



Sit Down, Shutup and Watch
is an initiative of Tutti Arts

Australia's first learning disability led film festival grows to two days

The pioneering *Sit Down, Shutup and Watch* Film & New Media Festival will be held over two days in 2018, for the first time in the event's history.

Led by a steering committee of seven passionate film-makers and artists who all identify with a learning disability, the *Sit Down, Shutup and Watch* Film & New Media Festival is Australia's first and only learning disability led film festival.

Officially announcing that the 2018 Festival will be held on 19 and 20 October 2018 in Angaston in South Australia's beautiful Barossa Valley, Pat Rix, CEO of Tutti Arts, says, "Sit Down, Shutup and Watch grew out of Tutti's connection with artists with a disability living in regional areas of South Australia and those connections remain very strong.

"But the Festival has international reach. It was inspired by the UK's Oska Bright Film Festival and attracts entries from around the world as well as across Australia."

The announcement of the Festival dates coincides with opening the call for entries.

Festival Steering Committee Chair Lee Witczak says, "We accept short films of all genres - including comedy, sci-fi, documentary, drama and music videos - where someone with a learning disability is at the centre of the creative process."

First held in 2014, the bi-annual Festival also helps to foster and give a platform to emerging film-makers through workshops and roadshows.

Film-makers interested in entering should visit www.sitdownshutupandwatch.com for more information. The deadline for entries is 30 April 2018.

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Image provided: Sara Egarr, Sit Down, Shutup and Watch Committee Member, pictured in the foyer of the Blyth cinema during a recent roadshow [Photo credit: Andrea Fraser]

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