

Our Very Own Tin Man Needs Your Helping Heart

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of members held at the AICM on Sunday it was announced that new members are being invited to join The Heart of Gold Film Festival Inc. to be part of the next spectacular event.

Artistic Director for the 2009 and 2010 events, Malcolm Blaylock, is very familiar with festivals all around the world and well respected in the film industry. He had this to say about the Festival: "I am confident that the film program is as strong, entertaining and thought-provoking as any in the world. The feedback has been very positive from local, national and international sources and the feeling and atmosphere at the festival is dynamic and vibrant. We screened over 200 short films and one full-length feature film from 35 countries and hosted 28 filmmakers. The Heart of Gold left an indelible mark on these filmmakers and they have taken that back to others in the global film industry. We, the people of Gympie, make them feel exceptionally welcome and offer them the warmth and friendliness that pervades the festival."

Life is brighter for the heartwarming and enriching films showcased at this Festival and the merry band of volunteers who come back year after year attest to the fact that everyone benefits while contributing to making it happen. In these tough economic times the rewards of giving something back to our community are even greater. So if you have ever wanted to make this world a better place, and would like to be part of an exuberant and dedicated team, our wonderful life-affirming film festival offers you a unique opportunity. Anything you do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Do you, or someone you know, have some time and passion for our very own home-grown yet world-renowned festival? If you do, and feel you might have something to offer – anything at all - contact us to join the community that will make the Heart of Gold Film Festival a continuing success. No offer is too small. No contribution is unimportant. Perhaps you have an idea, maybe a thought about how things could have been done differently. Your talents and abilities will help towards a successful festival, from apparently mundane tasks like filing or emptying waste baskets to fundraising, coordination or management roles.

Seasoned Heart of Gold volunteers are a very welcoming team and love to show newcomers the ropes so that they feel part of the family straight away. Bring your friends!

If being an active member does not feel right for you at the moment, for a very small amount anyone can become a financial member and have a voice regarding the direction taken by our festival of local and international short films that are entertaining, thought-provoking and express a positive view of the world and humanity. To be a part of securing the future of this festival which has put Gympie on the global film industry map, phone 54831663 and leave a message or email info@heartofgold.com.au with your details. The larger the membership base, the more we can plan for the next festival of extraordinary and uplifting films.

If you are looking for easy Christmas gift ideas, the office holds stock of DVD's featuring films from festivals past as well as Heart of Gold T-shirts in a variety of styles and sizes. It is a great way to promote our festival and our city.

Look out for film nights to be held between now and the 2013 festival to whet your appetite. Details will be featured on the Heart of Gold website.