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Noosa International Film Festival wraps up second year

The Noosa International Film Festival has wrapped up its second annual festival of film celebrating the art of filmmaking and cinema.

NIFF brought to Noosa four days of film across five venues with Australian cinema notables attending.

Acclaimed Australian film director Rolf de Heer and Award-winning sound designer James Currie (*Ten Canoes*, *Charlie's Country*) presented the Inside Cinema Q&A on Thursday evening.

President Campbell Corfe said it was a wonderful session presented by these cinema greats and was humbled by the personal thanks received from Mr Currie.

"Rolf and I were certainly enamoured with your festival, excellent venues and we were both impressed by your hard-working squad of volunteers that contributed to the festival," said Mr Currie.

"We all observed that this was the 'Friendly Festival,'" said Mr Corfe.

"All of our visiting experts and filmmakers commented on the amazing depth and breadth to the offerings for Noosa to enjoy over the four-day event."

Some 50 filmmakers attended the festival to see their short films screen and vie for the 13 prize category awards.

Award winners were presented their award by four-time Academy Award-nominee and Australian cinematographer, John Seale.

Mr Seale presented a well attended audience Q&A at the screening of the remastered classic film, *The English Patient* for which he won an Oscar in 1997.

Friday's Opening Night blue carpet party was packed with 200 guests attending for the opening film, *Jungle* which told the harrowing true experience of Yossi Ghinsberg.

World cinema feature films proved popular with the world's first fully painted feature film *Loving Vincent* selling out days before its screening.

The festival's music on film program brought a unique and exciting concert to the screen in both HoneyBird plays Metropolis and Band of Frequencies performing the Men of Wood & Foam soundtrack.

Overall, the Noosa International Film Festival recorded some 2000 attendees across its events which included short film and feature film screenings, workshops and special events.

Festival president, Campbell Corfe says this year's program delivered another international event to Noosa with a broad offering of cinema.