



Film Festival winners announced!

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Every year, MyState Financial encourages Tasmania's young people to get creative and enter the annual MyState Financial Student Film Festival.

It's been a difficult time for judges because the calibre of films entered this year was, once again, outstanding. Today, Peter Murphy from Southern Cross Television presented the Festival finalists and winners in front of a full house at the Theatre Royal.

More than 500 students and teachers attended the official awards ceremony today to view the films chosen as finalists and find out the winners.

This year, the festival reached an international audience with a FaceBook fan page and its own YouTube channel. To date, there have been more than 6000 hits on YouTube with people from more than 33 countries watching the films. The Festival Films have been viewed in the United Arab Emirates, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United States of America, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

This year's theme was "Mirror" the winners in each category are:

Primary Category (Kindergarten to Year 6)

'Blanche Onions' from Table Cape Primary School

Secondary Category (Year 7 – 10)

'What's Your Reflection?' from Tasmanian Home Education Advisory Council

Post year 10 – University

'Deposit at the dustbowl' from Angus Ashton & Daniel Cosgrove (UTAS)

In addition to the age categories, six new awards were introduced this year to recognise the outstanding creative talent of Tasmania's young people. The winners of these award categories are:

- Premier's Award – 'Blanche Onions' – Table Cape Primary School
- MyState Financial Award – 'Blanche Onions' – Table Cape Primary School
- People's Choice Award – 'Blanche Onions' from Table Cape Primary School
- Technical Achievement Award – 'Deposit at the dustbowl' from Angus Ashton & Daniel Cosgrove (UTAS)
- Creative Interpretation Award – 'Blanche Onions' from Table Cape Primary School
- Most Engaging Talent Award – 'Fake for the Face of a Mirror' – Mount Carmel College, Laura Elliott
- Best New Entrant Award – 'Reflecting Our Future' – Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School
- Encouragement Award – 'Mirror Me' – Michael Linhart (UTAS)

You can view the winners and finalists at mystatefilmfestival.com.au.

Congratulations to the finalists and the winners and thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Festival and made bigger, better and more fun than ever.