

MEDIA RELEASE

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Six Australian films selected for Toronto International Film Festival

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The Toronto International Film Festival has selected four new Australian feature films and two new Australian documentaries to premiere at the 2010 event.

Blame (w/d: **Michael Henry**, p: **Ryan Hodgson, Melissa Kelly, Michael Robinson**), *Griff the Invisible* (w/d: **Leon Ford**, p: **Nicole O'Donohue**) and *Wasted on the Young* (w/d: **Ben C Lucas**, p: **Janelle Landers, Aidan O'Bryan**) will screen in Toronto's Discovery program. The Discovery program is a showcase for innovative new filmmakers. Toronto represents the world premiere of *Griff the Invisible*, the story of an office worker by day and a superhero by night whose world is turned upside down. The film stars Ryan Kwanten and Maeve Dermody.

Jucy (d: **Louise Alston**, w: **Stephen Vagg**, p: **Kelly Chapman**) has been selected for the festival's Contemporary World Cinema section that presents the best films from every corner of the earth.

Toronto's Real to Reel program has selected two Australian documentaries, *Machete Maidens Unleashed!* (w/d: **Mark Hartley**, p: **Veronica Fury**,) and *Mother of Rock: Lillian Roxon* (w/d: **Paul Clarke**, p: **Robert de Young**). Real to Reel explores hot topics that affect us all or provide intimate access into dramatic lives. This selection of the year's best documentaries is insightful and fascinating because the stories are true.

"The six films selected for Toronto this year reflect the diversity of Australian production with a particular focus on fresh, new voices," **Kathleen Drumm**, Screen Australia's Head of Marketing, said. "A Toronto screening is a great way to launch a film into the North American market and we congratulate the filmmaking teams on their selection into one of the world's most prestigious film festivals."

"This year's selection of Australian films showcases work that is as fresh, young, innovative, diverse and compelling as the country itself – I couldn't be prouder to present this work in September," said **Jane Schoettle**, International Programmer for the Toronto International Film Festival.

The producers and directors for all six films are expected to attend Toronto with support from Screen Australia. *Griff the Invisible*'s executive producers, **Scott Meek** and **Jan Chapman**, will participate in industry events as part of the festival.

Toronto International Film Festival will run 9–19 September 2010.
<http://tiff.net/thefestival>

CONTEMPORARY WORLD CINEMA

Jucy

www.jucythemovie.com

Production Companies: KCDC & Bunker Productions International

Producer: Kelly Chapman

Director: Louise Alston

Writer: Stephen Vagg

Sales: Odin's Eye Entertainment

Cast: Francesca Gasteen, Cindy Nelson

Synopsis: Jackie and Lucy (Jucy) are stuck in delayed adolescence and the whole world knows it. Motivated by criticism and determined to prove to everyone they are 'normal', Jackie sets out to snag a boyfriend and Lucy goes after the job of her dreams... but the pressure of fitting in might force their 'womance' to implode.

DISCOVERY

Blame

www.blamefilm.com

Production Companies: Factor 30 Films & 3monkeyfilms

Producers: Ryan Hodgson, Melissa Kelly, Michael Robinson

Writer/Director: Michael Henry

Sales: High Point Media Group

Australian Distributor: PackScreen

Cast: Damian de Montemas, Sophie Lowe, Kestie Morassi, Simon Stone, Mark Leonard Winter, Ashley Zukerman

Synopsis: Seeking retribution for a past crime five friends violently attack a man and fake his suicide. But, to get away with murder you can't make mistakes and as their bungled scheme unravels, so too the deception that brought them to their own ill-fated crime.

Griff the Invisible

www.grifftheinvisible.com

Production Company: Green Park Pictures

Producer: Nicole O'Donohue

Writer/Director: Leon Ford

Sales: Fortissimo Films

Australian Distributor: Transmission Films

Cast: Ryan Kwanten, Maeve Dermody

Synopsis: Griff – office worker by day, superhero by night – has his world turned upside down when he meets Melody, a beautiful young scientist who shares his passion for the impossible.

Wasted on the Young

www.wastedontheyoung.com

Production Company: WBMC

Producers: Janelle Landers, Aidan O'Bryan

Writer/Director: Ben C Lucas

Sales: Fortissimo Films

Australian Distributor: Paramount Pictures

Cast: Oliver Ackland, Adelaide Clemens, Alex Russell

Synopsis: After an incident at a high school party sets off a fatal chain of events, two brothers must place their lives at the mercy of popular opinion.

REAL TO REEL

Machete Maidens Unleashed!

www.machetemaidsunleashed.com

Production Companies: Fury Productions & Bionic Boy Productions

Producer: Veronica Fury

Writer/Director: Mark Hartley

Sales: Celluloid Nightmares, ABC Commercial

Synopsis: A fast-moving, no-holds-barred exploration of the blood-drenched and action-packed world of Filipino genre filmmaking.

Mother of Rock: Lillian Roxon

Production Company: Lowlands Media

Producer: Robert de Young

Writer/Director: Paul Clarke

Sales: SBS Content Sales

Synopsis: *Mother of Rock: Lillian Roxon* shines a light into the decadent world of Max's Kansas City, a tiny underground club in New York, and Lillian Roxon's place in documenting the emerging rock revolution as it rolled over the US in the 1960s and early 1970s.