

Clare Valley Film Festival 29 - 31 March 2012

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Clare Valley Film Festival 2012: *dates announced & submissions open*

South Australia's only regional film festival - the **Clare Valley Film Festival** - will take place from Thursday 29 March to Saturday 31 March 2012.

Now in its third year, the *Clare Valley Film Festival* will build on the success of 2010 and 2011 festivals which have seen it start garnering national and international credibility as one of the top screen events in regional Australia.

The festival showcases Australian and international independent film in one of South Australia's most vibrant and diverse areas – the Clare Valley.

"We are expecting 2012 to be bigger and better with a diverse programme of workshops, competitions, a glitzy gala and short films from all over the world" said *Clare Valley Film Festival* Co-Director, Chris Bishop.

The announcement of the 2012 festival dates also coincide with the opening of entries for 2012. "The festival is also now open for entries. So if you have a film, or have the capacity to create a film before the 31 October 2011 early bird closing date – visit our website and upload your entry electronically" said Bishop.

"Last year we saw an incredible diversity of entries from all over the world - short comedies from Germany, experimental films from the UK, social justice shorts from the USA and of course, amazing entries from talented film makers in South Australia and across the country" said Bishop.

The *Clare Valley Film Festival* aims to inspire audiences and filmmakers from across South Australia, including from regional areas and Adelaide by bringing international independent films to the Valley and taking the work of local filmmakers to the world. We are especially honoured to have Sylvia Syms OBE (*The Queen, Ice Cold In Alex*) join the judging panel alongside festival stalwart Rob George (*Captain Johnno*) and festival director Seeta Indrani (*The Bill*). "A key focus of the festival is the cultivation and nurturing of young filmmakers. In particular the festival's filmmaking workshops and the *Clewers 24 hour Film Challenge* have become key events for young local, regional and interstate filmmakers to engage in" said *Clare Valley Film Festival* Co-Director, Seeta Indrani.

Clare Valley Film Festival screens up to 50 films in its official program including the *Short Film Competition* at the state of the art Blyth Cinema, near Clare, with the closing Awards Gala presenting *Best Australian Short Film, Best International Short Film, Audience Choice Award, the Clewers 24 Hour Film Challenge* winner and this year's new award, *Best Animation/Moving Image*.

The full range of information on the festival – including how to submit a film or register for the *Clewers 24 hour Film Challenge* is available on the festival's website:

www.clarevalleyfilmfestival.com

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