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SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

3 - 14 JUNE 2026

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE OF *PAPER TIGER* AS CLOSING NIGHT FILM



Sydney Film Festival will close its 73rd edition with the Australian Premiere of James Gray's (*The Immigrant, Ad Astra*) celebrated Cannes Competition crime thriller *Paper Tiger* at the State Theatre on Sunday 14 June.

This electrifying crime thriller set in 1980s New York that sees a suburban family get involved with the Russian mob. Adam Driver, Scarlett Johansson and Miles Teller star in a powerful and explosive story that serves as both a portrait of a complex family and of a country undergoing a radical change in its value system.

"We're thrilled to share that the 73rd Sydney Film Festival will close with the Australian Premiere of *Paper Tiger*," said **SFF Festival Director Nashen Moodley**. "James Gray has made a meticulous, riveting film on the complexity of family dynamics in a challenging world, featuring tremendous performances. This closing night film is one that will leave a lasting impression and will conclude the festival on a high note."

The screening will mark the official Closing Night Gala and Award Ceremony for the 73rd Sydney Film Festival, where the winner of the \$60,000 Sydney Film Prize will be revealed, alongside a slate of other major awards, totalling a \$200,000 prize pool.

The full Sydney Film Festival 2026 program can be found online at sff.org.au.



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Sydney Film Festival runs from 3-14 June 2026. Tickets and Flexipasses to Sydney Film Festival 2026 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au for more information or to book.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

The Sydney Film Festival is one of the world's longest running and most prestigious film festivals. The 73rd edition, taking place from 3 to 14 June 2026, will showcase the very best in contemporary cinema and offer audiences the chance to experience premieres, red carpet events, and exciting special programs across Sydney.

The Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW and Destination NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia, and the City of Sydney.

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