



## SUFF.ED09

### SUFF'S EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Sydney Underground Film Festival provides a thought-provoking and engaging Education Program for high school students to encourage a broadened awareness of local, national and international alternative, independent, and artistic films.

Our Education Program is designed to get students enthusiastic about film creativity and emphasise the value of experimentation through the powerful art form of cinema.

The SUFF.ED09 will be led by Stefan Popescu, a lecturer at both Sydney College of the Arts - Sydney University and Sydney Film School.

On Friday 11 September 2009 (the second day of the Sydney Underground Film Festival), SUFF.ED09 will program 3 sessions at the Sidetrack Theatre in Marrickville. Each session entails: and introduction to the screening, the screening of a selection of short films (1 hour), a short discussion time after, and a SUFF.ED09 take home pack including resources for both teachers and students.

### A LITTLE ABOUT SUFF...

Promoting innovation in film and encouraging fearless filmmaking, the festival is harbouring an 'art cinema' experience that is both accessible and stimulating. We believe there is a great need to create awareness of the endless possibilities of film, from inside and outside of the established industry. For us, the word 'underground' can best be defined as a subversive spirit, whether it is by challenging conventions, playing with form and content or by actively engaging the audience. The Sydney Underground Film Festival aims to change an engrained culture of cinematic complacency and revitalize an enthusiasm for cinema by providing a platform for exhibition, exposure and critical discussion.

SUFF has gained recognition as one of Australia's leading alternative film festivals. So far the festival has screened films by renowned filmmakers such as David Lynch, Bill Morrison, Craig Baldwin, John Waters, Virgil Widrich, Abigail Child, Larry Clark, Martha Colburn, George Gittoes, David Firth, Arthur and Corinne Cantrill, Albie Thoms, David Perry, and Paul Winkler. The festival receives over 800 entries each year from over 50 different countries.



### **WHAT IS THE SUFF.ED09 PROGRAM?**

One of our aims in creating this festival is to encourage experimentation in film and provide a platform for exposure and critical discussion. As the festival is an over 18s events, we still want to be able to share films and knowledge with students under 18.

Students from years 8 to 12 will be given the opportunity to view films selected from the festival. These films are designed to engage students with experimental, avant-garde film and practice and stimulate further inquiry and debate. After the screening a short discussion will be encouraged and issues and ideas raised in the films will be discussed.

Each SUFF.ED09 session will be led by Stefan Popescu, a lecturer at both Sydney College of the Arts - Sydney University and Sydney Film School and will be attended by other staff from the Sydney Underground Film Festival.

All participants will receive a SUFF.ED09 take home pack including resources for both teachers and students.

The films that will be shown as part of the SUFF.ED09 sessions can be provided on request (from 24 August 2009).

### **FEES?**

Sessions are only \$5 per student. (Note: Discounts available for large groups.)

### **WHEN? WHERE?**

Sidetrack Theatre, Marrickville.

Friday 11 September 2009

Three sessions: 9:30am – 11am, 11:30am – 1pm and 1:30pm – 3pm

### **HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

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