Inviting you to catch Indigenous films and seminar at 17th St. George Bank Brisbane International FILM FESTIVAL, AUG 1 - 9 2008.

4.30PM FRI 1 AUG  
Cinema A, GoMA, Southbank.  
War Party - Taura 2007 (14mins) Maori  
A war party has abducted an enemy leader and strapped him to the bow of their canoe.  

Rain of the Children 2008 (98mins) Maori New Zealand  
Vincent Ward’s deeply personal and very spectacular docu-drama looks at the life of Puhi, a Tuhoe woman the filmmaker encountered 30 years ago, who believed a curse hung over her.

4.40PM SAT 9 AUG  
Palace Centro Cinema 2, Fortitude Valley  
INTERNATIONAL GUEST Nancy Tait, Tribal Producer, presents “Rain of the Children”.

12.15PM SAT 2 AUG  
1.00PM MON 4 AUG  
Cinema B, GoMA, Southbank.  
NATIONAL GUEST Jeni Thornley presents her poetic cinema essay.

The Sound of CRY 2008 (9mins) Maori  
When Andrew attends a Maori funeral he must face the repercussions of tragedy and come to terms with his spirituality.  

Fear 2008 (18min) Australia  
The dire consequences when Aboriginal people connected with their settler neighbours.  

Island Home Country 2008 (52mins) Australia  
A poetic cinema essay about Jeni Thornley’s journey to her birthplace, Tasmania. She explores the island’s history and the traumatic legacies of colonialism that reverberate to this day.

2.15PM SAT 2 AUG  
10.45AM MON 4 AUG  
Cinema B, GoMA, Southbank.  
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Shadow Play 2007 (12min) Aboriginal Australia  
When a young girl’s magical play world is interrupted by her parents’ conflict, she tries to pull them back together.  

In My Father’s Country 2008 (80min) Aboriginal Australia  
This intimate documentary provides a rarely-seen look inside a remote Aboriginal community reconciling traditional perspectives with the rapid technological and social changes of the world beyond its borders.

12.00PM SUN 3 AUG  
3.00PM MON 4 AUG  
Cinema B, GoMA, Southbank  
INTERNATIONAL GUEST, Spencer Martin of the Squaxin, Colville, and Methow people, presents “Two Rivers Pow Wow”.

Courting with Justice 2007 (26min) Aboriginal  
What if the Australian legal system were not based on the British model, but on Indigenous Australian customary law?  

Two Rivers Pow Wow 2006 (57mins) Native U.S.  
Almost ten years ago in the Northwest United States, a handful of Native and non-Native Americans met to find out why race relations remained troubled. This detailed documentary examines the perspectives of the two groups.

FREE EVENT

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Cinema B, GoMA, Southbank.  

Welcome and Introduction to Country Ceremony with ColouriseBIFF  
Opening. SEMINAR: Focus on Film as Formative Media.  
National and international filmmakers and prominent guest speakers invite you to gather to discuss the power of influence and aesthetics on social, political, cultural and environmental issues, in a globalised environment.  
Setting the Seminar agenda with Jenny Fraser’s “Name That Movie” new media work. Follow the Seminar gathering to the BIFF Festival Club at the Regents Theatre, Queen Street Mall, for Dilly Bag light bush food refreshments, entertainment by Jeremy Youse and further conversation.

General Admission to films $15.00 / $13.50 conc. 5 Tickets $67.50 / $50 off peak / $61 conc.  
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