

Sydney Film Festival Unleashes 2010 Program NEWS

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Sydney Film Festival (SFF) has unleashed the Official Program for the 2010 Festival, which runs from 2-14 June 2010. The festival will present 157 Films from 47 Countries out of which 92 are Australian Premieres, 2 international Premieres and 7 World Premieres.

The 2010 Festival kicks off with the World Premiere of Shirley Barrett's *South Solitary*. The Australian Premiere of *The Kids Are All Right* directed by Lisa Cholodenko will close the festival.



2010 Jury President is Australian Producer Jan Chapman whose list of credits includes *The Piano*, *Lantana* and most recently, *Bright Star*. Jan will be joined by Sundance Film Festival Director John Cooper.

Official Competition

Featured in this year's Official Competition line-up include:

- Three films direct from 2010 Cannes Film Festival - including Cannes Closing Night film, Julie Bertucelli's Australian/French Co-Production *The Tree*, along with Thai director Apichatpong Weerasethakul's *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives* (screening in Cannes Official Competition) and Canadian Xavier Dolan's *Heartbeats* (screening in Un Certain Regard);
- The World Premiere of Ben C Lucas's debut feature *Wasted on the Young*;
- Australian Premieres of films by renowned directors - including Michael Winterbottom's *The Killer Inside Me*, Todd Solondz's *Life During Wartime*, Brillante Mendoza's *Lola* and Shirin Neshat's *Women Without Men*;
- Chris Morris' comedy *Four Lions* and Raoul Peck's satire *Moloch Tropical*;
- Berlin Film Festival winners from Russia, *How I Ended this Summer* and Romania, *If I Want to Whistle, I Whistle*.