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## Launceston gets top billing for new film society

The University of Tasmania has launched a new film society aimed at catering to the needs of celluloid cinema buffs and big-budget blockbuster fans alike.

The launch of the new society coincides with the Tasmanian premiere of the St Kilda Film Festival Tour, which will be screened at the Newnham campus this week.

The new UTAS Film Society is on the hunt for members, with weekly films scheduled every Tuesday from 7pm at the Australian Maritime College until the end of the year.

The society is open to UTAS staff, students and the general public, according to spokeswoman Leanne Arnott.

“It’s for people that have an appreciation of film, but also for people who want to develop more knowledge about film, or just simply for those who want to be entertained,” Ms Arnott said.

“It will be more about the good stuff – some classics, foreign films, cultural films and some mainstream movies as well.”

UTAS Film Society members will also be able to enjoy discounted meals at the Australian Maritime College restaurant Salts on Tuesday evenings before movies are screened.

Ms Arnott said it was exciting to be launching a new film society and hosting the St Kilda Film Festival Tour at the same time.

The St Kilda Film Festival features Australia’s Top 100 short films, and will be screened at the Newnham campus on Thursday, August 25, from 7pm.

Entry to the St Kilda Film Festival is \$10, and can be paid at the door.

Membership to the UTAS Film Society is \$5.

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