

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

Visual Story

Wednesday June 10th – 6:15pm – Dendy Newtown – Cinema 2

Joybubbles + Sarsaparilla

What is a Visual Story?

- Visual stories are used to prepare a person for and increase the predictability of a new environment or situation.
- This helps bring familiarity to a process and helps to reduce anxiety and stress.
- This visual story is written in plain English and uses pictures to make it accessible for everyone.

About Sydney Film Festival

- Sydney Film Festival takes place at its flagship venue the State Theatre, as well as cinemas in the CBD, Newtown, Cremorne, Randwick, and more, screening films you won't usually find in the multiplex.

About the Films

Two films will screen in the session I have tickets for.

- **Sarsaparilla** is an Australian short film, directed by Andrew Kavanagh. It is 7 minutes long and is recommended for ages 15+. It is in English.
 - o It follows a determined Sheriff who catches up with his outlaw nemesis. Their rivalry quickly turns to respect after the duo find common ground over their mutual love of line dancing.
- **Joybubbles** is an American film, directed by Rachael J. Morrison. It is 79 minutes long and is recommended for ages 15+. It is in English.
 - o Born blind, Joybubbles uses his gift for perfect pitch to manipulate the phone system and make free calls in this exuberant, life-affirming documentary. Driven by a desire for connection and a knack for telecommunications, Josef Carl Engressia Jr. – who legally changed his name to Joybubbles – discovers he can disrupt the global phone network and make free calls by whistling a certain frequency. As one of the original 'phone phreaks' (among notable peers like Apple founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak), Joybubbles played a crucial role in founding this fascinating subculture. Rachael J. Morrison's marvellously entertaining debut documentary follows Joybubbles' unforgettable journey, from his challenging childhood to becoming a world-leading phone hacker, while pursuing his dream of independent living. *Joybubbles* had its World Premiere at Sundance 2026.

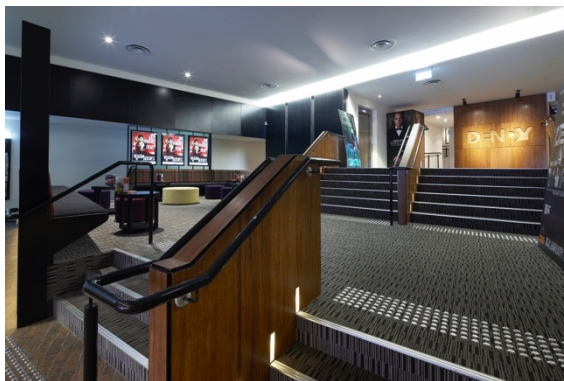


What can I expect when I arrive?

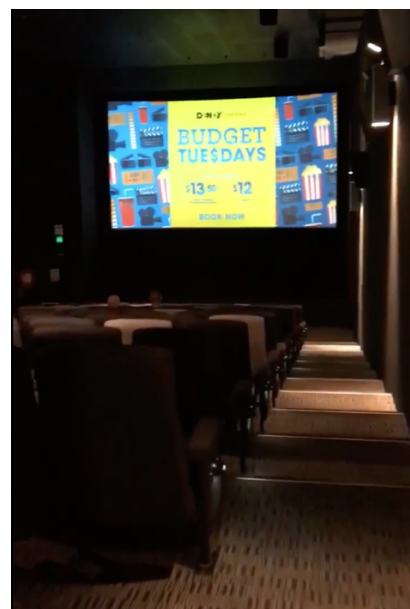
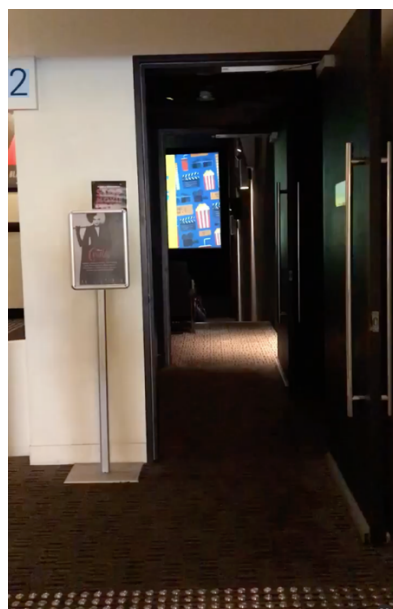
- The Cinema Street Address is: 261-263 King St, Newtown NSW 2042



- When I enter there will be a Candy Bar on my right, where I can buy snacks, and there will be a box office on my left to buy tickets or ask questions.
- I can head directly to the cinema, or wait in the foyer where I can sit before I go into the cinema.



- Volunteers and Staff will tell me when I can go into the cinema, and will ask to see and scan my ticket. I will go into Cinema 2.



- There will be an introduction to the session, and then the two films will screen back to back.
- The session will finish at 7:45pm.

What Accessibility features are provided?

- There are Wheelchair Spaces that I can book online, or call 1300 733 733 or email tickets@sff.org.au.
- Sydney Film Festival proudly accepts Companion Cards to all sessions. For guests who require assistance of a companion or carer, a second ticket is issued at no cost to the Companion Card holder.
- Assistance animals are welcome at all festival events and venues. Bookings are essential so the venue can be advised, call 1300 733 733 or email tickets@sff.org.au.
- This session will be presented with Open Audio Description. This means that there will be spoken descriptions of the visual elements on screen, played aloud for the entire audience.
- This session will have Open Captions on screen.
- This cinema has a Hearing Loop device that can amplify the sound of the film to a personal hearing aid device.
- This session will be a Relaxed Screening, with the lights slightly dim. The audience will know it is ok if I need to move around throughout the screening, and other people might move around during the film.
- There is a space in the foyer where I can sit and where people will understand I want to be left alone. I might still hear loud noises and bright lights. I can ask staff to show this space to me.
- Staff will recognise the Hidden Disability Sunflower.

What should I Bring?

- My usual belongings
- A jumper or jacket
- Items that might help me in a crowd (headphones/earplugs, sunglasses, sensory items)