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**CZECH
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FILM FESTIVAL**



The 3rd Czech and Slovak Film Festival of Australia, proudly brought to you by Richmond Škoda, is excited to announce that...

tickets are on sale through our website, our programs have hit the streets of Melbourne, our CaSFFAN special offer expires on 6 September, our festival trailer has just been released and we have an amazing exhibition in the works!

The 3rd CaSFFA: 16 - 25 September
at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI),
Federation Square,
and the Melbourne Town Hall

Melbourne, 1 September 2015 – As we simply could not wait to tell you the latest goss, here is another sparkling update from CaSFFA headquarters.

A couple of weeks ago, the all-volunteer team here at CaSFFA were tremendously proud to announce our new Naming Rights Sponsor, Richmond Škoda. Last year we declared that our festival was even bigger and better than the one previous; however, let us confirm that the program for #CaSFFA2015 is even more impressive still! Our freshly revamped website and new [festival trailer](#) can confirm this claim, but that's not all... our print programs have now been unleashed into the public!

Gripping biopics, documentaries on dissident pop stars and tragic sports legends, retrospectives, fairy tales, outlandish comedies, social dramas, saucy dramas, award-

retrospectives, fairy tales, outlandish comedies, social dramas, satire dramas, award winners galore and still more... we have it all in this year's program.

Our wonderful festival trailer, the work of the extraordinary Dean McInerney, who was also responsible for last year's beautiful, resistance-themed trailer, encapsulates this year's theme of projection, creating an exciting collage inspired by the films and artworks in this year's festival. We invite you to [enjoy the trailer right now](#) on our YouTube channel.

Become a CaSFFAN!



Time is running out! Become a CaSFFAN before Sunday 6 September and enjoy an array of benefits as a best friend of our festival, including great value on tickets and bonus gifts.

Choose between the two fantastic CaSFFAN options at casffa.com.au/become-a-casffan/

CaSFFAN Standard \$30 (Total Value Over \$99)

- 1 complimentary ticket to a regular session screening of your choice
- CaSFFA Opening and/or Closing Night ticket at Concession rate
- Unique Česká Síťovka (Czech Netbag)
- 10% discount on Second Run online DVD purchases
- Free access to selected films and documentaries from Doc Alliance Films

CaSFFAN Premium \$55 (Total Value Over \$171)

- 1 complimentary ticket to CaSFFA Closing Night
- Unique Česká Síťovka (Czech Netbag)
- 10% discount on Second Run online DVD purchases
- Free access to selected films and documentaries from Doc Alliance Films
- \$50 Baťa voucher for all online purchases for the first 50 people who join CaSFFAN Premium
- Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Film Membership

[Read more](#)

Pavel Kohout concert and silent film event

As a unique addition to this year's festival, we have included in our program a special concert and screening event with one of the finest concert recitalists of his generation, Czech organist Pavel Kohout.

Save the date for this unmissable FREE EVENT, presented in partnership with the City of

Melbourne and the National Film Archive in Prague, taking place at the Melbourne Town Hall and utilising the Grand Organ, the largest instrument of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere: Thursday 24 September.

Pavel Kohout will perform works by Josef Klička and Antonín Dvořák, followed by his own live score to a wonderful silent film, *The Cathedral Builder* (Stavitel chrámu, dir. Karel Degl & Antonín Novotný, 1919).

[The Cathedral Builder](#) concerns a legend surrounding Petr Parléř, the architect of Prague's Saint Vitus Cathedral and Charles Bridge, and a pact he may have made with the devil in order to complete Prague's celebrated cathedral...



(Photo of Pavel Kohout © IVANMALY.CZ)



Exhibition: Spirit of Adventure



CaSFFA brings you an exhibition that pays homage to our featured film-maker Karel Zeman. This year our [exhibition](#) is held at ACMI, where local artists will present evocative objects, imagery and film-based works that favour imagination over the rational and the suspension of disbelief over reality.

Artworks will be found in the ACMI Cafe and Bar and balcony spaces, and the Australian Mediatheque will be transformed nightly into a Zeman-esque wunderkammer inhabited by dioramas, props, lo-fi projections and viewing devices, where you can immerse yourself in a booth and enjoy our specially curated short film and animation programs on the touch-screens along with Karel Zeman-related content and new shorts by Czech and Slovak filmmakers.

Artists:

Gènevre Becker | Dan Bryan | James Cattell | Stepanka Cervinkova from STEASH FILMS | Emma Ikin | Alister Karl | Alesh Macak | Lucia Mocnay | Freya Pitt | Lachlan Plain | Ahmarnya Price | Carmen Reid | Mark Rodda | Linda Studená | Leon Van De Graff

- curated by Carmen Reid

More information can be found on our fabulous [website](#) or among the pages of our official

2015 CaSFFA film program, available to pick up from our festival venues and various inner city cafes, eateries, galleries and community centres.

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Sincerely,

Cerise Howard, Artistic Director, and the CaSFFA team: Brendan Black, Denisa Cross, Lilliana Hajncl, Linda Studená, Lenka Hadravová, Carmen Reid, Jack Russo, Miriam Fletcher, Jana Ridillová, Olivia Hărășan, Ioana-Lucia Demczuk, Markéta Fillingerová, Victor Griss and Eleanor Colla

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