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Queensland Filmmakers bring local talent to 2011 GCFF

The Gold Coast Film Festival has always strived to promote local talent, and this year will be no different. The 2011 festival will see a showcase of locally shot films including thriller **Crawl**, horror comedy **The Killage** and teenage drama **Dartworth**.

In **Crawl**, a mysterious Croatian man is hired by a seedy bar owner to commit a murder, but a planned double-crossing backfires when a young waitress is taken hostage. Thrilling and darkly humorous, the film marks the feature debut of director Paul China and stars Georgina Haig (*Underbelly*, *Wasted on the Young*).

When a group of horror-film stereotypes go on a recreational work retreat in **The Killage** things are bound to end a little bloody. Director Joe Bauer is well aware of the fact, and the result is a fun, frantic and self-aware slasher comedy that pokes fun at the expectations of viewers. The film stars local talent including Carmel Savage (*Still Waters*), Meisha Lowe (*Underbelly Files: Infiltration*) and Rita Artmann (*Property of the Grim Reaper*).

Dartworth is the story of self-proclaimed anarchist Julian Mitchell (Liam Nunan) and his experience in the insidious world of a private school for boys. Stuck between the school prefects and their arch-nemesis, Mr Darren 'The Spider' Twine (Ian McFayden), Mitchell soon finds himself in a game of cat and mouse. **Dartworth** marks the directorial debut of actor Andre Seager.

As always, the producers of the Queensland Showcase films will be given career boosting opportunities in the form of mentoring meetings with some of the most prominent personalities in the Australian film and television industry. These include Ross Grayson Bell, the producer of *Fight Club*, Seph McKenna, the Head of Australian Production and Acquisition for Roadshow Films and Jonathan Page, the CEO of Bonsai Films and former Head of International Sales for Becker Films.



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The Gold Coast Film Festival presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre, will be held November 21-27 at Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas at Australia Fair Shopping Centre 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 available to view at www.gcfilmfestival.com from October 17. Tickets will go on sale October 19!

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Interview Opportunities:-

- Joe Bauer, Director / Writer / Producer / Cinematographer / Editor/ Actor –***The Killage***
- Rita Artmann, Producer / Actor - ***The Killage***
- Georgina Haig, Actor, ***Crawl***
- Benjamin China, Producer, ***Crawl***
- Paul China, Director / Writer, ***Crawl***
- Brian Breheny (producer/cinematographer, ***Crawl***
- Melissa Veerhuis, Producer, ***Dartworth***
- Andre Seager, Director, ***Dartworth***
- Liam Nunan, Actor, ***Dartworth***

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