

“OFFSIDE” PREMIERES TO BIGGEST MERCURY CINEMA SCREENING IN 35 YEARS

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Football is life... especially if you don't have one. Life's about winning, but this team's about pursuing excellence. And that's a much greater challenge.

‘Offside’, Urtext Film Production’s first feature film, premiered as a part of the Adelaide Film Festival on the 25th of February in what the Mercury’s cinema manager PJ Murton described as the cinemas biggest night in 35 years.

Starring Terry Rogers, Peter Evangelista and Georgii Speakman, ‘Offside’ is the story of coach Frank Caruso and his team of amateur soccer hopefuls, on their way to winning the league cup... except they can't win a game and their worst enemies are themselves. But with the Socceroos on their way to victory in Germany, maybe the boys can leave their problems behind them as they battle towards the Grand Final. With hope, luck and a little cunning on their side, they just might make it, as long as jobs, girlfriends and wives don't get in the way!

Director Gian Carlo and Producer Matthew Salleh have delivered a delightful, heartwarming and most of all charmingly funny film with great character performances and a wonderful script which have already earned the independent studio a nomination for the South Australian Screen Awards.

The soundtrack for Offside features a collection of some of Australia’s best up and coming artists and composers with 95% of the music provided by independent South Australian acts.

“We were so impressed by the quality of the film, we knew the music had to be first class to compliment both the performers and the general feel of the production” said Music Supervisor, Daniel Randell. “The film really does show the quality of music we have available in our own backyard, with award winning composers and artists from so many genres. From the moment you hear The Huckleberry Swedes soulful bluesy track ‘My Luck Is Changing’ over the opening credits you know you are in for a great time. ”

As well as country/soul act The Huckleberry Swedes, the soundtrack from the film features SA artists including hard driving rock acts Tracer and Fighterpilot, dance act Sonic Monkey, funk rockers The Secret Game, the cheeky sounds of Pornland, as well as soulful songstress Laura Hill in some of the film’s more emotive moments. The film also features additional music composed by two of South Australia’s best known, multi award winning and internationally recognised composers, Ashley Klose and Matthew Williams.

“We were amazed by the quality of songwriters and performers in our own backyard” Producer Matthew Salleh said, “The music is world class, and the independent nature of the artists made the clearance process so much easier”

Keep an eye out for Offside at a cinema near you soon!

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