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MIFF SET TO SCREEN FREE SHORTS AT FED SQUARE THIS MARCH AND APRIL

MELBOURNE, 1 March 2017 – The **Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF)** is thrilled to announce that this March and April it will present **MIFF Shorts at Fed Square** – a specially curated package of shorts by local Melbourne filmmakers, that have all screened at previous MIFF's.

The program, presented in partnership with Federation Square, commences 8 March and will feature free lunchtime screening from 12pm – 1pm on Wednesdays in March and free evening screening from 5pm – 6pm every Thursday during April in the plaza at Fed Square.

MIFF Shorts Programmer Thomas Caldwell said: "It's great to give Melbourne audiences another chance to see these films projected on the big screen, especially since they are all films made by Melbourne filmmakers. And it's a excellent mix of films too, since we've included a couple of dramas, a comedy, a documentary and the most recent animation by Oscar winner Adam Elliot."

The MIFF Shorts at Fed Square line-up includes:

Olympic Nick: A Donumentary (MIFF 2016)

Directors - Ian Tran, Rachel Morssink

Producers - Tessa Mansfield-Hung, Ian Tran

Synopsis: The story of Melbourne icon Nick Tsiligiris and the hot jam doughnuts he makes at Footscray train station.

Duration: 9 minutes

Big City (MIFF 2016)

Director - Jordan Bond, Lachlan Ryan

Producer - Jarrod Theodore

Synopsis: A lonely taxi driver working the late shift is befriended by one of his passengers.

Duration: 9 minutes

Family Holiday (MIFF 2015)

Director - Ted Wilson

Producer - Tom Graham

Synopsis: A family goes on holiday. They are a family on a holiday.

Duration: 6 minutes

Sweat (MIFF 2015)

Director - Rodd Rathjen

Producer - Robbie McEwan

Synopsis: Colin Friels plays a farmer trying to keep up with his younger and more technologically advanced neighbour. Direct Rodd Rathjen won the 2013 MIFF Best Australian Short Award.

Duration: 11 minutes

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Ernie Biscuit (MIFF 2015)

Director - Adam Elliot

Producer - Adam Elliot

Synopsis: Oscar-winner Adam Elliot's Claymation about a Parisian taxidermist who travels to Australia with his pet duck.

Duration: 21 minutes

LISTING DETAILS: MIFF SHORTS AT FED SQUARE

12pm-1pm Wednesdays starting 8 March

5pm-6pm every Thursdays in April

FREE! Grab yourself a deckchair in the plaza at Fed Square

More info: miff.com.au/fedsqshorts

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The 2017 Melbourne International Film Festival runs 3 – 20 August.

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