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Welcome to OPENLine!

Before we launch into this month's publication OPEN CHANNEL would like to thank everyone who has thus far participated in our online Member Survey, in particular our new members and those that have renewed. Results from over 88 respondents will be published in Issue 148.

With the Commonwealth Games nearly upon us it's a good time to remind our readers that OPEN CHANNEL will be closed from 13 to 24 March, re-opening on the 27th.

Despite being closed some of us will still be on deck at the Launch Screening of Raw Nerve 2005 with Popcorn Taxi and in association with ACMI. Keep the evening of 14 March free!

If you're up for a spot of film action during the Games, we're offering discounts on Equipment hire which you can read about in OPEN CHANNEL NEWS.

This month is a great month for Giveaways! We have 10 in season passes to the bittersweet Italian film "The Manual Of Love", 6 doubles to a special screening of Cronenberg's psychological thriller, "A History of Violence" and 3 doubles to your choice of program at Flickerfest International Short Film Festival.

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\_\_\_\_ ONE DAY LEFT FOR MEMBERSHIP SURVEY AND PRIZES

Fill in the survey. You have 1 day. You may get lucky.

If you're a current member all you have to do is fill in the survey (Step 2 below) to be eligible for prizes.

Join or renew your membership before midnight February 28 and fill in the online survey to be in the running for 32 prizes, valued at over \$3500 in total.

That's one prize for every year of OPEN CHANNEL operation!

Here's how easy it is:

1. Join up or Renew, either online via our secure online banking system Paymate at [http://www.openchannel.org.au/a\\_join.html](http://www.openchannel.org.au/a_join.html) or by phoning during office hours, 03 8610 9300 or visiting us at Docklands.
2. Fill in the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=874001716100>
3. Now check out the fab prizes at: <http://www.openchannel.org.au/big-callout.html>

For full details of OPEN CHANNEL membership benefits inc. the list of Member Discounters go to [http://www.openchannel.org.au/a\\_join.html](http://www.openchannel.org.au/a_join.html)

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\_\_LIGHTS! CAMERAS! ACTION!

OPEN CHANNEL now has 3 compact Clapper Boards available for hire as part of its equipment. These use chalk instead of marker pen and are small enough to include in the camera kits for safekeeping. The clappers are also great for younger filmmakers and for shoots in remote locations.

Ring Dave, Nas or Lizzy on the Equipment and Facilities direct number: 8610 9302 for price and bookings!

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\_\_FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT DURING GAMES WEEK

We will be closed from Saturday 11th March and reopen as usual on Monday 27th March. There is still field production equipment available for hire during the Games period at the discounted rate. The PD150 kits, redhead kits, Blondie and some accessories are available for hire at 50% off normal prices for the 2 weeks. That's two weeks for the price of one!

Call Equipment and Facilities for bookings and pricing.

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\_\_COMMONWEALTH GAMES DISCOUNTS

All field production equipment is available at half price if taken for the duration of the Games: this means 2 weeks for the price of 1!

Hurry to book your gear now as the games are only weeks away! This is a terrific discount, so we can't offer it with other deals.

Make your booking now!

Phone Dave or Nassiem on 03 8610 9302.

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\_\_SOUND AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Improve your production by investing in better sound gear and lighting equipment. When you're ready for the next level, we have boom kits, redhead kits and Digital Production Lighting Kits available for hire. We can help with advice on how to use the equipment to raise your production values.

Contact Nassiem and Dave for advice and bookings help on 8610 9302.

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\_\_THE MANUAL OF LOVE GIVEAWAYS

Palace Films are offering members 10 double in season passes to this Italian box office hit about the mysterious nature of love which chronicles four bittersweet tales of love and betrayal.

If you'd like some Amore in your life email: info@openchannel.org.au with THE MANUAL OF LOVE as the subject, plus your OPEN CHANNEL membership number and postal address. We'll post you some lovin for you and a friend and it will be valid from March 23.

<http://www.palacefilms.com.au/>

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\_\_VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR WEST PAPUA

Filmmakers Supporting West Papua (FSWP) is calling on filmmakers (or anyone who can assist) to donate not-in-use DV cameras, microphones and tripods that can be used to skills-train West Papuans with basic documentation, story-telling skills.

The video equipment will be given to appropriate West Papuans, along with the necessary training. Cash is also required to cover transport costs and ensure ongoing support. If you can make a small contribution - this is appreciated.

If you can assist or require to discuss this call in more detail, please email the FSWP team at fswp@media2.org, otherwise drop your working, 2nd-hand gear off at OPEN CHANNEL during office hours.

(FSWP is a very small group of filmmakers - some with broadcast credits - who want to respond to recent events in West Papua).

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\_\_ TAKE THE 15/15 CHALLENGE

Make a short film of 15 minutes (or less) in 15 hours. On March 18 at 08:00 EST, all registered filmmakers will pick up their "Quickies Kit" at designated locations around the world. The "Quickies Kit" contains a quote and an object, which are to be incorporated into their film. Fifteen hours later, completed films are submitted to the Festival organisers ready to be screened throughout Australia.

Register now at <http://www.filmfestival.com>.

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\_\_ CALL FOR ENTRIES: 4TH FLOWER CUT FILM FESTIVAL, DUE MAY 5, 2006

Filmmakers are to submit short films (3-9 minutes) in any format - Super 8, 16mm, 35mm, SP Betacam and DVD. Preview copies should be submitted on DVD. Selected bands will accompany the films on 15 July 2006. Prizes up to \$15,000.

Check out <http://www.flowercutfilms.com>

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A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE GIVEAWAYS

Cinema Nova and Roadshow Films are offering members 6 doubles to a special screening of David Cronenberg's newie, "A History of Violence" on Tuesday March 7th at 7pm sharp. Releasing at Nova on Thursday March 9th, this film is a magnificent, dense and troubling psychological thriller. [www.historyofviolence.com](http://www.historyofviolence.com)

The first 6 OPEN CHANNEL members to email: [info@openchannel.org.au](mailto:info@openchannel.org.au) with A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE as the subject, plus your OPEN CHANNEL membership number and postal address, will receive a double pass to this advance screening in the mail.

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\_\_ RAW NERVE 2005 LAUNCH SCREENING WITH POPCORN TAXI

Announcing OPEN CHANNEL and Popcorn Taxi's Launch Screening of 5 new shorts produced under the Raw Nerve initiative.

What: ALMOST READY - Writer/Director: Grant Scicluna. 9:59 mins  
No parents. Four teenagers. Almost ready.  
A film which explores the terrifyingly nauseating, but exciting moment when we think we are ready to become sexually active.

STALLED - Writer/Director: Stuart Moulds.  
Young Rob's day hasn't started on the right note.  
It was to be his first armed robbery, but everything that can go wrong does go wrong.

MY GREEN FRIDAY - Writer/Director: Kirrilly Brentnall.  
Turquoise sneezes, buttery laughs, mango sherbet trumpets & green Fridays - welcome to the colourful world of Synaesthesia.  
MY GREEN FRIDAY is a short documentary about enriched perception, blended senses, and seeing the world in another way.

TEENAGE LUST - Writer/Director: Fiona Tuomy.  
TEENAGE LUST is an experimental narrative exploring  
the deepest thoughts and feelings locking inside one  
man's psyche.

THE FAVOUR - Writer/Director: Donna McRae. 15 mins  
THE FAVOUR is a dark tale of Christmas misery with a magical  
twist which proves that one good turn deserves another.

When: Tuesday, 14 March  
7:30pm  
Where: ACMI

Watch this space for further details.

Raw Nerve is a national program produced in association with the  
Australian Film Commission.

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FLICKERFEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL: DRIVING SOUTH TO  
MELBOURNE

Flickerfest, driven by MINI, is coming to Melbourne for a four day  
season of the best of international short films and animations from  
all over the world.

Screening at the Kino Dendy at 45 Collins St, City from 2nd to 5th  
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For bookings go to <http://www.kinodendy.com.au>

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Collins St, City from 2nd to 5th March, Flickerfest have 3 double  
passes to programs for OPEN CHANNEL members.

The first 3 members to email [coordinator@flickerfest.com.au](mailto:coordinator@flickerfest.com.au) with OPEN  
CHANNEL - FLICKERFEST as the subject and your OPEN CHANNEL membership  
number, contact phone and email, plus your choice of 3rd - 7pm, 4th -  
7pm or 5th - 5pm of March will get to go along.

Check out <http://www.dendy.com.au/special.html> or  
<http://www.flickerfest.com.au>

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