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## RUNAWAY SUCCESS FOR SA FILM AHEAD OF GENERAL RELEASE ON 8 SEPTEMBER



South Australian coming-of-age comic drama by Windmill Theatre Co Director Rosemary Myers continues to achieve remarkable success with award wins, sell-out screenings and critical acclaim around the world, making it **one of the most successful Australian films of 2016**.

The movie, produced and filmed entirely in South Australia with local actors, has **played in 51 cities across 21 countries and 56 different cinemas**, in locations including Denmark, Columbia, USA, Italy, Sweden and Argentina. Earlier this month, US distributors Oscilloscope confirmed *Girl Asleep* will have a **21-city general release in major US cities** including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Denver and Boston.

It has also wowed audiences at several prestigious film festivals, including the Berlin Film Festival and Buenos Aires Film Festival, and has **won six international awards** including the Seattle Film Festival's Grand Jury Prize, SA Screen Awards' Best Film, and most recently, The Age Critics' Prize for the **best Australian feature film** at the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF).

It is currently one of four international films nominated for **Australia's richest film prize**, the \$100,000 CinefestOZ Award, and last week it was nominated for the **prestigious Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards**.

"The film takes some enormous imaginative leaps but there's a wonderful mix of the miserable uncertainty of adolescence and its effervescent joy that means it never becomes cloying," said film writer and MIFF awards judge Stephanie Bunbury.

On the cusp of turning fifteen and confronted with an incomprehensible new world, Greta Driscoll (Bethany Whitmore) can't bear to leave her childhood behind. She floats in a bubble of loserdom with her only friend Elliott (Harrison Feldman), until her parents throw a surprise 15th birthday party and Greta is flung into a dreamy, parallel universe – bizarrely erotic, a little violent, and thoroughly ludicrous. Only in this strange, surprising world can Greta truly find herself.

The film boasts an array of captivating performances from its talented local cast, including Bethany Whitmore (*Mental, Mary and Max*), Harrison Feldman (*Upper Middle Bogan*), Matthew Whittet (*The Great Gatsby, Moulin Rouge*), Eamon Farren (*Love Is Now; Red Dog*) and Tilda Cobham-Hervey (*52 Tuesdays*).

*Girl Asleep* hits cinemas nationwide from 8 September – full details available at [girlasleepfilm.com](http://girlasleepfilm.com)

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