CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN

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Mayoral Message



Dear Residents

From Beirut to Bankstown!

The Lebanese Film Festival is once again bringing the finest of Lebanese filmmaking right here to our City.

Many talented people including actors, producers, cameramen and editors are coming together for the annual Lebanese Film Festival.

It's a celebration of one of our largest communities, showcasing their culture, traditions and people.

What began as an idea by two locals more than a decade ago, has evolved from a small gathering to one of the world's largest festivals of its kind.

The festival has since screened more than 300 films from contributors all over the world, capturing the essence of Lebanon.

And it was great to see last year's tenth anniversary edition attract over 17,000 people.

This year's festivities will kick off tomorrow night (Thursday 17 August) at the Bryan Brown Theatre. The opening night will be an extravagant event with the red carpet being rolled out to welcome celebrities and guests.

There is a fantastic line up, with more than 20 films being screened across our City throughout the next two weeks. From comedy to crime and drama, and everything in between, there's something for the whole family. You can check out the full program at **lff.org.au**

I encourage you all to support the festival, be entertained and learn more about the wonderful Lebanese culture.

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