

AFDA students and alumni set to take Silwerskermfees 2019 by storm

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Silwerskermfees 2019 is sure to be a humdinger for AFDA students and alumni.



Of the 6 feature films in competition, 5 are directed, written and produced by AFDA alumni, these include:

"Filela se Kind": Produced by Danie Bester and Brett Michael Innes, directed and written by Brett Michael Innes, Cinematography by Tom Marias and edited by C. A. van Aswegan

"Racheltjie de Beer": Written by Brett Michael Innes, cinematography by Willie Nel and starring Antoinette Louw

"Flatland": Produced by David Horler and written and directed by Jenna Bass

"Toorbos": Directed and written by Rene van Rooyen

"Griekwastad": Directed by Jozua Malherbe

In the short film competition alumni also feature strongly with the films:

"Janneman": Directed and written by Tristram Atkins

"Lakens": Directed and written by Christian Grobbelaar

In the documentary film competition alumni also make their presence felt with the films:

"Billy Monk-Shot in the Dark": Produced by Craig Cameron-Mackintosh, Pierre de Villiers and Cait Pansegrouw and directed by Craig Cameron-Mackintosh

"Dalene": Danie Bester gets into the directing chair for this one

Six AFDA 2018 graduation films will also be screening at the festival in the AFDA Showcase:

Johannesburg campus honours film "Simply Ben"

Cape Town campus honours film "Mej Twisfontein"

Port Elizabeth campus honours film "Isikhalo: The Outcry"

Cape Town MFA film "Seapoint 280SL"

Cape Town undergraduate films "Beyond Repair" and "R.E.M."

The 9th Silwerskermfees 2019 will be taking place from 21 to 24 August at The Bay Hotel in Camps Bay in Cape Town.

Since 2010 more than 160 short and feature films in Afrikaans have been produced through the impetus of the Silwerskermfees to support not just the actual making of films in Afrikaans but to grow the local film industry with more talent getting opportunities and also getting the chance to upskill and gain experience with the TV and film business.

Apart from the short films and the feature films that will debut at the 4-day film festival, films that caught attention at other local film festivals will also be screened at the Silwerskermfees 2019, including documentary films on a wide range of topics.

Workshops will be taking place in conjunction with Wesgro and topics under discussion will range from financing the making of a film, to getting a possible international release for a film.

At the Silwerskermfees 2019 there will be a focus on digital film making with Peter Cowley, the British producer of the series *Tabloids: The Animated Web Series* (2018), who will be sharing his knowledge.

The local digital element is represented with four web episodes that were part of the short film competition this year and that will be screened on kykNET's web page on 21 August. Viewers will get a chance to vote for their favourite.

Another international guest at the festival will be Dorothee Wenner.

Dorothee is a German filmmaker from Berlin and has been involved in the Berlinale for the past 20 years, also as the representative for sub-Saharan Africa.

Arnold Vosloo, the South African born actor based in Los Angeles and who appeared in blockbusters such as *The Mummy*, will be at the festival for the première of *Griekwastad*, the film about the family murder that shocked the country and in which he plays the lead.

The Theatre on the Bay is part of the Silwerskermfees 2019 this year with the public who can attend screenings there. The film festival will also include a special screening of the new *Fiela se Kind* at the Labia in Cape Town.

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