

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

4 – 15 JUNE 2025

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE OF *EDDINGTON*

Direct from the Cannes Competition, *Eddington* – the explosive new film from Ari Aster (*Hereditary*, *Midsommar*), starring Joaquin Phoenix, Pedro Pascal, Emma Stone and Austin Butler – will have its Australian Premiere at the 72nd Sydney Film Festival.

Set in May 2020 as COVID begins to spread globally, *Eddington* follows the increasingly bitter divisions in a small New Mexican town. When the mayor and entrepreneur Ted Garcia (Pascal) faces off against the town's sheriff, Joe Cross (Phoenix), over mask mandates, the conflict quickly escalates into a mayoral race with far-reaching and devastating consequences.

SFF Festival Director Nashen Moodley said, "With *Eddington*, Ari Aster turns his razor-sharp gaze to the fractured heart of America, and perhaps the world, in a film that is provocative, urgent and completely gripping. This is a compelling work that speaks to the chaos and contradictions of our times – and one that will spark passionate conversation. We are delighted to present its Australian Premiere at Sydney Film Festival and offer Sydneysiders the chance to be some of the very first people in the world outside of Cannes to see this incendiary film."

The full Sydney Film Festival 2025 program can be found online at sff.org.au.

Sydney Film Festival runs from 4-15 June 2025. Tickets and Flexipasses to Sydney Film Festival 2025 are on sale now. Please call 1300 733 733 or visit sff.org.au for more information or to book.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

The Sydney Film Festival is one of the world's longest-running and most prestigious film festivals. The 72nd edition, taking place from 4 to 15 June 2025, will showcase the very best in contemporary cinema and offer audiences the chance to experience premieres, red carpet events, and exciting special programs across Sydney.

The Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW and Destination NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia, and the City of Sydney.

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FILM INFORMATION

EDDINGTON

Joaquin Phoenix, Pedro Pascal, Emma Stone and Austin Butler star in Ari Aster's (*Hereditary*, *Midsommar*) incendiary modern parable about a small town torn apart by politics. Direct from the Cannes Competition.

It's May 2020, COVID is spreading around the world, and the town of Eddington, New Mexico, is the site of an increasingly fiery debate over the use of face masks. Entrepreneur and mayor Ted Garcia (Pascal) and the town's sheriff Joe Cross (Phoenix) both enter the fray in opposition. When Joe decides to run in the next mayoral election himself, he sets in motion a quickly escalating series of devastating events. In examining this tiny town and its small population, Aster's view and purpose is very much larger. With brilliant conciseness, *Eddington* touches on issues that so dominate American society and life – race, class, social media, technology, and guns. In what is sure to be one of the year's most provocative and discussed films, Aster takes a long, hard look at his divided nation and sends a compelling and urgent warning signal to societies everywhere.

