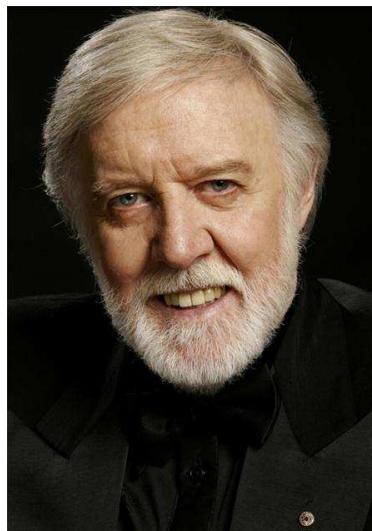


Big Screen film festival brings Aussie films to Broken Hill

13 – 16 November: Menindee, Broken Hill and Wilcannia

Barry Crocker will be the special guest at the opening night of The National Film and Sound Archive's Big Screen Film Festival in Broken Hill on Friday 14 November. Crocker starred alongside Barry Humphries in *The Adventures of Barry McKenzie* and its sequel; he has an Order of Australia, a Gold Logie for Most Popular TV star, two 'Entertainer of the Year' Awards, four 'Mo' Awards, and thirty-three gold records.



Meet Barry Crocker singer and film star at the Opening Night Friday 14 November from 7pm at the Silver City Cinema in Broken Hill. Enjoy a complimentary beer or glass of wine and the wild new film that opened the Melbourne Film Festival – ***Not Quite Hollywood*** (MA 15+).

The film is jam packed full of outrageous anecdotes, lessons in maverick filmmaking, a smattering of international names (including 'Ozploitation' devotee Quentin Tarantino) and a genuine, infectious love of Aussie movies. See how Barry Crocker as the ocker Barry McKenzie splashed the technicolor yawn across the big screen. And witness how the *Mad Max* films shot in Broken Hill became box office hits and created a whole new film genre. Audiences world-wide applauded our marauding revheads with brutish cars, our spunky well-stacked heroines and our stunts - unparalleled in their quality and extreme danger! Tickets: just \$8/6 including refreshments.

The Big Screen Film Festival gives audiences living in western NSW the opportunity to enjoy a fantastic array of award-winning Australian films in one weekend. Tickets for most sessions just \$8 or \$6 concession or free including:

- ***Death Defying Acts (PG)*** Harry Houdini (Guy Pearce) enters into a passionate affair with a psychic (Catherine Zeta-Jones) who aims to con the famous magician out of \$10,000. **Free screening on Thursday 13 November at 8:30pm at the Menindee Central School Hall.**

- ***Unfinished Sky*** (M) is a suspenseful and sensual story of a reclusive farmer (William McInnes) who offers refuge to an illegal Afghani immigrant. Set in a country town, *Unfinished Sky* is a powerful and poetic love story. **Screening on Saturday 15 November at 2pm at the Silver City Cinema, Broken Hill.**



- ***Broken Hill Shorts*** (U/C) a special free screening of four short films created in Broken Hill including the World premiere of ***The Line of Lode and the Death of Charlie Day***, **Saturday 15 November at 4pm at the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery.**

- ***Dirty Deeds*** (MA15+), see Australian favourites Bryan Brown, Sam Neill and Toni Collette in David Caesar's gangster film shot at Silverton, Langwell and Nine Mile Stations, plus ***Road Runner*** starring the Mad Max replica car, **screening Saturday 15 November at 8:00pm at the Silverton Pub.** Films only \$2 or \$15 including bus from Broken Hill and sausage sizzle phone 08 8087 9035 to book.



- Bring all the family to see the classic ***Storm Boy*** (G) about a young boy who rescues a pelican. Tickets \$6 for children, adults free! **Screening Sunday 16 November 10am at the Silver City Cinema, Broken Hill.**

- ***Children of the Silk Road*** (M) is the true-story of a young reporter George Hogg, played by Jonathan Rhys Meyers, who led sixty Chinese orphans hundreds of miles through war-ravaged China. Also stars Australians Radha Mitchell and David Wenham, **Screening on Saturday 16 November at 2:00pm at the Silver City Cinema, Broken Hill.**

- The festival wraps up with a free screening of award winning short films by Indigenous filmmakers from around Australia, **Black Screen on Sunday 16 November at 8pm at the Wilcannia Community Hall.**

The Big Screen Australian Film Festival is just one way the NFSA ensures our rich cinematic history can inspire the next generation of Australian filmmakers and artists. Don't miss your chance to experience the delight available from the national collection of moving image.

Grab a copy of the Big Screen Festival program for screening dates and times of these fantastic Australian films or download the program from the Big Screen website www.nfsa.gov.au/bigscreen.

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