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MINISTER JUDGE APPLAUDS WOMEN IN FILM

Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, Virginia Judge will today launch the 16th annual World of Women Film Festival at the Chauvel Cinema in Paddington.

Ms Judge said the Rees Government is proud to be the principal sponsor of the 2009 World of Women (WOW) short film festival.

“The New South Wales Government has identified the creative industries as a priority area to drive innovation and create jobs for New South Wales,” she said.

“I am committed to seeing women realise their full career potential in this high-valued industry.

“The WOW Festival is one of the tangible ways we can promote and reward the talents of women working in film.

“It showcases short films produced by emerging and established female film-makers, allowing the audience to see the world through the eyes of women.”

Ms Judge said Australia has a long and proud tradition of women working in film.

“Film-makers such as Gillian Armstrong, Jane Campion, Jocelyn Moorehouse, Sue Brooks, Jan Chapman, Rachel Perkins and Kate Woods have all helped shape our film industry into the strong, vibrant entity it is today,” she said.

“It is the talent, energy, passion and commitment of these people that drives the success of our screen industries.”

Ms Judge said the five-day film festival will be held at the Chauvel Cinema, Metro Screen and Australian Film, Television and Radio School until 18 October.

“This year WOW will feature 36 short films across a range of genres including drama, comedy and documentaries,” she said.

“It will also present the world premiere of Australian feature film comedy *I Wish I Were Stephanie V* and the Sydney premiere of Australian film *Four of a Kind*.”

Ms Judge said the Government is providing \$5 million to Screen NSW in 2009/10 to double the Production Fund’s investments.

“This is expected to attract some \$70 million in additional production expenditure and create up to 1300 new jobs in the industry,” she said.

For more information on the short film festival go to www.wift.org/wow

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