

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **BLACK SCREEN A SHORT FILM SHOWCASE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS CINEMA**

***A FREE National Reconciliation Week Event May 27 - June 3***

**Black Screen**, a popular National Reconciliation Week event returns in 2018 with a unique program of short films which celebrate South Australian Indigenous film and culture.

**Black Screen** is presented in South Australia by Country Arts SA and the 'Give up Smokes for Good' campaign from Drug and Alcohol Services of South Australia (DASSA), with support from the National Film and Sound Archive and the South Australian Film Corporation. This year's program will feature an entertaining mix of family, educational, drama and comedy short films from emerging and established Indigenous film makers, including four South Australian premiere screenings.

Country Arts SA **Black Screen** Program Coordinator Michael Crismani said, "We are privileged to be able to present works from such award winning South Australian film makers as Dylan Coleman, whose film *Spin Out* won Best Director and Best Actor at the Fleurieu Film Festival earlier this year, alongside innovative films such as *DreamBIG Coober Pedy*, a Hip Hop video from young Indigenous leaders in the outback town, sure to have you up out of your seats singing and dancing along; the inspirational film *Thunderstorms*, an uplifting film that takes full flight of spirit and endurance; and family drama *Wild* by popular writer, actress and comedian Kiara Milera (from TV series *Black Comedy*)."

Crismani added, "Through the **Black Screen** event we have a wonderful opportunity to bring people together to develop a deeper understanding of Indigenous people's perspectives and histories, ignite conversation and spark change."

All films prior to the interval are suitable for families, with content more suitable for adults after the break. For more information on film classifications and full program details please visit [countryarts.org.au](http://countryarts.org.au). Join us for this **FREE** event that everyone is welcome to attend. Bookings are encouraged to ensure everyone gets a seat; simply call your venue on the number listed below.

**Mt Gambier**, 29 May, 7 pm, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 8723 8741

**Port Pirie**, 29 May, 11 am and 7 pm, Northern Festival Centre, 8633 8500

**Whyalla**, 29 May, 7 pm, Middleback Arts Centre, 8644 7300

**Port Augusta**, 29 May, 7 pm, Institute Theatre, Enquiries 8641 9176

**Marion Cultural Centre**, 30 May, 7.30 pm, 8375 6855

**Nuriootpa**, 30 May, 6.30 pm for 7 pm, Nuriootpa Soldiers Memorial Hall, 8563 3603

**Roxby Downs**, 30 May, 7 pm, Roxbylink Cinema, Roxby Visitor Centre 8671 5941

**Renmark**, 31 May, 7pm, Chaffey Theatre, 8586 1800

**Goolwa**, 1 June, 7.30 pm, Centenary Hall, 8555 7000

**Noarlunga**, 1 June, 7 pm, Hopgood Theatre, 7009 4400

**Murray Bridge**, 1 June, Lunch 12pm, Films 1 pm, Murray Bridge Town Hall, 8539 1182 or 0488 691 193

**Coober Pedy**, 1 June, 7.15 pm, Coober Pedy Drive-In, tickets available at the door

**Keith**, 1 June, 7 pm, Keith Institute, 0438 315 505

**Port Lincoln**, 29 May, 6.30 pm, Youthoria, tickets at the door

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