

# 2009 BIGPOND® ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL OPEN!

Adelaide was buzzing this week as hundreds of national and international filmmakers, film industry figures and talent filled the city for the opening weekend of the 2009 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival (BAFF).

World premieres included several Adelaide Film Festival Investment Fund projects – the Opening Night film, *MY YEAR WITHOUT SEX* by Sarah Watt, Warwick Thornton’s *SAMSON AND DELILAH*, *A GOOD MAN* by Safina Uberoi, *SALT* by Michael Angus and Murray Fredericks, and artist Lynette Wallworth’s video installation *DUALITY OF LIGHT* which is showing at the Samstag Museum of Art.

Other highlights included the presentation of the Don Dunstan Award to producer Jan Chapman, director Rolf de Heer introducing his new project *12 CANOES*, the World Premiere of *BEAUTIFUL* by Dean O’Flaherty, with stars Peta Wilson, Tahyna Tozzi and Sebastian Gregory walking the red carpet, the World Premieres of *THE LOVE MARKET* by Shalom Almond, *NECESSARY GAMES* by Sophie Hyde, Tuula Roppola and Paul Zivkovich, and *SCHADENFREUDE* by Peter O’Brien, and the Australian premiere of *DEAN SPANLEY* by Toa Fraser, starring Sam Neill,

BAFF Chairperson Cheryl Bart said, *‘The opening weekend was an outstanding success with sold-out sessions, huge word of mouth on the new Australian films and a palpable buzz in the industry regarding the festival. There were several “goosebump” moments – the standing ovation at the World Premiere of the very powerful SAMSON AND DELILAH, the ingenious pairing of the SALT and SOLO, and, of course, the fabulous Opening Night with Sarah Watt’s MY YEAR WITHOUT SEX.’*

With seven days to go, and over 140 films in the program, film lovers still have a lot to look forward to. Many sessions have already sold out and with huge demand for tickets to remaining sessions, film fans should get in quickly to avoid disappointment.

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**\*\*This event could not take place without the underwriting partnership of BigPond and we ask that this is recognised by referring to the event in all coverage as ‘2009 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival’.**