

Maleny Film Society

Members Only Screenings, March – May 2022

Welcome to our first instalment of Members Only films for 2022, to be screened on the first Wednesday evening of the month, starting on the 2nd of March.

This year, we are offering a new format for these screenings, to be held in the cosy atmosphere of the Verandah Room at the back of the Maleny Community Centre. We invite you to arrive at 6pm, seat yourself cabaret - style, and enjoy a friendly chat over a shared meal. A brief introduction to the film will be presented before the 7pm screening. Free tea and coffee, and a cash bar, will be available. We also invite you to stay on afterwards for another cuppa, and an informal discussion of the film.

For our first screening on 2nd March, we will be providing at no cost to you, a varied selection of pizzas ordered to arrive at 6.10pm.

We encourage our Members to take advantage of these free screenings which are in addition to our main Saturday program. Our initial three screenings comprise a selection of fine films offering broad appeal, as outlined below.

2nd March: Firestarter (AUS 2020) Documentary 100 min M

Firestarter, the story of Bangarra Dance Theatre as seen through the eyes of artistic director Stephen Page, premiered at the 2020 Brisbane Film Festival then won the Adelaide Film Festival and AACTA awards for best documentary. Directors Wayne Blair and Nel Minchin show how Stephen, David and Russell Page, three young Aboriginal brothers from Brisbane, developed Bangarra into one of Australia's leading performing arts companies. It is a tale of pride, heartbreak, adversity and empowerment, with the strength of Indigenous dance at its centre.

6th April: Face to Face (AUS 2013) Drama 89min MA15+

In this film, based on a play by David Williamson, and directed by Michael Rymer, we witness a conflict resolution session where what initially appears simple (an angry young man lashing out against his boss for firing him) grows in complexity and intensity as the characters reveal motives and grudges, weaknesses and ambitions that have festered beneath the surface. Thematically rich and with a stellar cast including Vince Colosimo, Sigrid Thornton and Luke Ford, it offers compelling and entertaining viewing.

4th May: Little Men (USA 2016) Drama 85 mins PG

Little Men takes a compassionate look at how adult problems (an argument over money) affect childhood friendships. Thirteen year old Jake's Dad increases the rent on the dress shop downstairs in the building he has inherited from his father. Jake and his parents live upstairs. The shop is run by the mother of Jakes' best friend Tony, and the resultant feud between the adults prompts the boys to take an oath of silence against their parents in protest.

Important Note: We are obliged to meet the State government's Covid requirements for cinemas: you must show proof of double vaccination and wear a face mask except when eating or drinking