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**THE COURIER-MAIL BIFF FAST FILM COMPETITION
DIVE headfirst in 2005!**

The countdown to the inaugural The Courier-Mail Brisbane International Film Festival Fast Film competition is ON! Fast Film is a major component of the extensive 14th Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF) program, and is an incredible launching pad for film-makers looking to be thrown in the deep end.

The competition is open to everyone, irrespective of age and location, and entrants are encouraged to take the plunge with just 50 days to write, shoot and edit a short film.

The competition places no restriction on film genre or subject but must include a visual representation of this year's special ingredient: DIVE.

DIVE must be the physical act of a dive, but entrants are encouraged to submerge themselves in the idea - a dive into a pool, diving for a catch, diving out of an airplane or even a deep sea dive!

A panel of judges will shortlist highlight films for a free public screening that coincides with BIFF's Opening Night extravaganza on Wednesday 27 July. The films will be shown under the stars at Brisbane's South Bank and judged throughout the evening, with prizes for Best Film and Best Young Filmmaker (entrants under 25 years).

The winner of Best Film will receive \$3000 cash plus \$5000 worth of post-production facilities at Cutting Edge, and the Merchant Solutions Best Young Filmmaker will be awarded \$1500 cash. Additional prizes will be announced before the awards presentation.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 8 July, and entrants must submit their film in either DVD or VHS format for judging. The film must be less than 5 minutes long, including the opening and closing credits, and filmmakers must be the copyright holder and/or have all the necessary copyright permissions.

The Courier-Mail BIFF Fast Film competition and the 14th Brisbane International Film Festival are organised by Pacific Film and Television Commission.

Visit www.biff.com.au for further information and download an entry form. 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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