



NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 09



Wednesday 19 August – Sunday 6 September 2009

14 New Zealand cities and towns will this year host the annual NZ International Film Festival which for the first time will relinquish its various regional names to be called the *New Zealand International Film Festival*. "With this evolution of the Festival name we celebrate that the Festival is a national event taking place throughout New Zealand. As far as we know ours is the only national film festival of its kind in the world – one in which a centrally curated programme is delivered in different forms to different regions within the one country," says Festival Director Bill Gosden.

The Festival will be in Napier at Hawkes Bay Museum and Art Gallery's, Century Cinema from Wednesday 19 August finishing on Sunday 6 September.

Please join us for the opening night of the Film Festival on Wednesday 19 August at 7pm to enjoy a glass of Farmgate Wine and finger food followed by the screening of the film, *An Education*, winner at the 2009 Sundance Festival.. All tickets \$18pp. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

This year's Napier programme includes the Hawke's Bay documentary *This Way of Life*; fashion-themed *Coco Avant Chanel* (a sellout in Auckland and Wellington); *The September Issue*; the Japanese animation *Ponyo* and the psychological sci-fi drama *Moon*. The best of NZ short films is represented with *Home-grown*, and a great selection of International films and documentaries. Thirty three films and a programme of short films will be screened over 19 days totalling 63 sessions.

Two special guest speakers will be present on Monday 31 August 2009 at 6.00pm for the first screening of the Hawke's Bay documentary, *This Way of Life*. Barbara Sumner Burstyn, producer, researcher and writer and Tom Burstyn director/cinematographer will speak about the film. Enjoy a glass of wine after the film with an opportunity to talk further with Barbara and Tom. Numbers for the drinks will be limited so please RSVP to info@hbmag.co.nz or phone reception on 835 7781.

Programme information is now available on the Festival website www.nzff.co.nz, or programmes can be collected from the Century Cinema, 9 Herschell St Napier, and at various locations around Hawke's Bay.

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