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May 2007 Newsletter

Notice of Reconvening of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned on 27 April 2007 and will reconvene on 25 May 2007 at 5:30 PM in Brown's Mart Theatre to attend to unfinished business, namely:

- Minutes of the 2006 AGM;
- Audited Financial Report for 2006;
- Appointment of Auditor

Please call the office on 89815522 or email mail@brownsmart.com.au for more information

Brown's Mart Community Arts Board of Management 2007-2008

A new **Board of Management** was elected at the Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2007:

Gary Lee, Chair. Gary is a Larrakia elder, artist, anthropologist, and playwright. He has worked as Indigenous Arts Officer for Brown's Mart previously.

Pam Pemberton, Deputy Chair. Pam continues in her roles as Deputy Chair and Public Officer; she is with the Department of the Chief Minister, Office of Indigenous Policy.

Steve Holliday, Secretary. Steve is a poet and musician. He continues in his role as Secretary.

Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Treasurer. Jocelyn is a CPA and has been helping improve our accounting and bookkeeping systems.

Nick Di Candilo, Member. Nick is with the Fred Hollows Foundation. He co-founded Top End Sounds and the Barunga Festival and many other arts initiatives across the Top End.

Fezile Mpehle, Member. Fezile is the President of the Africa-Australia Friendship Association and has worked with BMCA to promote arts among African communities in Darwin.

Ben Garcia, Member. Ben is a Trainer with Melaleuca Refugee Centre (MRC). He has worked with BMCA on developing an arts project for Indigenous and African youth in Darwin.

Jack Tinapple, Member. Jack is with NEO and was a member of the previous Board.

Anna Stewart is the Staff Representative. Anna is Brown's Mart's Administration Officer, working on Venue administration (among other things).

Bong Ramilo, Executive Officer, is an ex-officio Board member.

Darwin Fringe Festival Update

The Darwin Fringe Festival 2007 is almost upon us. The Media Launch is on at 2:30 pm on the 15 June at the Roma Bar with a smorgasbord of taste sensations from this year's events. Come along!

Events will include some old favourites and new initiatives, such as an awesome and astonishing Street Party in Smith Street outside Brown's Mart on the evening of the 28 June, a Black Friday Fig Jam Concert in Civic Park, a Sunset Cruise with the best fem singers Darwin has to offer, the opening of a new gallery space and artists' collective in Coconut Grove, featuring a video and sound installation by internationally recognised Koorie artist REA, the African Australian arts and football game at Malak Oval, a triple bill of theatrical presentations at Brown's Mart, and much more.

Top End Arts Marketing is also launching a bigger, brighter, better publication, *Off the Leash*, your one-stop what's on guide, at the very same time and place.

The first edition of *Off the Leash* will include the full Darwin Fringe Festival program, Darwin NAIDOC program, International Guitar Festival, Deckchair Cinema, as well as all the listings you send in!

Fist Full of Films 2007 update

Fist Full of Films 2007 continues to ascend to greater heights with a substantial increase in support from the Federal funding body, the Australian Film Commission. The last month has also seen the production of a television commercial by Fist Full of Films producer Sean Kavanagh and Cutting Edge's Todd Williams, as part of that company's fantastic support for Fist Full. Look out for the ad on Channel Nine over the next six weeks.

The Screen Culture Panel and Seabreeze Screening at the Groove Café in Nightcliff on May 2 was a great success. Small numbers at the panel discussion were compensated by the quality of the discussion, which covered everything from how to get a five minute film made in the next ten weeks to how to get a feature film made without a funding source in the local film office.

The Seabreeze Screening saw around 60 film buffs emerge from the woodwork to watch a selection of last year's finalists from all three sections. Audience response was unanimously rapturous, the inspiration almost palpable, with dozens of watchers confirming their intention to enter a film in 2007.

Fist Full of Films has been invited to provide content to the Alice Springs Story Wall, an Anglican Church community project. This year's finalists will be selected later in the year for screening on an ongoing basis.

The next month sees a flurry of workshop activity as part of the Fist Full of Films ***Screen Skills*** Series, and we hope to see some of you at these fabulous skills development opportunities. Check out the schedule (below), which offers everything from the challenges of writing a strong script, to editing with Final Cut Pro.

Workshops are to be held at various locations around town – check the Fist Full website on www.fistfulloffilms.com.au for updates.

For bookings, ring 8981 5522 and talk to Sean Kavanagh.

Workshop prices are $**45** / $**30** For full / concession/BMCA members.

2007 FIST FULL OF FILMS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Date & Time	Topic	Venue	Presenter(s)
20 May 10am-4pm	Making Music Videos	Corrugated Iron Youth Arts (TBC)	Josh Muirhead
19 May 1-5pm	Short Film Screenwriting Co-presented by the NT Writers' Centre	Frogs Hollow Conference Room	Chris Houghton
26 May 10am-3pm	Soundtracking Your Short Film Co-presented by Take1	Nightcliff CommunityCentre Meeting Room	Matt Cunliffe
9/10 June	Get Animated with Flash	TBC	Sarah Hindle
16/17 June	Introduction to Editing with Final Cut Pro (TBC)	TBC	Josh Muirhead

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