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The Collective Voice: October

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The Collective Voice



Hello Southern Filmmakers,

Little did we think we'd be using a snowy photo for October's newsletter header, but here we are!

We're very excited to be bringing Little Cinema back to life from next weekend, and have more exciting opportunities and events below including Dunedin initiative Projects in the Pub, the next stage of the Southern Documentary Accelerator, next week's Invercargill social night, and a Queenstown script writing workshop!

upcoming Events



We are so excited to bring a fantastic variety of films by Otago/Southland filmmakers onto a big screen near you and celebrate with the film community!

With a diverse programme from animated super-shorts to award-winning dramas, you won't want to miss this.

All events just \$15

RSVP & share on Facebook!

QUEENSTOWN Sat Nov 8th

TE ATAMIRA, FRANKTON 7-9PM

QUEENSTOWN TICKETS

WĀNAKA Fri Nov 14th

WĀNAKA COMMUNITY HUB, SIDEY AUDITORIUM 6-8PM

WANAKA TICKETS

DUNEDIN Sat Nov 15th

BARCLAY THEATRE, TUHURA OTAGO MUSEUM 5:30-7:30PM

DUNEDIN TICKETS

We are super grateful to have the support of the Otago Community Trust for our Wānaka and Dunedin events!

Invercargill: SFC Members Social Night

Tuesday 4th November 7pm
Downstairs sports bar at the Kelvin Hotel
RSVP mike@redworks.co.nz



Through our member social nights, an Invercargill group have come together to help writer Kevin Gregory develop his script for a series! Pictured is their table read held at SIT this week.

Loop de Loop Aotearoa: Animation showcase screening at SIT Invercargill

December 3rd, SIT campus, Invercargill.
More info on the Discord server here!

member initiative


Spotlight


Dunedin: Projects in the Pub


New initiative led by Dan Eady

First meeting TONIGHT Thursday Oct 30th!

“Let’s give Dunedin’s indie projects some traction – together!”

 Thursday 30 October

 6:00pm – 7:30pm

 The Kensington, Dunedin

Projects in the Pub is an informal meet-up for people developing or interested in screen projects. It’s open to those involved in writing, directing, acting, shooting, cinematography, sound, editing, producing, any other area of screen production - or just keen to collaborate, come along and connect.

The aim is to create a space where people can connect, exchange ideas, and find practical ways to support each other’s work.

No registration required but comment on the Screen Dunedin Facebook Page if you are interested being a part of this first session.

Events

Recap

Southern Documentary Accelerator kicks off in Wānaka!

The Stage One session of the Southern Documentary Accelerator programme was a great success on Friday 24th October.

Brilliantly organised by the Film Otago Southland and Short Film Otago teams, it had a fantastic line up of speakers to talk through the various stages of Doco production, sales, fundraising and distribution. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout of local filmmakers and to learn more about the Development Grants now open for applications. Thank you very much to all involved for making it happen!

Shout Out: Local filmmakers at 48H Film Festival Nationals

Huge congratulations to our local competitors who made it to the grand national finals of the Vista Foundation 48 Hour Film Festival. 'Toast' by Dunedin team Mayodaze lead by Jade Sheppard were among the extremely competitive and prestigious finalist films, and Queenstown team Midnight Sunburn were nominated and took out the nation-wide win for Best Cinematography with their film 'Every Last Bastard', an incredible achievement, congratulations to DOP Rob Romero and head creatives Georgia Wales and Zyanya Jackson.

upcoming

Workshops

Queenstown Writers Festival: script writing workshop

With Duncan Sarkies

\$59

10:00 am- 5:00 pm

Monday 3 November

Te Atamira, Mahi Tahi room

Tickets

Upcoming Opportunities

SOUTHERN DOCUMENTARY ACCELERATOR

UNLOCK

SUPPORT

STAGE TWO

DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE
SUBMISSIONS CLOSE NOVEMBER 30

FOR INFO & REQUIREMENTS VISIT

WWW.SFO.NZ/DOCUMENTARY

Short Film Otago has launched a **brand-new programme to support local documentary storytellers: The Southern Documentary Accelerator**, designed to support emerging documentary filmmakers in Otago and Southland take the next step in their careers.

Stage one kicked off last Friday in Wānaka.

STAGE TWO DEVELOPMENT GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Filmmakers are invited to **submit a short proposal** to pitch their short documentary project. Proposals should be sent to documentary@sfo.nz, and must be a maximum of three A4 pages.

Up to **three teams will be awarded a \$500 development grant** to further develop their project. Submissions open on Monday 27 October and the **deadline for submissions is Sunday 30 November 2025.**

[Learn more](#)

Script to Screen: FILMUP 2026

Mentorship for feature film makers

*APPLICATIONS OPEN!

This incredible one-on-one mentorship programme is designed to support and empower up to eight tenacious and talented filmmakers to reach the next stage in their creative careers. If you are writer, director or producer developing a feature film (narrative or documentary) this programme could be just what you need to progress your career to the next stage.

Applications Close: 1:00 PM, Monday **10th November 2025**

Find out more and apply here

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS COMING UP!

Save the date: Wednesday December 10th, 7:30pm,
online.

FILM CHRISTMAS PARTY



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ABOUT

JOIN US FOR LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS TO
CELEBRATE 2025!

GANTLEY'S TAVERN
QUEENSTOWN
05 DECEMBER 2025
5-8PM

PLEASE RSVP BY 28 NOVEMBER
BY USING THE LINK BELOW



**Interested in joining the SFC
committee? We'd love to hear from
you!**

We're looking for new Committee members to help guide the Southern Filmmakers Collective. Being on the Committee means attending monthly meetings, pitching in

with ideas and decisions, and supporting events or projects when you can. It's a chance to shape opportunities for local writers, directors and producers, and to connect with others passionate about film in Otago and Southland.



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