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FILM FESTIVAL TO MOVE IN 2012

The New Zealand International Film Festival today announced key dates which will see the event screening a little later next year.

The Festival is confirmed to screen in Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch. Further regional dates around the country are yet to be finalised.

The date change is a response to international changes, led by the Festival de Cannes which will now screen later in May to accommodate the French election. "We need to allow time after Cannes to negotiate key new films," says Festival Director Bill Gosden

"In 2011 the NZIFF secured a remarkable slate including all of the award-winning films out of Cannes." says Gosden.

The Festival will begin in Auckland (19 July – August 5) and open simultaneously in Wellington and Dunedin a week later (27 July – August 12), then in Christchurch (9 - 26 August).

"We anticipate that more films will be available in high end digital formats and that DCP technology will allow simultaneous screenings of films in Wellington and Dunedin. The Festival continues to adapt to the changing technological landscape, despite the financial challenges that are facing many New Zealand cultural organisations currently." says Gosden

The largely self-sustaining not-for-profit Festival continues to operate with strong ticket sales in the main centres, despite lacking a principal sponsor for the last four years.

Festival programmes will be available online and around town from June next year. For Festival updates visit www.nzff.co.nz and register to receive e-newsletters.

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For further information about the NZ International Film Festival or to arrange an interview with Director Bill Gosden:

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