



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

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SO IT'S FILMS ABOUT BIKES RIGHT?

The film program is the beating heart of the BFF and the one component that **links all 37 cities staging the festival**. Stemming from a global call for entries, the International BFF Film Program contains feature length and short films that have a strong theme or character of bicycles. The 2009 Melbourne BFF film program is curated specifically for Melbourne audiences by Founding Director **Brendt Barbur** and contains films from the **USA, Canada, Italy, Thailand, Switzerland, France, Japan, Spain** and the **United Kingdom**. The Melbourne BFF also features a program of **Local Shorts**.

The Melbourne BFF will present **6 screenings** at Kino Cinemas on the **26, 27 & 28 November**. All films are premier cinematic screenings in Melbourne. Highlights this year include: ***Where Are You Go***, a documentary on the world's longest bicycle race and expedition, the Tour d'Afrique made by BFF alumni the Zenga Brothers and Brian Vernor; ***I Love My Bicycle: The Story of FBM Bikes*** by Joe Stakun, the history behind Fat Bald Men, internationally renowned BMX company that began with owner Steve Crandell selling t-shirts from his backpack; ***Made in Queens***, a jaw-dropping documentary on a group of imaginative teenagers from Trinidad who created giant stereo systems rigged onto BMX bikes and ***Anima D'Acciaio (Soul of Steel)***, a portrait of legendary Italian frame builder Giovanni Pelizzoli directed by Daniel Leeb.

The complete film program is profiled in the media release **BFF_FilmProgramDetails**.

The Melbourne BFF is kicking off the festival with a program of **Local Shorts** in partnership with **Human Powered Cycles** on the **13 and 14 November**. The program will represent the local culture, customs and communities that make Melbourne a great cycling city. More information is detailed in the media release **BFF_SatelliteEvents**.

BFF Screenings take place at:

Kino Cinemas, A Palace Cinema Partner
45 Collins St Melbourne
Lower Ground Collins Place

Film ProgramDetails:

Thursday 26 November, 7 & 9pm
Friday 27 November, 7 & 9pm
Saturday 28 November, 7 & 9pm

Tickets:

Adult \$17.00
Concession \$15.50
Groups of 20 \$14.00

Internet and phone bookings
attract a \$1.00 booking fee per ticket
Tickets go on sale **Thursday 29 October**

Purchase online via **www.bicyclefilmfestival.com**

Purchase via phone by calling Kino Cinemas on **03 9650 2100**

"The act of riding a bike has always been intrinsically cinematic for me. Narratives bloom with a fluid particularity when graced with the perspective that comes with being transported by two wheels silently in motion. As someone who has taken it upon themselves to never get a car licence, I applaud the BFF for shining a light on this form of accelerated motion and accelerated imagination."

Amiel Courtin-Wilson, Filmmaker and BFF Patron

Founding Director Brendt Barbur and filmmakers are available for interview.

Contact Melbourne Producer Pip Carroll on 9017 3183 / 0428 993 779 for more information.

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