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Gold Coast Film Festival Celebrates Local Emmy Winner

The Gold Coast Film Festival is not just about the films but about the people who make them. It is with this in mind that The Gold Coast Film Festival of 2010, presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre, is pleased to announce that Gold Coast local and Emmy-award winner **Jason Baird** will participate in a hosted question and answer session on special effects make up together with his team from *The Pacific*.

The “*Special Make-up Effects. In Conversation with Emmy Award Winner Jason Baird and his team from The Pacific*” is part of the GCFF “*Bringing Australian Stories to Hollywood*” mini conference and will be held on Sunday 14 November. The session is free of charge. To ensure seats tickets may be reserved through www.eventcinemas.com from October 14 when the entire program goes live.

Baird has been situated in Southeast Queensland for 20 years, in which time he has worked on both Australian Television and Films such as *H2O Just Add Water* and *Beneath Hill 60* and international productions including *The Matrix Trilogy*, *House of Wax* & *Peter Pan*. In 2010 Baird and his studio, *JMB FX*, won the Emmy for Outstanding Prosthetic Makeup for their work on the Steven Spielberg-produced mini-series *The Pacific*.

In his presentation Baird will discuss his work as both a freelance artist and as the director of his studio on some of the largest Australian film productions over the last two decades. With a background in, Makeup effects, Creatures, Prosthetics and design this seminar is bound to intrigue anyone who has an eye for the weird and wonderful effects that have brought such dynamic sights in films like *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones* and *The Lost World* and *Beast Master* television series.



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The Gold Coast Film Festival presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre, will be held November 10-16 at Australia Fair Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas in Southport. Gold Coast City Council's Film Gold Coast is the major Government sponsor of the event. The full program of films and events will be launched October 14. For more details please see www.gcfilmfestival.com

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