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**VILLAGE CINEMAS ON HUNT FOR BUDDING FILMMAKERS**  
**CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR VILLAGE CINEMAS' ANNUAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

Now in its third year, Village Cinemas' **Unscene** short film competition is back and is once again seeking to discover Melbourne's most talented aspiring filmmakers.

Partnering with Swinburne University of Technology and AAMI, Village Cinemas is calling out for entries from **today** for all emerging filmmakers to produce a short film inspired by this year's theme; '**Choices**'.

Reflecting on the first two **Unscene** competitions, Marketing Manager of Village Cinemas, Nic Robin said the caliber of the entries is always overwhelming.

"The first two years exceeded our expectations with the level of enthusiasm and quality of short films that were submitted, and we have no doubt that this year will again top that," Mr. Robin said.

Films will be shortlisted through online voting at [unscenefilms.com.au](http://unscenefilms.com.au) before they are showcased in a professional gala setting which will see the winner receive a cash prize of **\$10,000** and Blackmagic filming equipment, one of the world's leading innovators and manufacturers of creative video technology.

"We started Unscene because we're passionate about film. We want to see more Australian content on our screens, but we recognise that it is hard for young filmmakers to get their foot in the door. This festival is our way to give back to the community, and hopefully encourage the next George Miller or Gillian Armstrong to keep honing their craft."

This year, Village Cinemas has teamed up with one of Australia's top filmmaking universities, Swinburne University of Technology.

"The university curates such amazing talent, and we want to see as many students we can enter this competition. This purpose of the festival is not only to identify our best and brightest filmmakers, but also gives the winners the tools they need to make their next project, until we eventually see their work on the big screen at Village Cinemas".

Swinburne lecturer Dr Vincent Giarrusso is excited to bring the university's experience in film and television to the competition.

"Swinburne has a long history of helping aspiring filmmakers develop their skills and achieve exceptional results. We're excited to continue this tradition and will continue to encourage entrants all over the country. To see your work on the big screen as a young film maker is an experience that can't be beat," said Dr Giarrusso.

Prizes for second and third place will also include \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively, alongside additional Blackmagic technology and the opportunity for the short film to play in select Village Cinemas foyers.



Village Cinemas are seeking short films up to five minutes in length that are original, creative and compelling. Any aspiring filmmaker, amateur or student can apply as long as they are over the age of 18.

Over the past two years we've seen over 150 entries and 50,000 votes cast.

Entries open on Monday 2 July, and will close on Wednesday 17 October, 2018, in preparation for the awards and gala event at Village Cinemas Rivoli on December 6, 2018.

***For more information, please visit:*** [unscenefilms.com.au](http://unscenefilms.com.au)

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