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__ SHORT & SHARP - PITCH AND WIN

OPEN CHANNEL is giving you the chance to pitch your next film to an audience and industry panel for a chance to WIN \$3,500 worth of OPEN CHANNEL resources. As a 'Pitcher', you are one of seven lucky contestants and "Short & Sharp" is your opportunity to lose the stage fright, hone the spiel and discover what it takes to sell an idea.

Entrants must be current OPEN CHANNEL members, or join with entry.

Entries close August 1, 2006. Further details will be available shortly on our website.

There's also an opportunity to participate as an audience member. Be inspired and learn about the craft of pitching with public feedback given by a panel of industry professionals. Cost \$12, free to OPEN CHANNEL members.

Don't think you have the skills to pitch your idea? Why not take part in our one day "Pitching Workshop". Not only will you be ready for our "Short & Sharp" pitching competition, you can take on the world! More details can be found in this newsletter under "August Short Courses".

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__ CERTIFICATE III IN SCREEN - CHANGE TO COURSE DATES

If you thought you had missed out on the opportunity to enroll in this truly valuable OPEN CHANNEL course in 2006, think again! Due to

popular demand, the Certificate III course will run slightly later than previously advertised. The new course dates are from August 14 to November 9. The new deadline for enrollments is Friday July 14.

Interviews will now be held on Tuesday July 18. The course is filling up fast, but there are still a few places available, so don't miss out.

The Certificate III course focuses on documentary production, and you'll learn a range of skills from some of Victoria's most talented filmmaking professionals.

For more information about the Certificate III in Screen, visit

http://www.openchannel.org.au/t_cert3.html or email certIIIandregional@openchannel.org.au

Don't forget that our popular short courses program commences this month. Our July "Final Cut Pro Introduction" course is full but there are still a few spaces available for "Write Your Documentary". Each course is 'hands on' and taught by industry professionals. For more information visit:

http://www.openchannel.org.au/t_shortcourses.html

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__LOOK OUT FOR AUGUST SHORT COURSES

If you want to improve your existing Final Cut Pro skills enroll now in our intensive "Final Cut Pro Advanced" workshop. Course covers advanced compositing, methods to speed and enhance editorial workflow including hot keys, batch lists, media management of large projects, problem solving and prevention.

When: August 4-6
Time: Fri 6.15-9.15pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5.30pm
Cost: \$715 / \$596 OC members

Gain confidence in pitching your project ideas by attending our one-day "Pitching Workshop" which focuses on story presentation, public speaking and submission writing. A great way to get you ready for OPEN CHANNEL's "Short & Sharp" Pitching Competition or for another industry pitch.

When: August 5
Time: 10am-5pm
Cost: \$144 / \$120 OC members

Are you a beginner wanting to get into film production? Or a film professional wanting an in-depth insight into producing? Our "Producing & Production Management" course is thorough, insightful and covers the creative and business skills needed to be an effective producer/production manager.

When: August 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, September 2, 6, 9, 13, 16
Time: Wednesdays 6.15-9.15pm, Saturday 10am-5pm
Cost: \$594 / \$495 OC members

Our workshop "Video Distribution on the Web - How to Get Your Video Online", to be hosted by EngageMedia, will introduce a variety of video distribution projects online, give practical advice on issues such as copyright licensing, and take you through a step-by-step practical guide to encoding and uploading your video to the internet. Bring your computer and get free video hosting on the web.

When: August 26
Time: 9.30am-5.30pm
Cost: \$264 / \$220 OC members

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OPEN CHANNEL TUTOR A WINNER WITH FUNDING

Congratulations to Mish Armstrong, regular OPEN CHANNEL Tutor for our "Producing and Production Management" course, and writer/director Fin Edquist on receiving the Letter of Intent through the Film Finance Corporation (FFC) Evaluation on June 28 for their feature film "The Kingdom".

This feature film has been developed over the past four years with the assistance of the Australian Film Commission, Film Victoria, script editor David Rapsey and Executive Producer Sue Maslin. This commitment from the FFC now enables the team to approach other investors to raise the rest of the finance.

"The Kingdom" is the story of two men stranded on a remote rugged island weather station off the cape of north west Australia - where one man's paradise is the another man's prison.

OPEN CHANNEL wishes the Production team the best of luck in raising the rest of the funding swiftly!

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A BIG THANKS TO MICHAEL AGAR

Popcorn Taxi's award-winning producer Michael Agar has personally donated \$2,000 to OPEN CHANNEL. This gift will move us one step closer to purchasing a DVD Duplication System.

Michael's passion for the industry has seen him produce a number of shorts, animation programs and documentaries over the last decade. His background is as a chartered accountant, having run his own arts-based accounting practice for most of the 1990's as well as production accounting many a film. Michael has also sat on the boards of the Melbourne Fringe Festival, ATOM and Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces.

Thanks Michael from all the team at OPEN CHANNEL and we look forward to working with you again.

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBER DISCOUNTER: AUSTRALIAN FILM INSTITUTE

Join the Australian Film Institute and support the Australian film and television industry. AFI Membership is your only ticket to the AFI Awards Judging Festival. Be a part of 3 exciting weekends of great

feature films, shorts, animations and documentaries - you be the judge and vote to decide who wins at the 2006 AFI Awards. As an AFI member you will also have access to a fantastic range of benefits including discounted entry at participating cinemas, discounted magazine subscriptions, film festivals and industry events. For all the latest AFI Membership benefits visit <http://www.afi.org.au/>.

OPEN CHANNEL members can join the Australian Film Institute for a full year at the special price of \$49.50 (10% off the full price). A special student price of \$40 is also available until the 31st August 2006. Proof of OPEN CHANNEL membership and/or student card is required.

To join, visit <http://www.afi.org.au> or call AFI Membership on 1300 139 696.

** OPEN CHANNEL GIVEAWAY ** OPEN CHANNEL GIVEAWAY **

"THE OTHER FILM FESTIVAL 2006" GIVEAWAYS

THE OTHER FILM FESTIVAL, screening at Melbourne Museum's Age Theatre from 25-27 August 2006, will present a strong and diverse program of Australian and international films, including new works by filmmakers with a disability. The weekend will feature interviews, forums, and professional development opportunities for filmmakers.

The first 10 members to email info@openchannel.org.au with THE OTHER FILM FESTIVAL as the subject and your OPEN CHANNEL membership number and address, will receive a pass in the mail valid for any session other than Opening Night.

<http://www.otherfilmfestival.com>

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SHOW ME SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL - CALL FOR ENTRIES, DEADLINE JULY 31

SHOW ME SHORTS is a new film festival dedicated to showcasing your films along side those of our New Zealand friends, providing a chance for some healthy competition.

So, if you have a creative masterpiece lying around gathering dust, or are busy shooting and editing your latest gem, we want you!

Submit your forms online, and it's free to enter!

Full guidelines available at <http://www.showmeshorts.co.nz>

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LEARN TV PRODUCTION SKILLS OR UTILIZE YOUR EXISTING SKILLS

Community Media Services (CMS) are looking for Work-for-the-Dole participants to produce 2 shows on community television.

Contact CMS on 03 9419 2555 or Sam on 0400 845 067.

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___ "THE GARTH METHOD" IS BACK FOR TWO MORE SCREENINGS

Directed by OPEN CHANNEL member Gregory Pakis, this 82 minute award winning comedy has recently screened as a charity fundraiser, raising money for organisations such as "Camp Quality" and "Amnesty International". This screening has donations going to The Salvation Army (by donation).

SAT JULY 22nd. 6:30pm

SUN JULY 23rd. 6:30pm

The Old Colonial Inn, 127 Brunswick St Fitzroy (near Gertrude St),
Victoria

"THE GARTH METHOD" is a film about fighting the odds and never giving up.

View the trailer at <http://www.thegarthmethod.com>

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