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### **That's A Wrap on the Gold Coast Film Festival!**

The 2010 Gold Coast Film Festival presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre has drawn to a close with another year of stellar results. Attendance numbers continued their upwards spike, started in 2009, with a 65% increase in 2010. This is due to several event highlights including the:-

- Red carpet Gala opening and screening of *Wasted on the Young* introduced by principal actor, one of Australia's most brilliant rising stars, Alex Russell.
- Sell out screening of serial killer thriller *Bad Behaviour* which was introduced by the face of Australian horror himself, John Jarratt.
- Asia Pacific Screen Awards nominees program including China's highest grossing film ever, *Aftershock*, nominated in all categories for this year's Asia Pacific Screen Awards.
- Screening of survival thriller *The Reef* introduced by principal actress Adrienne Pickering.
- Australian and Queensland Premieres of films including *Main Street*, *Return to Gaza*, *Unearthed*, *The Little Things*, *10 Days to Die* and *Predicament*.
- Screening of anime sensation *Evangelion 2.0 You Can (Not) Advance* introduced by the world renowned voice actress Yuko Miyamura.
- Key note presentation on *Bringing Australian Stories to Hollywood* delivered by producers Chris Adams and Steve Kearney.
- Japanese animation seminars presented by festival guests and acclaimed anime film makers Noritaka Kawaguchi, Jun Awazu and Ushio Tazawa.
- Free outdoor screening program which was kicked off by a screening of *Babe* introduced by Academy Award winner John Cox who also treated onlookers to a special 3 minute presentation of how he made the animatronics behind the memorable characters.
- Special "in conversation" seminars with screen writer Todd Farmer and make up special effects Emmy Award winner Jason Baird.



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Opening night brought out a vast array of industry luminaries including actors Xavier Samuel (*Twilight Eclipse*), Phoebe Tonkin (*Tomorrow When the War Began*) and director Kimble Rendall (*Bait*) as well as the Queensland State Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for the Arts, John Paul Langbroek. Mr. Langbroek spoke to the 300 VIP guests immediately after Mayor Ron Clarke officially opened the film festival and acknowledged the event as one fast becoming a major screen culture event for Queensland. He promised that should a Government led by him win power in the next election he would see to it that funding to the Gold Coast Film Festival was significantly increased. This is an election promise warmly received by film festival supporters.

“We are grateful to the Gold Coast City Council, Australia Fair Shopping Centre and Birch Carroll and Coyle who are the major sponsors of the event. In addition to this support, substantial core funding from the State Government, if granted, would be a welcome addition to our annual budget. It would allow the film festival to operate on a larger scale in its endeavour to bring exciting, innovative and glamorous film events to Queensland’s silver screen capital.” Casey Marshall Siemer, Festival Director.

The Gold Coast Film Festival will be on again in November in 2011 at Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas Australia Fair. To keep up to date with events become a Friend of the Festival at

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