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The Sydney Women's International Film Festival (SWIFF), supported by the City of Sydney, is to hold its VIP Grand Opening event of its inaugural festival which will run from 27–28 November 2020 at United Cinemas Opera Quays.

Walking the red carpet will be Imogen Anthony, Award winning Actress Naomi Sequeira (ROMANCE ON THE MENU, RIPTIDE, DISNEY'S EVERMOOR CHRONICLES), MAFS favourites Natasha Spencer and Ivan Sarkula, Champion SURFER Layne Beachly, Actor Andrew Steel (WISHMAN) and Actor and Writer George Basha (THE COMBINATION, CONVICT, COMBINATION REDEMPTION).

Hosting the event will be award winning Actress, Writer, Singer, Dancer and Director Clare McCann (BENEFITED, CHANNEL [V]), who is also known for launching the famed Marquee Sydney at Sydney's casino The Star.

Clare McCann, Festival Director and Director of Cherry Productions says "A professionally and fairly run festival that aims to target the inequality in storytelling and filmmaking is long overdue. SWIFF is a festival where committed female and female identifying filmmakers are supported and celebrated. We have an outstanding festival lineup of inspiring films from across the world from incredibly talented storytellers including Malgorzata Szumowska's The Other Lamb starring Raffey Cassidy and Michiel Huisman that was written by Australian screenwriter Catherine S. McMullen and Victoria Wharfe McIntryre's The Flood starring Alexis Lane and Shaka Cook who has just been announced to play the lead of Hamilton in the new Tony award-winning musical of the same name.

MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SOCIALLY DISTANCED RED CARPET ARRIVALS.

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About SWIFF

The Sydney Women's International Film Festival (SWIFF) is a film festival created to support and promote the work of female (self-identified) film-makers. SWIFF is a female-run, not-for-profit organisation forged from a desire to create a platform to address gender inequity in the film industry. The goals of SWIFF are to enhance professional opportunities, and recognition and exposure for women in film, while simultaneously improving audience access to cinematic stories about women, as told by women. SWIFF launched in 2020 and has welcomed film and screenplay entries across a diversity of categories from both Australian and international female film-makers.

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