



Media release: New indie summer family film - A Boy Called Sailboat

Aussie filmmakers offering alternative to summer blockbusters with their lauded movie, shot in New Mexico

“... a delightfully original film ...” – Rod Yates, Sydney Morning Herald “Adorable, nearly-perfect modern folktale ...” – Roger Moore, Movie Nation
“An astonishingly assured debut narrative film ...” – Debora Krieger, MovieJawn “...surely, the most impressive calling-card film in recent memory.” – Simon Foster, Screen Space Summer cinema goes looking for an alternative to the holiday blockbusters need look no further than the delightfully offbeat family offering, “A Boy Called Sailboat”, which is set for release in select cinemas around Australia from December 5, with additional locations screening the film throughout January, 2020. From Melbourne-based production team, Cameron Nugent (writer/director) and Andrew Curry (producer) – who will conduct Q&A sessions around the country throughout its theatrical season, “A Boy Called Sailboat” has received accolades during its international festival run and has since been released in cinemas throughout the US, Europe and Asia. Filmed entirely in Silver City, New Mexico, it stars Academy Award® winner J.K. Simmons, Noel Gugliemi, Elizabeth De Razzo, Jake Busey and astonishing new talent, Julian Atoconi Sanchez as the boy called Sailboat. A heart-warming, whimsical comedy-drama, A Boy Called Sailboat is set in the deep South of America, where, in a slanted home beyond the reaches of a drought-ridden town, a loving Hispanic family accept an impossible blessing and name their only son “Sailboat”. Sailboat brings love and hope to a family who have forged a simple but proud life in the deep South, but one afternoon he brings home something more: a “little guitar”. From this moment, Sailboat and his ukulele are inseparable, and when his ill grandmother requests he write a song for her, Sailboat meanders through adversity to deliver the unimaginable – the greatest song ever written. Will the mysterious song breathe one last miracle, or reveal a hapless twist of fate that will return his family to a house held up by a “stick”; a car without doors; an unchanging wardrobe; and a friend who can’t blink? The charming story of A Boy Called Sailboat is enhanced by the stunning cinematography by John Garrett and the captivating score, composed and performed by ARIA Award winning guitar duo, Slava and Leonard Grigoryan. Along with writer/director Cameron Nugent and producer Andrew Curry, production credits include producer Richard Gray, Executive Producer and Co-Producer Sullivan Stapleton, and Costume Designer Stacey O’Connor. MEDIA CONTACT: Erin Jameson – erin(at)jamesonandco(dot)com / +61 419 323 663 CONFIRMED CINEMAS: VIC Lorne Theatre (Dec 5) Peninsula Cinemas Rosebud (Dec 19) Peninsula Cinemas Sorrento (Dec 5) Peninsula Cinemas Warragul (Dec 5) Star Cinema Eaglehawk (Dec 19) OLMC Heidelberg (Nov 29 – one screening) NSW Montreal Community Theatre, Tumut (Dec 29) Wallis Cinemas, Wagga Wagga (Dec 5) QLD BIGSCREEN Cinemas Hervey Bay (Dec 5?) @Cinemas Maryborough (Dec 5) SOUTH AUSTRALIA Wallis Cinemas, Mitcham (Dec 5) Wallis Cinemas, Mt Barker (Dec 5) TAS State Cinema, Hobart (Dec 5) NORTHERN TERRITORY Deckchair Cinema, Darwin (Jan 26 and Feb 16) WATCH THE TRAILER

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