



“KANGAROO ISLAND” TO CLOSE THE 2025 CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL WITH STAR-STUDDERED NEW YORK PREMIERE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 19, 2025

The Chelsea Film Festival proudly announces the dramatic comedy, *Kangaroo Island* directed by **Tim Piper**, as its **Closing Night Film**. The **New York Premiere** will take place at **Regal Union Square** on **Sunday, October 19th**, with the screening beginning promptly at **1:30 PM** with a **Q&A with the filmmaker and cast** after the screening.

Starring: Rebecca Breeds, Adelaide Clemens, Joel Jackson and Erik Thomson

The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) will hold its thirteenth edition both in-person at **Regal Theatres 14th St.** October 15 - 19 and online on FilmFestival+ (<https://filmfestivalplus.com>, also accessible through AppleTV) from October 15-30, 2025.



KANGAROO ISLAND

Directed by Timothy David

110 min | Drama, Comedy | Australia | 2024

New York City Premiere

Cast: Rebecca Breeds, Adelaide Clemens, Joel Jackson and Erik Thomson

Synopsis: Lou Wells has hit rock bottom after a promising start to a career in Hollywood. Her ex needs her to move out, her friends are distancing themselves from her, and her talent agency “just isn’t excited by her anymore.” Truth is, Lou Wells isn’t excited about Lou Wells either. Broke and aimless, she reluctantly accepts a ticket from her estranged father, Rory, to go home to Kangaroo Island, Australia. But what begins as a reunion to foster reconciliation turns complicated when Lou and her sister learn their father’s secret. Years of tension come to the surface, and Lou must decide whether she will continue to run away from her problems or confront the traumatic events that tore her family apart.

Director’s Bio: Timothy David (Tim Piper) is an American/Australian writer, director, and producer with a career spanning acclaimed commercial, short-form, and now feature filmmaking. He is best known for writing and directing Dove’s groundbreaking short films *Evolution* and *Onslaught*, which became global viral sensations and won two Cannes Grand Prix awards. The cultural impact of these films led to his recognition as a finalist for *Time Magazine*’s 100 Most Influential People.

With a background in creating socially resonant and visually striking work, Piper has built a reputation for combining strong storytelling with thought-provoking themes. *Kangaroo Island* marks his debut feature film, where he expands his creative vision to the long-form narrative, continuing his passion for stories that challenge and inspire audiences worldwide.

Director’s Statement: There’s plenty of evidence life is beautiful and meaningful, but there’s just as much evidence life is cruel and meaningless. This film is about how we grapple with that.

Followed by Q&A with Filmmaker & Cast.

Film Page: <https://chelseafilm.org/kangaroo-island/>

Location: REGAL Union Square, 850 Broadway New York, NY 10003

Date: Sunday, October 19th

Time: 1:30 PM

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

As Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, Founder of The Chelsea Film Festival, stated: **“Making the World a Better Place by Giving a Voice to the Unheard”**.

Chelsea Film Festival Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, Pascal Chemin and John Patrick Shanley. The Advisory Board includes: Aaron Pierce, Bruno Chatelin, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Michael Ruotolo and Lawrence M. Kay.

Our Mission: Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

Media Contact:
Adam Keane
press@chelseafilm.org

Connect with Chelsea Film Festival on social media!

[FACEBOOK](#) [TWITTER](#) [INSTAGRAM](#) [TIK TOK](#) [YOUTUBE](#)