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March 08 Newsletter

March kicks off the members only screenings with a different look at sub-cultures in Australia and the US. Harvey Pekar is a comic book writer whose 'average Joe' stories come to life in American Splendor, and Colin Friels' powerful portrayal of a man who leaves his life in Tom White are brought to the screen in March.

Our free weekend delighted all with Claire Smith's astonishing guest program. Claire spoke about her work and the reasons for her choices – the works were funny, moving and beautiful. We look forward to seeing her at a screening soon. Thanks, Claire!

Screenings:

March 6th

American Splendor USA, 2004

Dir.: Shari Springer Berman, 100mins

American Splendor tells the true and extraordinary story of Harvey Pekar by combining comic book adaptation, biopic, animation and documentary elements. Harvey (Paul Giamatti) relieves the monotony of his mundane job as a filing clerk in a Cleveland hospital by discussing with his fellow employees everything from jazz, rock 'n' roll and the decline of America culture to new flavours of jelly beans.

March 20th

Tom White* (Aus) 2004

Dir.: Alkinos Tsilmidas, 106 mins

'This film delivers an emotional punch'. A draftsman who leaves his home, family and life to live on the streets discovers an underbelly of society; this movie details the people Tom meets as a result of, and the reasons why a man walks away.

Bendigo Framed

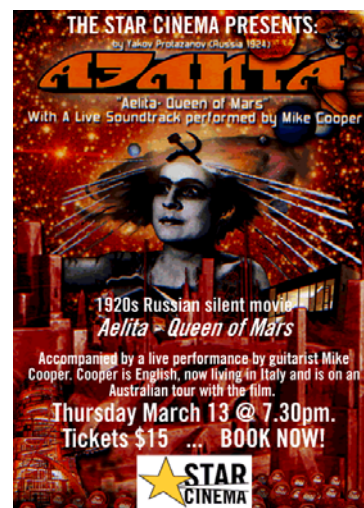
Our 2nd Bendigo Framed Festival is coming up in May - a showcase of the best of Bendigo film and filmmakers. The aims of the festival are to encourage networks and communities in the Bendigo film sphere, and to showcase the works of local filmmakers.

We are currently taking entries for the festival – start making your films now. For more info call Elly on 0400 791 457 or email

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