

**TOP
OF
THE
SOUTH**

**FILM
FESTIVAL**

**20
26**

12th Annual Film Festival

Sponsorship Opportunities



**Celebrating local filmmakers and
their diverse storytelling.**

2nd & 3rd OCTOBER

**PASTORIOUS WALLER THEATRE
SUTER ART GALLERY – NELSON**

10th OCTOBER

Event Cinema Blenheim

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Your Invitation

Top of the South Film Festival 2026

Experience the unique and vibrant creativity of the Nelson, Tasman, and Marlborough Regions at the Top of the South Film Festival. This platform showcases local filmmakers and celebrates their unique talents and the diverse stories they bring to life.



Since its inception in 2014, the Top of the South Film Festival has been a platform for showcasing films and a catalyst for the local filmmaking community. The Festival has fostered a thriving network of filmmakers, providing opportunities for producers, directors, writers, and other creative industry professionals.

Hundreds of locals have experienced the magic of filmmaking and paved their paths in the industry. Your support can help us continue this journey of fostering local talent and creativity.

This year's screenings will be held at **Nelson's Suter Theatre** and **Blenheim's Event Cinema** in **October 2026**.

Sponsorship

By sponsoring the Top of the South Film Festival, you're not just attending a showcase of local films but becoming a vital part of the event's success. Your support directly contributes to the growth of the local film industry and helps us celebrate our eleventh year. Join us in supporting Top of the South Filmmakers, a non-profit society dedicated to nurturing local filmmaking excellence and growth. Your participation is a direct contribution to the local film industry.

Impact

Invest in the future of Filmmaking in the Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough regions and contribute to the growth of local talent.

Networking

The Top of the South Film Festival is not just about films. It's about forging valuable connections. As a sponsor, you'll have the **unique opportunity** to connect with filmmakers, industry professionals, and fellow sponsors at the Silver, Gold, and Aotearoa screenings. Who knows, your next big collaboration could be just a conversation away.

Community

Show your commitment to supporting local arts and culture and make a positive impact on your community.



The Film Festival is the Top of the South Filmmakers premier event.
It is run by volunteers.

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Key Information

KEY FESTIVAL EVENTS

Regional Category – Premier local films curated in a program of narrative short films, documentaries, music videos and animation.

Aotearoa Category – A curated reel showcasing the most impressive film entries from around New Zealand.

Red Carpet Events

Opening Night at Suter Gallery – Nelson
Red Carpet at Event Cinema– Blenheim

Workshops to inspire and connect with industry professionals.

When

2nd Oct – Opening Night & Screening

3rd Oct – Workshops & Screenings

10th Oct – Screenings

Where

Pastorious Waller Theatre Suter Art Gallery

Event Cinema Blenheim

Expected Numbers

900 attendees

Festival Organisers

Top of the South Filmmakers (inc)

Claudia Fortaleza; Sponsorship
Email: sponsorship@tsfilmfest.org.nz

Festival Director, Jo Lang
director@tsfilmfest.org.nz

FESTIVAL PROMOTION

From August to October, the TSFF will have strong promotion in print, radio and online with our sponsors' names called out whenever possible.

Our key filmmakers are interviewed on local and National Radio. Multiple articles and event calendars are featured in the *Nelson Weekly*, *Waimea Weekly*, *The Guardian*, and *Marlborough Weekly*.

We have two weeks of screening trailers on the Nelson Airport digital billboards. In addition, there will be a series of social media posts on Facebook and Instagram for target user groups in the Top of the South.

We hire Nelson Council bill boards on both East and West entrances to Nelson. And a physical poster campaign will be throughout the top of the south.

PAST SPONSORS

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR 2025

We are a 100% volunteer, non-profit organisation built to benefit local filmmakers.

Top of The South Film Festival 2025 would not have been possible without financial support from:

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Now it's your chance! Contact Us 😊

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Sponsorship Packages for 2026 Film Festival

	SILVER SPONSOR	GOLD SPONSOR	PLATINUM SPONSOR
	\$250 +GST	\$500 +GST	\$750 +GST
Company Logo on Film Festival website	✓	✓	✓
Company Logo advertised on all TSFF promotional videos	✓	✓	✓
Promotional Flag displayed in the theatre foyer		1	2
Complimentary Seats	2	4	4
Promotional video - 30 secs			✓
Announcement of thanks at the opening of each screening	✓	✓	✓
Special mention of your business at each screening			✓
Industry Category exclusivity			✓

SILVER Sponsor

\$250 +GST

- Company Logo on the Film Festival website.
- The Company Logo is advertised on all TSFF promotional videos.
- **x2** Complimentary seats.
- An announcement of thanks will be given at the opening of each screening.

GOLD Sponsor

\$500 +GST

- Company Logo on the Film Festival website.
- The Company Logo is advertised on all TSFF promotional videos.
- **x1** Promotional flag will be displayed in the theatre foyer.
- **x4** Complimentary seats.
- An announcement of thanks will be given at the opening of each screening.

PLATINUM Sponsor

\$750 +GST

- Company Logo on the Film Festival website.
- The Company Logo is advertised on all TSFF promotional videos.
- **x2** Promotional flags are to be displayed in the theatre foyer.
- **x4** Complimentary seating.
- **30-second** promotional video before each screening.
- An announcement of thanks will be given at the opening of each screening.
- Special mention of your business at each screening.
- Industry Category exclusivity.

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Other Sponsorship Options

Join us in shining a spotlight on excellence and become a valued partner in honouring the brightest stars of our local filmmaking community.

Become a Naming Rights Sponsor

**NELSON SCREENINGS FRIDAY, SATURDAY
BLENHEIM SCREENINGS SATURDAY**

Naming rights for the screening slot
of your choice

Red Carpet Opening Night

\$1,250 +GST

Includes naming rights for the festival. Be the Premier Sponsor of the 12th Festival.

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Praise for the TSF Festival

Hon Dr Nick Smith – Awards presenter

“Congrats to our winners at Top of South Filmmakers Awards. The effort put in by these people is helping us tell our stories, grow our talent and showcase our region. Huge thanks to Top of South Filmmakers Inc and particularly Karen Scott on making event and work put into awards. Nelson’s creative sector has many dimensions, and film is part of this growing store of talent!”

Rachel Boyak MP - Awards presenter

“I go to a lot of award nights around the country as Labour’s Arts Spokesperson, but there’s nothing better than an event celebrating our creatives in Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough! There is so much talent in our region and it’s great to see that talent supported and acknowledged. Well done to the organisers and my thanks to all the sponsors. The Arts are more than a nicetohave!”

Mary Schaffer, International Judge, veteran USA producer, director, professor

“What a pleasure and honor to judge this film festival. The films were impressive! The amazing talent! This may be the hardest film festival that I’ve judged. So many genres...so many good films. Keep it up!”

Derrick Simms – Filmmaker Wairarapa - Winner of the Aotearoa Best Documentary Category

“I love everything about Top of the South. The organisation of the festival, the friendliness of the organisers and volunteers, the audience, the interactions, the films, the town - I enjoyed it all, tremendously.”

Daniel Betty – Filmmaker Hawkes Bay

“Such a great festival to be a part of. Excellent communication, wonderful atmosphere created and celebration of films, makers and contributors. Highly recommend Top of the South film Festival.”

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Sponsorship Acceptance Form

Attention: Claudia Fortaleza
Top of the South Film Festival 2026
Phone: 027 279 9937
Email: sponsorship@tsfilmfest.org.nz

CONTACT DETAILS

Company name:

Address:

Contact name:

Job title:

Mobile:

Email:

SPONSORSHIP

Type of sponsorship requested (please tick):

Sponsorship Package:

- ☐ **SILVER Sponsor** **\$250 +GST**
- ☐ **GOLD Sponsor** **\$500 +GST**
- ☐ **PLATINUM Sponsor** **\$750 +GST**
- ☐ **Red Carpet Opening Night**
FRIDAY 2.10.26 \$900 +GST
- ☐ **Screening session sponsor**
(please specify)
- ☐ NELSON SCREENING SAT 3.10.26 6PM (\$400 +GST)
- ☐ NELSON SCREENING SAT 3.10.26 8PM (\$500 +GST)
- ☐ BLENHEIM SCREENING SAT 10.10.26 6PM (\$400 +GST)
- ☐ BLENHEIM SCREENING SAT 10.10.26 8PM (\$500 +GST)

☐ **DONATION** \$

By signing this form, your company commits to sponsoring the Top of the South Film Festival 2026.

Payment: Once the Sponsorship Acceptance Form has been completed, the Festival Organisers will send a tax invoice and letter of confirmation. Payment is required within 7 days of the invoice date. Thank you!

Signature:

Date:

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