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Celebrating 40 years



a feast of films

13 - 15 June 2025

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Welcome to the 40th Annual Warburton Film Festival

Welcome to the 2025 Warburton Film Festival. We extend a warm greeting to all, whether you are joining us for the first time or returning. This year's event marks a special milestone as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the festival.

We have chosen seven films to feature over the weekend, with a mix of genres and countries of origin, including a classic in tribute to the late Gene Hackman. On opening night, multi-award-winning director and producer Madeleine Hetherington-Miau will join us as our special guest for the screening of her documentary *Mozart's Sister*.

The best entries from our "Show Us Your Shorts" competition will be screened before feature films. In honour of our 40 year celebration, a special shorts-dedicated session on Sunday will see the announcement of prize winners followed by a retrospective selection of shorts since the SUYS inception in 2008.

Warburton's local cafes are ready to welcome you with great food and coffee. The Festival Dinner on Saturday night is a great way to relax and socialise.

The generous sponsorship from the Yarra Ranges Council and the Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank continue to help make this festival a reality. Thanks also to all the organisers; Yarra Ranges Film Society committee, members, and volunteers.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the weekend.

Rebecca Bowman
Rhiannon Bowman

Co-Presidents, Yarra Ranges Film Society



Friday 13 June program

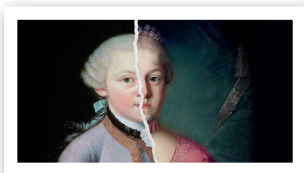
6.30pm Opening

Meet with friends, enjoy music and drinks at Arts Centre Warburton prior to our first film.

7.30pm Mozart's Sister

(Australia 2024) Documentary 98m G

Using recreations and expert interviews, the documentary explores the fascinating theory that Maria-Anna Mozart played a larger role in



her brother's music than previously thought. What happened to her compositions? Mozart's Sister turns our gaze towards the unrecognised female creators of our time. A dramatic 'musical mystery' investigation unfolds around the world to discover Maria-Anna's story through researchers, musicologists, historians, performances by world-leading orchestras, and evocative recreations of the past.

Directed and written by Madeleine Hetherton-Miau.

Winner: AACTA Awards 2025 - Best Original Score in a Documentary

Best Sound in a Documentary

Special Guest: Director

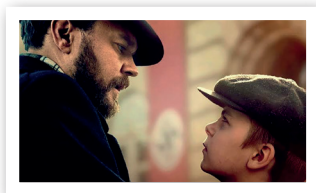
Madeleine Hetherton-Miau

Saturday 14 June program

10.00am **Before It Ends**

(Denmark 2023) Historical drama 97m MA

Set in the final months of WWII, this touching, intelligent drama explores the unimaginable dilemmas that people must face in the wake



of war. When a high school in occupied Denmark is turned into a camp for 500 German refugees, the headmaster, Jakob (Pilau Asbaek) and his family are thrust into an impossible situation. Should the family help the refugees - or stand firm in the Danish resistance against the Germans? It is an earnest drama that delves into complex moral dilemmas through a family under pressure, exploring the limits of charity.

Directed by Anders Walter.

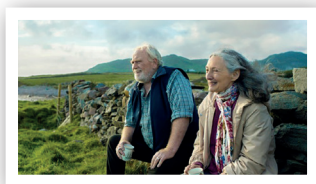
2024 Nordisk Film Biografer Awards – Audience Award nominee

Lunch

1.15pm **My Sailor My Love**

(Ireland/Finland 2022) Drama 102m PG

Howard (James Cosmo) is a retired sailor and widower. His adult daughter Grace (Catherine Walker) hires Annie (Brid Brennan) as a caretaker for her



father. Reclusive and stubborn, Howard initially rejects Annie's company, but slowly warms to her. Grace has her own crisis to unravel, and Annie must navigate the complex father-daughter relationship with which she is faced.

Directed by Klaus Härö.

Winner: 2022 Chicago International Film Festival – Audience Choice

Saturday 14 June program

3.45pm **Bonnard, Pierre & Marthe**

(France 2023) Biography/drama 122m MA

When aspiring French artist Pierre Bonnard (Vincent Macaigne) - a protégé of Claude Monet - meets Marthe de Méigny (Cecile de France),



he has no idea that this self-proclaimed aristocrat will become the cornerstone of his life and work. From this moment, though she appears in over a third of his work, she's more than just a muse. Together over five decades, the couple will explore creative fulfillment, love and jealousies that challenge the standards of the time, as the film interrogates the great mystery around their relationship.

Directed by Martin Provost.

Official selection for Cannes Film Festival 2023

6.15pm **Festival Dinner**

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8.30pm **The French Connection**

(USA 1971) Crime/drama/thriller 104m M

A gritty classic 1971 thriller following NYPD detectives Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle (Gene Hackman) and Buddy "Cloudy" Russo (Roy Scheider), as they pursue a heroin smuggling ring from Marseille.



Stopping the operation and capturing its leaders proves to be a cat-and-mouse chase culminating in an intense showdown. Don't miss the chance to see this timeless piece on the big screen.

Directed by William Friedkin.

1972 Academy Awards - winner of five Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Actor in a Leading Role

Sunday 15 June program

9.45am **There's Still Tomorrow**

(Italy 2023) Comedy/drama 118m M

In post-war Rome, a working class wife dreams of a better future for herself and her daughter while enduring an abusive husband. When a mysterious letter



arrives, she discovers the courage to change the circumstances of her life.

Co-written and directed by Paolo Cortellesi.

Winner: 2024 Golden Globes, Italy – Best Film

Lunch

1.00pm **Show Us Your Shorts**

The art of the short film is on display in this session which features the announcement and screening of the major prize winners in our "Show Us Your Shorts" competition, including the \$1000 Golden Shorts Award.

As part of our 40th celebrations, we will also take a look back at a special selection of past winners.

2025 Judges: Laurie Hastings, Maggie Sail, Ivan Gaal, Meg Urquhart, Sarah Sloan, Billy Head.



Sunday 15 June program

3.30pm **The Teacher Who Promised The Sea**

(Spain 2024) Historical drama 105m M

Inspired by true events, the story follows a charismatic teacher, Antoni (Enric Auquer), whose progressive outlook transforms the lives of a young group



of students on the eve of the Spanish Civil War. Some 75 years later, Ariadna (Laia Costa) sets out in search of her great-grandfather's fate. She comes across the wonderful yet tragic story of his teacher and the tale hidden behind a promise that was never fulfilled. Directed by Patricia Font.

Winner - Gaudi Audience Award 2024

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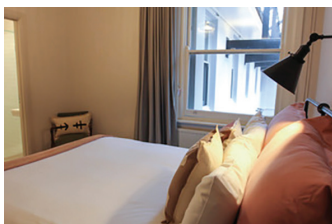
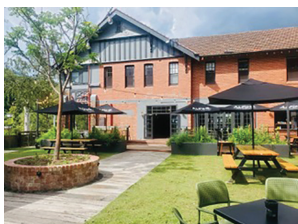
If commuting from Melbourne, book a room or pop in for a beverage, pre or post the film of your choice. After, book a table for dinner with friends to debrief the film you enjoyed.

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Film Passes	No. Guests/ Films	Price	Total
Season (All 8 film sessions)		\$95 Full \$90 Concession	\$ \$
The Lot (All 8 film sessions plus dinner)		\$145 Full \$140 Concession	\$ \$
Multipass (2 or more films)		\$13.50 per film Full \$12.50 per film Concession	\$ \$
Single sessions		\$14.50 per film Full \$13.00 per film Concession	\$ \$
Festival Dinner		\$50 per head	\$
Total			\$

Bookings can be made online, by phone or in person at Arts Centre Warburton or The Memo Healesville

Online: www.culturetracks.info

Phone: 1300 368 333

Please advise in advance if you have any special requirements regarding access or seating.

Festival Dinner - Saturday 14 June 6:15pm

This year the dinner will be a spit roast at the Arts Centre Warburton from 6:15pm.

Places are limited so early booking is advised and must be received no later than Friday June 6th.

Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

Cafes

Lunches on Saturday and Sunday are not included in ticket prices. Please support our local cafes.

Participating cafes for WFF lunches on Saturday 15th June and Sunday 16th June.

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It is advisable and make a booking beforehand as seating is limited.

Latecomer policy

For the comfort and enjoyment of our ticket holders, we have implemented a latecomer policy. Once the feature commences, latecomers cannot be admitted into the theatre.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The organisers of this year's festival would like to express their gratitude to the team of the **Yarra Ranges Council** for their support.

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