

Media Release



Summer at the NFSA: *Proof*, an American Epic and Friday tunes

With the sunny season approaching, the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSA) has launched its 2016-17 summer program, loaded with special events and screenings.

On **Friday 2 December**, we welcome leading Australian filmmakers Jocelyn Moorhouse (*The Dressmaker*) and P.J. Hogan (*Muriel's Wedding*) for a **special Q&A and the ACT premiere of Moorhouse's acclaimed 1991 classic *Proof* – digitally restored by the NFSA.**

On **Saturday 10 December** we screen 2016 Australian Indigenous documentary *Zach's Ceremony*. Shot over 10 years, the film captures one boy's journey to manhood. **We'll be joined by Concept Creator Alec Doomadgee, Director Aaron Petersen and Producer Sarah Linton for a special Q&A.**

Also in December, we're hosting **American Epic: Blues and Barbecue**. Supported by the United States Embassy, Canberra, it'll be a musical celebration not to miss! Canberrans will have the opportunity to experience the three-part documentary series, *American Epic*. Also on the day: courtyard barbecue, LIVE wax cylinder recordings, music talks from our sound experts, American-themed Vinyl Lounge and a Q&A with director Bernard MacMahon.

Other highlights include:

- **This summer our courtyard is the place to be for Friday night** beats, treats and after-work drinks. Join the fun and then stay for a screening.
- In **January** it's Pixar-Palooza for school holidays.
- And, this **February** we celebrate the work of director Frank Capra, including the premiere of a year-long restoration project from NFSA Restores, *Three Days to Live*, once thought to be a lost film.

Please note: in addition to the announced special events the daily screening programme will be available for visitors. We will be closed from 24 December-2 January, reopening on 3 January.

Full list of upcoming events online: <https://www.nfsa.gov.au/events>

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