

## BONDI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL FINALISTS AND JUDGING PANEL

Organisers have announced the names of the 14 finalists who will have their short films screened and judged by a prestigious industry panel at the 6th Annual Bondi Short Film Festival. More than 250 entries were received from around Australia to screen at the Festival, which will this year span two nights at the Bondi Pavilion on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November 2006.

For the first time, two of the country's leading film schools have each netted two finalist places. The Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) with 'First Thing I Remember' and 'Insecurities' and the West Australian Screen Academy (WASA) with 'Family' and 'Touched'.

The Bondi Short Film Festival has also attracted its first-ever entry from a deaf filmmaker, with the short film 'Mummy Leaving' by Surry Hills resident, Dave Carter.

The four-member **Judging panel** includes **Alice Bell**, writer of 'Suburban Mayhem' which has been nominated for six IF Awards and 12 AFI awards; **Philippa Bateman**, producer of 'Jindabyne'; **Garry Maddox**, Sydney Morning Herald Film Reviewer and **Richard Brennan** who has worked on classic films such as 'Cosi' and cult classic 'Adventures with Barry McKenzie'.

<b>Tommy the Kid</b>	Written, Directed and Produced by Stuart Clegg
<b>The Whiskey Bar</b>	Written and Directed by Michael Hoath
<b>Walking Off</b>	Written and Produced by Peter Blackburn, Directed by Dan Stevenson
<b>The Haircut</b>	Written, Directed and Produced by Carlo Ledesma
<b>Pop's Dream</b>	Written by Vanessa Bates, Produced by Christopher Saunders, Directed by Bronwyn Purvis
<b>Mummy Leaving</b>	Written, Directed and Produced by Dave Carter
<b>At Play</b>	Produced by Anya Watroba, Nathan Keene, Written and Directed by Zak Hilditch
<b>Final Call</b>	Written and Directed by Gary Ech, Produced by Philip Wade
<b>Family</b>	Written by Andrew Lewis, Directed by Damian Foley, Produced by Nigel Devenport (WASA)
<b>First Thing I Remember</b>	Directed by Tamie Meem (AFTRS)
<b>Humidity Rising</b>	Produced by Shane Dempsey, Kane Sarota, Written by David Fellow, Directed by Louise Alston
<b>Brown Trash</b>	Written, Directed and Produced by Tresa Ponnor, Executive Produced by David Opitz
<b>Insecurities</b>	Directed by Beth Taylor (AFTRS)
<b>Touched</b>	Written by Stephanie Kleinhenz, Produced by John Petricevic, Directed by Lucile Weigel (WASA)

The 14 short films will be screened each night and prizes will be announced for Best Film, Best Actor, Best Music Score, Best Design, Best Cinematography and Best Script. The winner of Best Film will win 2 VIP tickets to the Sundance Film Festival, including return airfares and luxury accommodation at the Chateau on Silver Lake.

What	6th Annual BONDI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
Where	Bondi Pavillon, Bondi Beach
When	Friday 24 & Saturday 25 November (7.30pm - Theatre 1 / 7.45pm - Theatre 2)
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