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14TH BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) Only the dates remain the same!

Film lovers, get out your diaries and book your annual leave! In 2005, BIFF runs from 27 July - 8 August and the dates are the only aspect that remains the same as the 2004 event.

In 2005, cinemas on both sides of the Brisbane River will play host to BIFF. For the first time, the festival will be staged at South Bank Cinemas and Suncorp Piazza as well as The Regent Cinema, BIFF's traditional home.

"BIFF's expansion to 3 major venues is an exciting development that means more options for its audience. It allows the event more scope for both its ticketed and public programming," said Executive Manager, Gary Ellis.

While the BIFF 2005 program will include familiar features such as the Opening Night Event, "speciality programme" focuses, The Courier-Mail BIFF Fast Film competition, The Chauvel Award, Australian Children's Film Festival and incredible special guests - audiences should expect a new format and a twist to most aspects of Queensland's premier film event!

In 2005, The Courier-Mail BIFF Fast Film's finals screening will become part of the event's Opening Night celebrations and will be held under the stars at South Bank's Cultural Forecourt. This gives Fast Film audiences and film-makers the chance to share the spotlight with BIFF's star Opening Night guests as well as their fellow film buffs.

In recognition of our younger film fans and to develop cultural literacy amongst 9-18 year olds, BIFF's Australian Children's Film Festival program expands substantially in 2005. Stay tuned for further info on ACFF.

That's just a little taster of what's in store for lovers of film at BIFF 2005.

BIFF 2005 will launch early July and full program information will be available at this time.

**BIFF 2005
27 July - 8 August**

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