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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRODUCERS OFF TO VENICE AND TORONTO
***Boys In The Trees* in official selection for major international film festivals**

Boys in the Trees, a feature film shot on-location across suburban Adelaide, and co-produced by Adelaide Studios based Hedone Productions will have its world premiere at the Venice International Film Festival on September 9, and screen at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 13.

Supported by the South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC), *Boys in the Trees* tells the story of two estranged childhood friends who reunite on Halloween 1997 and embark on a surreal journey through their memories, dreams and fears.

Boys in the Trees is produced by John Molloy of Melbourne-based Mushroom Pictures with the bold and innovative Hedone Productions, led by South Australian producers Kate Croser and Sandy Cameron, co-producing the film.

Boys in the Trees was shot across suburban Adelaide over five weeks in September 2015. Locations included St Peters, Port Adelaide, Unley Park, North Adelaide, Semaphore, Urrbrae, Brownhill Creek and Mitcham.

Boys in the Trees is one of only five Australian films to be screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, while at the Venice Film Festival, it's one of three Australian films and will premiere in the prestigious Orizzonti section of the festival. Orizzonti is dedicated to new trends in world cinema.

Boys In The Trees will be in the running for the Festival's Orizzonti Prize and Special Orizzonti Jury Prize for feature-length films.

South Australian Film Corporation's (SAFC) Chief Executive Annabelle Sheehan congratulated Kate Croser and Sandy Cameron.

"Selection at two of the most prestigious film festivals in the world is an extraordinary achievement, said Ms Sheehan.

"It's also a significant opportunity for South Australia, with Adelaide locations central to the film's aesthetic. These festivals provide a remarkable platform for world audiences to see our city and appreciate the great filmmaking that can be achieved in this State."

The film is director and writer Nicholas Verso's first feature film and follows his success on short film *The Last Time I Saw Richard* (winner of the 2014 Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Award for Best Short Film) which was also produced by John Molloy.

Hedone Productions previously produced the critically acclaimed time travel comedy feature film *The Infinite Man*, which screened at the 2014 South by Southwest Film Festival, and the cult Australian SBS comedy series *Danger 5*.

Boys in the Trees is scheduled for theatrical release in Australia on 20 October, 2016. To view the film's trailer visit www.boysinthetrees.com.au

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