

The Rock Pool Waltz

a film by

Marlon Denning

AWARD WINNER
**Wild & Scenic
Film Festival**
2023

WINNER
**Topanga
Film Festival**
2022

SAE CREATIVE MEDIA INSTITUTE AWARD for
BEST AUSTRALIAN HIGH SCHOOL SHORT FILM
**31st Flickerfest
International
Short Film Festival**
2022

WINNER
**Discover Film
Awards London**
2022

OFFICIAL SELECTION
**Colorado
Environmental
Film Festival**
2023

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Official Selection
mice
The festival that doesn't sleep
mice internacional
mice internacional

WINNER
**Canberra Short
Film Festival**
2022

OFFICIAL FEST AWARD for
BEST AUSTRALIAN HIGH SCHOOL SHORT FILM
**BYRON ALL SHORTS
17th Northern
Rivers Short Film
Competition**
2022

OFFICIAL SELECTION
**Chicago International
Children's Film
Festival**
2023

GRAND PRIX WINNER
**Lantern & Light
International
Children's Film
Festival**
2022

WINNER
**A-FilmTeensFest
Prague**
2023

OFFICIAL SELECTION
**MOUNTAINFILM
2024**

WINNER Best Student
Documentary
**Boston
International Kids
Film Festival**
2023

AWARD WINNER
**Cannes Short
Film Festival**
2022

WINNER
**Nature Festival
- Film Adelaide**
2022



OFFICIAL SELECTION
**International
Wildlife Film
Festival 47**

During COVID lockdown,
a boy's affinity with nature
eases his loneliness and leads
to an incredible friendship!

The Rock Pool Waltz – Producer and Director - Marlon Denning





National Awards and Official Selections




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| Flickerfest International Short Film Festival January 29, 2022 Sydney, NSW Australia Australian Premiere | Award FlickerUp SAE Best High School Film |  |
| Byron All Shorts April 2, 2022 Bangalow, NSW Australia | Award Best High School Short |  |
| Lantern and Light International Children's Film Festival September 17, 2022 Belgrave, Victoria Australia | Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Documentary • Grand Prix Best Film |  |
| Nature Festival Adelaide October, 2022 Adelaide City, SA Australia | Award Our Connection with Nature |  |
| Byron Bay International Film Festival October 21, 2022 Byron Bay Australia | Official Selection Photo with Jack Thompson |  |
| Canberra Short Film Festival November 19, 2022 Canberra, ACT Australia | Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Documentary U/18's. • Best Film U/18's. • Spiritus Award. |  |

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| Ocean World Tour March 2023 Lennox Head, NSW Australia | Local screening Lennox Head |  |
| Bass Coast Shorts August 2023 Wonthaggi, Victoria Australia | Award Best Film, Schools Under 18 |  |
| Ballina Shire Environmental Citizen of the Year 2023 | Award Environmental Citizen of the Year For raising awareness of our connection to nature and showcasing the beauty of Ballina's natural environment through his film nationally and internationally. |  |

International Awards, Official Selections, and Tours

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| Cannes Short Film Festival August 16, 2022 Cannes France | Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival Directors Award – Best Student Film. • Audience Award. |  |
| Discover Film September 29, 2022 Leicester Square London United Kingdom | Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging Talent • Craghoppers Prize Emerging Talent |  |
| Topanga Film Festival October 6, 2022 Topanga Los Angeles United States | Award Documentary Excellence |  |
| 21st Wild and Scenic Film Festival February 16, 2023 Nevada City United States | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Selection • Selected for the 2023/24 12 month Wild & Scenic on Tour, 20 locations throughout US |  |

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| A-FilmTeensFest February 8, 2023 Praha Czech Republic | Award Best Film of the Category |  |
| Colorado Environmental Film Festival February 22, 2023 Golden Colorado United States | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Selection • Selected for the 2023/24 Schools Program United States |  |
| Montrose LandxSea Film Festival October 2023 Scotland's first ever Climate focused film festival Montrose Scotland | Official Selection Noncompetitive |  |
| MICE Film Festival October 2023 One of the largest Children's film festivals in the world Valencia Spain | Official Selection |  |
| 40th Chicago International Children's Film Festival November 2023 Chicago United States | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Selection • Selected for the 2024 year-round School Groups Tour Program |  |
| Boston International Children's Film Festival November, 2023 Boston United States | Award Best Student Documentary |  |
| BAMkids Film Festival (Brooklyn Academy of Music) February, 2024 Brooklyn, New York United States | Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Live Action Short. • Selected for second live screening, Best of the Fest in Autumn. |  |
| 19th Children's Film Festival Seattle February 2024 Seattle United States | Award Best Youth-Made Film |  |
| Providence Children's Film Festival February 2024 Providence Rhode Island United States | Official Selection Noncompetitive |  |
| Allentown Film Festival April 2024 Allentown, Pennsylvania United States | Award Best Nature Documentary |  |

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| 47th International Wildlife Film April 2024 Missoula, Montana United States | Official Selection |  |
| 46th Mountainfilm Festival May, 2024 Telluride Colorado United States | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Selection • Selected for the 2024/25 year-round School Groups Tour Program |  |
| 32 nd Coastal Conference November 2025 Ballina NSW | Invited Keynote Youth Speaker |  <p>Shaping Our Shores: Proactive Solutions for Coastal Futures</p> <p>5 – 7 November 2025 Ballina RSL Club, Ballina</p> |