



2009 Melbourne Bicycle Film Festival
November 12 - 29
A community event for the cyclists of Melbourne

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BEAUTIFUL BICYCLES PUT MELBOURNE IN A SPIN

The Bicycle Film Festival returns to enliven the streets of Melbourne with bicycle-themed revelry of every kind. Celebrating its **third year in Melbourne**, the BFF has now firmly established roots in the cycling community, with more than 10,000 bike-lovers attending festival events over the last two years. Over 250,000 people are expected to attend the BFF in 2009.

So much more than a film festival, the BFF is a **community and cultural festival with a cycling theme** - incorporating an art show, rock gig, film screenings, street party, community gatherings, award ceremonies, competitions, alley cats & races, a bike polo tournament, group rides, bicycle valet parking and a bicycle beauty pageant! **There is something for everyone in the BFF.**

Key events for 2009 include:

Art Show and Launch	November 12	Thousand £ Bend
Local Film Shorts	November 13 & 14	Human Powered Cycles
Film Screenings	November 26, 27 & 28	Palace Kino Cinemas
BFF Street Party	November 29	PS Bikes
Bikes Rock Closing Party	November 29	The Tote

Plus satellite events with Commuter Cycles, Pony Bikes, Melbourne Bike Polo and more.

2009 marks an exciting step forward in bringing new audiences to the festival and more participants to cycling through new partnerships with **Palace Films** and the **City of Melbourne**. BFF audiences will enjoy the luxurious surrounds of the **Palace Kino Cinema** at all six sessions of the international film program. The **City of Melbourne** has partnered with the BFF to create a short clip promoting harmony between road users, showcasing short-listed entries before every session.

"In 2007 we staged the first Bicycle Film Festival in Melbourne. Since then, interest in cycling and bicycle culture has exploded. Riding a bike is no longer seen as a recreational or competitive activity – it's a lifestyle and the BFF gives that lifestyle its voice".

Pip Carroll – Melbourne BFF Producer

In 2009 the BFF also introduces **Festival Patrons**, individuals from the cultural life of the city that support the festival and its aims of **sustainability, creativity and celebration of the cycling lifestyle**. They are **Alex Baker** – Curator of Contemporary Art NGV, **Amiel Courtin-Wilson** – Filmmaker, **Melissa Cranenburgh** – Deputy Editor, The Big Issue, **Orla Mundy**, 8 year-old BFF Filmmaker and eco-warrior and **Kate Rhodes** – Editor, Artichoke Magazine.

"Bike lanes are the real corridors of influence. There's a kind of bandwidth between cyclists: a buzz, a tickle that glues this rolling community together. When you're on two wheels, the city itself feels different. Melburnians know their bikes and we are a bike-hungry people. Bikes are good. Film is good. Festivals are good and Melbourne is one of 37 cities in the world with a BFF! Ours is special because it's here. The BFF says IT'S GREAT TO RIDE and more and more people are catching on. Get on your bike!"

Kate Rhodes – Editor of Artichoke Magazine and BFF Patron

Tickets for BFF film screenings:

Adult \$17/ Concession \$15.50 / Groups of 20 \$14 (plus \$1 booking fee per ticket)

Tickets for Bikes Rock: \$15 on the door

All other events are FREE

Tickets on sale October 29 at www.bicyclefilmfestival.com

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