as she prepares for her diploma performance, Maja's focus turns to uncovering the director's true, darker nature.

9PM THE WANING SKY - DIR CARLOS RUIZ CARMONA - PORTUGAL - RUNTIME 90MIN



A poetic black-and-white drama, The Waning Sky explores the tangled interplay of desire, love, and guilt.

It follows two lovers bound by a forbidden romance, haunted by unfulfilled desires and the consequences of their actions.

Delving into the inseparable link between love and pain, the film weaves a tragic yet beautiful tapestry of emotions.



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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3

International Features:

**7PM VIDEO DREAMS: A VHS MASSACRE STORY - DIR THOMAS SEYMOUR
USA - RUNTIME 80MIN**



This award-winning documentary traces a filmmaker's 30-year quest to get his work on Blockbuster shelves, navigating the shift from VHS to streaming. A story of struggle and perseverance, it questions what happens when dreams lose relevance.

Featuring Lloyd Kaufman, Debbie Rochon, and Joe Bob Briggs.



**9PM 48HRS. LITERALLY: THE TRAILER - DIR DAN KAPELOVITZ
USA - RUNTIME 95MIN**



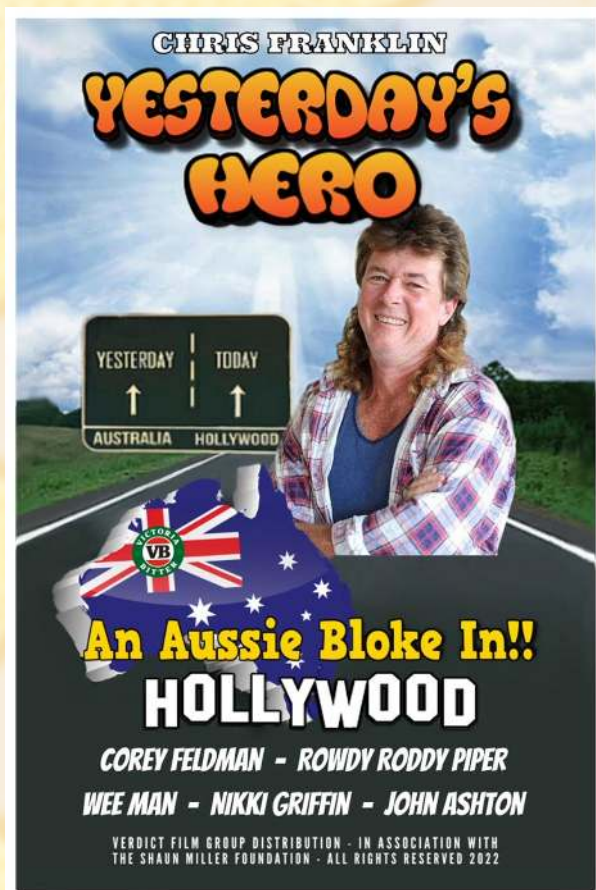
"48 Hrs. Literally", is a film based on the 1982 Nick Nolte/Eddie Murphy action comedy "48 Hrs." with a running time of 48 hours, literally.

This is the 96-minute, feature-length trailer "48 Hrs. Literally." It is the same length as the original "48 Hrs." which itself is the original trailer to "48 Hrs. Literally."

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CLOSING NIGHT AND MUFF AWARDS THURSDAY DECEMBER 4

7PM & 9PM YESTERDAY'S HERO - DIR CAMERON MILLER - AUS - 96MIN



Scott Burke is a typical Aussie builder's labourer right down to his mullet hairdo and faded jeans. His mates love him but think he's a bit of a disaster! A part-time amateur stand-up comedian whose life is turned upside down when he becomes an overnight sensation on a prime time television soap opera 20 years later and now 50 something this former TV star reminisces his hilarious mayhem and adventures in Melbourne, L.A and Tasmania at the local pub... just an Aussie Bloke in HOLLYWOOD!!

Starring Chris Franklin, Warwick Capper, Krista Vendy, Andy McPhee. Nikki Griffin, John Barresi, Jack Levi and a host of other international talent including Corey Feldman, WeeMan, John Ashton & Rowdy Roddy Piper
Screening at 7pm and 9pm

MUFF AWARDS AND PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW FINAL SCREENING.

MUFF 25 Shorts

SHORT FILMS

4 SESSIONS

Saturday November 29 - 7pm - SESSION I | 5 FILMS | 89 min

SPACE MAN | DIR ELIJAH CASSIDY | AUS | 31 min



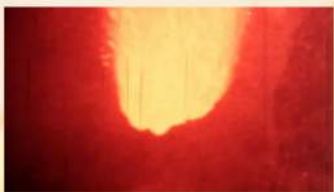
An agoraphobic man seals himself in a spacesuit to escape his condition's deadly fallout.

BABY BLUES: GOING DARK | DIR JAMES P GLEASON | USA | 20 min



Barney's dental appointment turns into a nightmare when his regular dentist is away and a substitute dentist takes over - then the power goes out.

TELL ME WHY | DIR ROGER DEUTSCH | HUN | 15 min



Post-super-volcano eruption, most of Western Europe has become uninhabitable.
One survivor races lava to the Pacific on the last train running east.

WORKING HOLIDAY | DIR ANTHONY ROSS | AUS | 14 min



Backpacker drunkenly answers an ad for free accommodation... and discovers it was a personal classified for a senior sex-life reboot.

THE PUDDLE | DIR JOHN WOODMAN | UK | 11 min



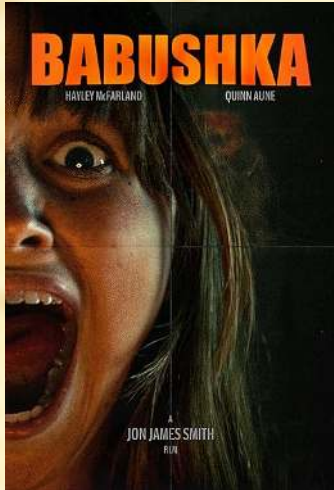
Even a seemingly insignificant puddle can become astonishingly beautiful when transformed by light and wind.

MUFF 25 Shorts

SHORT FILMS

Saturday November 29 - 9pm - SESSION 2 | 5 FILMS | 85 min

BABUSHKA | DIR JON JAMES SMITH | AUS/UK/USA | 28 MIN



A Detective investigates the gruesome murder of a young child and the missing mother. When an old Babushka doll is found in the attic, the past - and something else - is unleashed.

STRANGE ATTRACTOR | DIR HADLEY PERKINS | AUS | 20 MIN



Set in a future dystopian Australia, nature's hard-man, Lyll, puts three unsuspecting people through an ancient rite, deep in the outback.

REDDENING | DIR SINEM KAYACAN | FIN | 15 MIN



Four friends travel through space and time for a sensuous, alchemical celebration.

RESTART | DIR ANGUS MOLDEN | AUS | 14 MIN



27-year-old Mabel fights to revive dying marriage in stifling suburbia.

ILLUMINATUS! | DIR CHRIS KALIS | USA | 11 MIN



Based on the Illuminatus book trilogy by Robert Anton Wilson and Robert Shea, a reporter is recruited by a mad genius and his anarchist followers to thwart an Illuminati plot.

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SHORT FILMS

Sunday November 30 - 7pm - SESSION 3 | 7 FILMS | 89 min

THE DIVINATION | DIRS QIUPING CHEN & KAREN CHENG | AUS | 26 MIN



A fortune-teller's reading turns into a desperate fight for survival when her client reveals past ties.

EVERYTHING IS RIGHT BEFORE | DIRS ANNA ANTSALO & JENNI-ELINA VON BAGH
FIN | 17 MIN



An actor pre-shoot spirals into endless choices; a tragicomic limbo unfurls while crew waits.

COMING HOME | DIR JAMIE WILSON | AUS | 14 MIN



Gripped by fear and her spiralling mental health in the height of Melbourne's notorious Covid lockdowns, a well-meaning wife and mother takes drastic action to protect her daughter.

VERMIN | DIR JONAH HOWELL | AUS | 12 MIN



A pacifist must protect her grievously injured housemate from a mysterious night creature in their apartment.

ALL BEAUTY QUEENS HAVE BROKEN BONES | DIR MAX TULLIO | USA | 8 MIN



Marlo believes that God told her she must win the Miss Teen Indiana Beauty Pageant by pity vote, but her alcoholic sister Rose isn't sure what to believe.

PRAYER OF THE SEA | DIR MARTIN GERIGK | GER | 7 MIN



A composer revisits a childhood dream of dissolution into the sea and wind; a meditation on acceptance and the universal experience of dying.

FRIDAY NIGHT FEELS | DIR ANDERS MCCOY | AUS | 5 MIN



David and Terry's robbery plans don't go accordingly, when Terry has second thoughts.

MUFF 25 Shorts

SHORT FILMS

Sunday November 30 - 9pm - **SESSION 4** | **8 FILMS** | **88 min**

ELASTOPLASTIC | **DIR JACK VERNON** | **AUS** | **25 MIN**



A broke woman brews and sells poison to make ends meet. Now she must stop a hitman from using her product to kill her sister's teacher...

TAPE '96 | **DIR LULU FORTI** | **AUS** | **16 MIN**



2004 Sydney: A film buff working night-shift at a DVD store finds VHS of snuff films visible only to him.

SKY | **DIR ANDREW LUCIDO** | **USA** | **15 MIN**



10-year-old Jake is left home alone again by his workaholic parents and decides to roam chaotic NYC to find an open sky.

FLEUR | **DIR RAMON SAMSON** | **AUS** | **11 MIN**



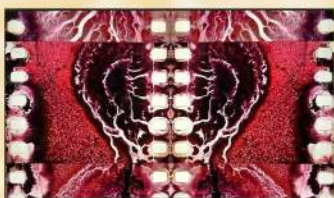
Bound captive faces a father's vengeful wrath and a brutal lesson: you reap what you sow.

LAST STEP | **DIR JUSTIN BREWSTER** | **AUS** | **8 MIN**



A jaded PI hunts a woman's missing husband and unearths a chilling truth.

I AM A MICROSCOPE | **DIR KARL NUSSBAUM** | **USA** | **7 MIN**



Two hand-painted 35mm films project out of sync, creating shifting visual stereo and echoing sound.

YOU BRING ME CLOSER | **DIR ROXY BROWN** | **AUS** | **5 MIN**



A 1950s housewife spirals into madness.

WHERE ARE THE WILD THINGS? | **DIR BENJAMIN CLEMENT** | **USA** | **4 MIN**



Screen-printed iPhone footage and found footage clashes Norwegian forests and fjords with urban Oslo and cyberspace.

MUFF 25 Schedule

Nov/Dec 2025 NOVEMBER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28:

7pm "Tracy" and 9pm "Reign on Me" - two new Aussie features

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29:

MUFF shorts Sessions 1 at 7pm and shorts session 2 at 9pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30:

5pm "Foreign Objects"

MUFF shorts sessions 3 at 7pm and 4 at 9pm

DECEMBER

MONDAY DECEMBER 1: No sessions.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 2:

7pm "Loss of Balance" and 9pm "Waning Sky"

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3:

7pm "Video Dreams" - 9pm "48HRS. LITERALLY: THE TRAILER"

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 - CLOSING NIGHT:

New Aussie Feature - "Yesterday's Hero" by Cameron Miller
two sessions - 7pm and 9pm

MUFF awards to follow session two

All tickets on the door - \$20 adult \$15 concession

VENUE: The Black Sheep Hawthorn
546 Burwood Rd. Hawthorn VIC 3122

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