



## Serbian Film Festival | Српски Филмски Фестивал

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**17th SERBIAN FILM FESTIVAL 24 November - 10 December 2017**

This year the Serbian Film Festival will open at Hoyts Sunnybank in Brisbane on Friday 24 November, followed by Monday 27 November openings at Hoyts cinemas in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide and Fremantle. The festival program will feature five contemporary films, adding to well over 100 Serbian feature and documentary films screened throughout the past sixteen years in Australia.

Milijana Nikolic, a highly respected arts and cultural force, is the 2017 Festival Ambassador. Serbian-born Nikolic, who holds a degree in Fine Arts from the University of Belgrade, is a leading international operatic mezzo-soprano. Earlier this year, Nikolic was invited to perform for the closing of *Bolsoy*, a Russian classical music festival. *Bolsoy* was held at Drvengrad in Mecavnik, Serbia home also to the internationally acclaimed film festival *Kustendorf*; both of these festivals have been initiated by Serbian filmmaker Emir Kusturica. Since moving to Australia in 2007, she continues to be a proud supporter of the Serbian Film Festival.

The festival will be opened in Brisbane by Nikolic; *Out of the Woods (Kozje Usi)* is the opening night film. A comedy/drama directed by Marko Kostic, this emotional story follows the struggle of Stojanka, a grandmother who had to leave the city life and return to her home village in the south of Banat in Vojvodina. Here, Stojanka raises her two grandchildren as her son and daughter-in-law have left to find work overseas. Kostic's first feature film (*Paper Prince*) in 2007, was screened at more than seventy international film festivals and won a total of thirteen awards.

Also screening at this year's film festival will be: *Requiem for Mrs J. (Rekvijem za gospodju J.)* a drama directed by Bojan Vuletic; *Santa Maria Della Salute*, a romantic drama directed by Zdravko Sotra; *Train Driver's Diary (Masinovodja)* a comedy/drama directed by Milos Radovic; and, *Herd (Stado)* a comedy satire directed by Nikola Kojo.

The Serbian Film Festival, a registered not-for-profit incorporated body, is proudly supported by many including: Hoyts, The Embassy of the Republic of Serbia, The Consulate of the Republic of Serbia, Eagle Space Group, as well as a dedicated group of volunteers.

Opening night celebrations and hospitality commence at 6.30pm with refreshments served. *Out of the Woods (Kozje Usi)* screens at 7.30pm.

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