

Travel Assistance to 2009 Rotterdam Lab

Friday 3 October 2008: Screen Australia, in partnership with the International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR), is offering a special travel grant scheme for three producers to attend the Rotterdam Lab, organised as part of CineMart at the IFFR (25 – 29 January 2009).

The Rotterdam Lab is a 4-day training workshop for young and emerging producers, designed to build their international network and their experience at an international festival and market. Up to 50 emerging producers are selected from various countries. IFFR organises group sessions each morning with key members of the industry, giving participants the chance to learn about international feature film sales, financing, distribution, and attend international film markets and pitching forums/competitions. Afternoons are open for participants to experience the Rotterdam Film Festival and CineMart/marketplace environment, with organised networking and social functions held each evening.

Emerging Australian producers wishing to apply for travel assistance must have a feature film project in development, thematically suited to the festival and potentially ready for submission to CineMart 2010. They must also have producer credits on either a short, feature film or documentary that has performed well at key international film festivals.

Screen Australia is offering travel assistance of \$3000 each to three producers to attend the 2009 Lab. Five nights accommodation in Rotterdam will also be provided by the festival.

More information about films that have screened at the IFFR, as well as tips for attending can be found on the Screen Australia website, and also on the festival's website:

www.screenaustralia.gov.au/festivals
www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com

The Rotterdam Lab travel assistance guidelines (including application form) are available to download from the Screen Australia website:

<http://www.afc.gov.au/funding/marketing/travel/rotterdamlab/default.aspx>

The deadline for applications is **5pm Friday 14 November 2008**.

All applications must be discussed in the first instance with Screen Australia's Marketing Information Officer, Nicole Powell on 02 8113 5835 or email festivals@screenaustralia.gov.au