



Program 1

7 April – 5 June

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April

6	Tue	6.00	Members Soirée	
7	Wed	7.00	Firestarter: The Story of Bangarra	
8	Thur	7.00	Ellie and Abbie (and Ellie's Dead Aunt)	
9	Fri	7.00	Miss Juneteenth NT Youth Week Screening	
		8.50	The End of the Century	
10	Sat	7.00	Jacob, Mimmi and the Talking Dogs	☆
		8.20	Miss Juneteenth	
11	Sun	7.00	The Croods: A New Age Fundraiser for Autism NT	
12	Mon	7.00	Ellie and Abbie (and Ellie's Dead Aunt)	
13	Tue	7.00	Jacob, Mimmi and the Talking Dogs	☆
14	Wed	7.00	Only the Animals Alliance Francaise Film Night	
15	Thur	7.00	Miss Juneteenth	🔔
16	Fri	7.00	Jacob, Mimmi and the Talking Dogs	🔔
		8.20	Ammonite	☆
17	Sat	7.00	Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival Long Story Short	
		9.00		
18	Sun	7.00	Girls Can't Surf Fundraiser for Sea Shepherd	
19	Mon	7.00	Pinocchio	
20	Tue	7.00	Ammonite	🔔
21	Wed	7.00	The End of the Century	
22	Thur	7.00	Pinocchio	
23	Fri	7.00	Firestarter: The Story of Bangarra	
		8.50	Ellie and Abbie (and Ellie's Dead Aunt)	🔔
24	Sat	7.00	Walkabout 50th Anniversary Screening Long Story Short	
		8.45		
25	Sun	7.00	High Ground Fundraiser for Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival	
26	Mon	7.00	Nomadland	
27	Tue	7.00	Zappa	☆
28	Wed	7.00	Pinocchio	🔔
29	Thur	7.00	Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom	
30	Fri	7.00	Long Story Short	🔔
		8.45	Only the Animals	🔔

May

1	Sat	7.00	Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom	🔔
		9.00	Zappa	🔔
2-9			Darwin International Film Festival 2020: Take Two Tickets and info at diff.net.au	
10	Mon	7.00	Kajillionaire	
11	Tue	7.00	Banff Mountain Film Festival	

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14	Fri	7.00	The Witch of Kings Cross	
		9.00	Nomadland	
15	Sat	7.00	The Dry National Trust Heritage Festival Sc.	
		9.10	The Witch of Kings Cross	
16	Sun	7.00	Cool Runnings Fundraiser for Razzle Basketball	
17	Mon	7.00	High Ground	
18	Tue	7.00	Nomadland	🔔
19	Wed	7.00	The Witch of Kings Cross	🔔
20	Thur	7.00	My Salinger Year	☆
Alliance Francaise French Film Festival				
21	Fri	7.00	De Gaulle	
		9.00	Bye Bye Morons	
22	Sat	7.00	Delicious	
		9.00	Love Affair(s)	
23	Sun	7.00	The Big Hit	
24	Mon	7.00	The End of the Century	🔔
25	Tue	7.00	Heroic Losers	
26	Wed	7.00	Rams	
			Fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Darwin South	
27	Thur	7.00	Kajillionaire	🔔
28	Fri	7.00	The Tracker	
		8.50	Gunda	
29	Sat	7.00	My Salinger Year	
		8.50	Heroic Losers	🔔
30	Sun	7.00	Godzilla vs. Kong	
			Fundraiser for St John Parap Cadets	
31	Mon	7.00	Ema	

June

1	Tue	7.00	Gunda	Café Cinema	Free to Members
2	Wed	7.00	High Ground	🔔	OC
3	Thur	7.00	Firestarter: The Story of Bangarra	🔔	
4	Fri	7.00	Ema		
		8.55	My Salinger Year	🔔	
5	Sat	7.00	Gunda	🔔	
		8.45	Ema	🔔	

Fundraiser | Special screening

☆ +NT Short | 🔔 Last screening | OC Open caption

Welcome to the new Deckchair Cinema season



That's right, it's hard to believe it's already that time of year again! In Program One you'll find a real festival flavour – we've squeezed in the **Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival**, **Banff Mountain Film Festival** and the **Alliance Francaise French Film Festival**.

Then to top it all off, our very own **Darwin International Film Festival** is back, taking over the big screen for eight days in May with **DIFF 2020: Take Two**. See diff.net.au for more details.

So, fill your boots, and enjoy!



Ammonite

2021, Francis Lee
117m, UK **MA15+**

A beautifully shot period drama set in 1840s England. A young woman is sent to convalesce with the acclaimed but overlooked fossil hunter Mary Anning. They begin a passionate and all-consuming love affair that will defy all social bounds and alter the course of both their lives irrevocably.

16, 20 Apr



Ellie and Abbie (and Ellie's Dead Aunt)

2020, Monica Zanetti
82m, Australia **M**

17 year old Ellie is struggling to find the courage to ask her classmate, Abbie, to the formal. Luckily her Aunt Tara – a lesbian who died in the 80s – has shown up as a 'Fairy Godmother' to dish out advice whether Ellie wants it or not!

8, 12, 23 Apr



Ema

2021, Pablo Larraín
107m, Chile **MA15+**

After a shocking incident up-ends her family life and her marriage to a tempestuous choreographer, Ema, a reggaeton dancer, sets out on an odyssey of personal liberation in this incendiary drama about art, desire, and the modern family from director Pablo Larraín. *Spanish with English Subtitles.*

31 May, 4, 5 Jun



Firestarter: The Story of Bangarra

2021, Wayne Blair
100m, Australia **M**

This is the story of how three young Aboriginal brothers, Stephen, David and Russell Page, turned the Bangarra dance group into a First Nations cultural powerhouse. *Firestarter* explores loss, the reclamation of culture, the burden of intergenerational trauma, and the power of art as a messenger for social change and healing.

7, 23 Apr, 3 Jun



Gunda

2021, Viktor Kossakovsky
93m, Norway **G**

Experiential cinema in its purest form, *Gunda* chronicles the unfiltered lives of a mother pig, a flock of chickens, and a herd of cows with masterful intimacy. Its stark black and white cinematography and the ambient soundtrack of its rural setting invite the audience to slow down and experience life at the pace of its subjects.

28 May, 1, 5 Jun



Heroic Losers

2021, Sebastián Borensztein
117m, Argentina **M**

When a group of friends and neighbours lose all of their savings to an unscrupulous bank manager they band together and put a plan into action to recover what's rightfully theirs. The highest grossing Argentinian Film of 2019. *Spanish with English Subtitles.*

25, 29 May



High Ground

2021, Stephen Johnson
104m, Australia MA15+

This stunning revenge thriller set in 1930s Arnhem Land is an absolute must see. Young Aboriginal man Gutjuk teams up with former soldier Travis to track down Baywarra – the most dangerous warrior in the Territory, who is also his uncle. *Screening with Open Captions on June 2nd.*

25 Apr, 17 May, 2 Jun (OC)



Jacob Mimmi and the Talking Dogs

2019, Edmunds Jansons
70m, Latvia G

This beautifully drawn animation has themes suitable for young children and finishes at 8.10pm.

When Jacob and Mimmi find out that the local park is about to be transformed into new skyscrapers they decide to stop the development with help of a pack of local dogs that... can talk! *English dubbed version.*

10, 13, 16 Apr



Kajillionaire

2020, Miranda July
105m, USA M

Theresa and Robert have spent 26 years training their daughter to swindle, scam and steal at every opportunity. When she forms an unlikely connection with a stranger her odd and stoic reality is challenged – and she finds herself suddenly caught between the only family she has ever known and the prospect of total freedom.

10, 13, 27 May



Long Story Short

2020, Josh Lawson
94m, Australia M

When time-poor Teddy wakes up the morning after his wedding to discover that every few minutes he's jumping forward to the next year of his life, he must use every precious moment wisely to keep from losing the love of his life, and to learn to love the life he's losing.

17, 24 & 30 April



Lunana: a Yak in the Classroom

2019, Pawo Choyning Dorji
110m, Bhutan CTC

A young teacher in modern Bhutan is sent to the most remote school in the world. After an arduous eight day trek he finds no electricity, no textbooks, not even a blackboard. As he learns of the hardship in the lives of the beautiful children he teaches a personal transformation begins to unfold. *Dzongkha with English Subtitles.*

29 Apr, 1 May



Miss Juneteenth

2020, Channing Godfrey Peoples
100m, USA M

Miss Juneteenth draws us deep into South Texas. Turquoise was once crowned Miss Juneteenth, a title commemorating the day slavery was abolished, but life didn't turn out as beautifully as the title promised. Now Turquoise is cultivating her daughter, Kai, to become Miss Juneteenth – even if Kai wants something else.

9, 10, 15 Apr



My Salinger Year

2020, Luc Dery, Kim McCraw
101m, Canada M

When Joanna gets hired as an assistant to the literary agent of JD Salinger, her main task becomes processing Salinger's voluminous fan mail. As she reads the heart-wrenching letters he receives from around the world, she becomes reluctant to send the agency's impersonal standard letter and impulsively begins personalizing the responses.

20, 29 May, 4 Jun



Nomadland

2020, Chloé Zhao
108m, USA M

Best Drama Picture and Best Director Award Winner from this year's Golden Globes, *Nomadland* is a poetic character study on the forgotten and downtrodden. After the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, Fern packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society.

26 Apr, 14, 18 May



Only the Animals

2021, Dominik Moll
118m, France

M

A hit from the Travelling Film Festival this year, *Only The Animals* is set following the disappearance of a woman during a snowstorm. Five strangers in a remote mountain town are caught up in a mystery that spans continents and which none of them expected. *French with English Subtitles.*

14. 30 Apr



Pinocchio

2020, Matteo Garrone
125m, Italy

M

A visually stunning reimagining of the well-known story that stays faithful to the original tale by Carlo Collodi. Geppetto's puppet comes to life and sets out on a quest to become a real boy. Be warned – it's a bit darker than the Disney versions – not for small children. *English dubbed version.*

19, 22, 28 Apr



The End of the Century

2020, Lucio Castro
84m, Spain

R18+

Two men meet by chance while in Barcelona. What seems like a one night encounter between two strangers becomes an epic, decades-spanning relationship in which time and space refuse to play by the rules. *Spanish with English Subtitles.*

9, 21 Apr, 24 May



The Tracker

2002, Rolf de Heer
98m, Australia

M

David Gulpilil's first lead role. A story of contempt for first Australians, their humanity and understanding of the land, but in an understated way. Rolf de Heer uses a rich mix of visuals, music by Archie Roach and paintings by Peter Coad to depict the violence in this story.

28 May



The Witch of Kings Cross

2020, Sonia Bible
78m, Australia

MA15+

In 1950s Sydney, bohemian artist Rosaleen Norton hit the headlines with allegations of satanic rituals, obscene art and sex orgies. She worshipped the god Pan and practiced trances and sex magic – but did the scandals mask her genius? A fantastic debut feature from Sonia Bible, who was once a long term Darwin resident.

14, 15, 19 May



Walkabout

50th Anniversary Screening

1971, Nicholas Roeg
100m, Australia

M

Two city siblings stranded in the Australian outback are saved by an Aboriginal boy on his 'walkabout'. This was the first time we got to see David Gulpilil on screen. This screening celebrates both 50 years for *Walkabout* and five decades of prolific acting from this celebrated, multi-award-winning Yolngu man.

24 April



Zappa

2020, Alex Winter
128m, USA

MA15+

With its makers granted unfettered access to the Zappa Vault and the archival footage contained within, *Zappa* explores the private life behind a mammoth musical career that never shied away from the political turbulence of its time.

27 Apr, 1 May

Special screenings & NT Shorts



Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival

Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival celebrates and showcases outstanding short film, television and video productions from the NT, capturing the stories, culture and landscape of our iconic region and the people that call it home.

17 Apr



Banff Mountain Film Festival

The best extreme sports films from around the world, these hair-raising films absolutely must be seen on the big screen. *Banff* sells out most years, so best get your tickets online.

In 2021 Darwin Film Society Members receive a big discount on *Banff Mountain Film Festival* tickets.

11, 12 May



Members Soiree

We open our doors early with a special night just for our members. There will be free samples of the delicious treats and drinks from the kiosk. We'll then sample upcoming movies with trailers from program one. Strictly members only.

6 Apr



Alliance Française

French Film Festival

21-23 May

We've partnered with The Alliance Française de Darwin again this year to bring you the French Film Festival.

De Gaulle A stirring depiction of one of the most famous figures in France's modern history.

Bye Bye Morons A crowd-pleasing dark comedy. Suze goes on a madcap quest to find her long lost son.

Delicious A chef in pre-Revolution France reignites his culinary passion to open France's first restaurant.

Love Affair(s) An entertaining and surprising exploration of the complexities of modern love.

The Big Hit An out-of-work actor takes an unexpected career turn, leading a theatre workshop group at a correctional facility.



Youth Week NT Screening

Miss Juneteenth

2020, Channing Godfrey Peoples
100m, USA **M**

To celebrate The Northern Territory Youth Week we've made the screening of *Miss Juneteenth* on 9th April free for 12-25 year olds, and there's free popcorn for the first 100 in thanks to City of Darwin.

9 Apr



National Trust Heritage Festival

The Dry

2020, Robert Connolly
117m, Australia, USA **MA15+**

The National Trust are bringing *The Dry* to Deckchair to celebrate the Heritage Festival.
15 May



Captain Starlight's Deadly Tales

Sarah Reuben / Short Animation

Captain Starlight flies their rocket ship all over Australia looking for deadly tales created by kids! Screening 10, 13, 16 Apr.



Wurratherm Warl - Lester Peterson & The Opera Australia Orchestra

William Thomson / Music

Lester Peterson performs a song about his mother's home, 'Wurratherm Warl', in Alywarra. Screening 27 Apr.



Desert Harmony 2019: Opera Australia Orchestra

William Thomson / Music

Join us as the Opera Australia Chamber Orchestra learn songs from the musicians of the Barkly region. Screening 13 May.



Sighted

Tom Burgess / Non-Fiction

A short sighted woman blindly searches the house for her missing glasses after being woken by a mysterious bump in the night. Screening 19 May.



Festival Fauna - From Junk to Funk

William Thomson / Non-Fiction

Barkly Arts hired head artist Steve Langton to run a program and workshops, with the result a series of giant musical sculptures. Screening 27 May.