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NIFF Short Film Competition “Resounding Success”

The response to the inaugural Noosa International Film Festival’s short film competition has overwhelmed organisers with 215 short films submitted from filmmakers in 31 countries.

Festival Curator, Arnold Kopff, says the resounding success of the competition can be measured in two ways - the number of entries and the quality of the films.

Arnold says entries have come from serious amateur filmmakers, students, aspiring professionals, indie filmmakers and experienced industry participants.

“Directors, cinematographers, screenwriters and actors have all contributed their works,” Arnold says.

He says a handful of films have budgets exceeding US\$100,000. A few films have been made on a shoe-string budget, while others have had thousands of dollars invested in their production.

“However, no matter what the budget, the quality and craftsmanship of the submitted films is superb.

“Putting cost of production aside, the one constant is the extremely high level of cinematic artistry and the resourceful creativity.”

Arnold says the number and quality of the entries received from filmmakers on the Sunshine Coast has also been most encouraging.

“It is especially exciting because of the support that NIFF can expect to receive at this year’s public screenings and the likely level of involvement in future festivals.”

The festival has received action and adventure films, stop motion, hand drawn and computer generated animations, comedies, crime thrillers, dramas, documentaries, breathtaking drone footage, experimental films, fantasies, horror stories, mysteries, romances and romantic comedies, sci-fi, travel, sporting and surfing films. Additionally, there are music videos with original compositions, time-lapses and hyper-lapses and thought-provoking environmental, ethnographic and humanitarian films of outstanding provenance.

Arnold says the world’s short filmmakers have contributed their best work to ensure that the Noosa International Film Festival’s short film program will entertain, delight and amuse audiences.

The festival’s curators and judges are now critiquing the films. The 120 top-rated films will be shown at 4 venues across Noosa Shire on the 5th and 6th November 2016.

The infographic below shows how submissions to NIFF appear globally.

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About Noosa International Film Festival

The inaugural Noosa International Film Festival is set for 3-6 November 2016. The Noosa International Film Festival aims to become one of Australia's leading international film festivals by screening new international and Australian feature length films and high quality short films from all corners of the world, and by staging an instructive filmmaking masterclass and an intimate Q&A with an award winning Australian filmmaker.
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