

Festival of film to preview feature

THE 2010 Mission Beach Film Festival has scored a coup with a gala preview of the feature film *The Tree*.

The festival will be held from September 17 to 19.

The festival's curator, award winning film producer Sue Clothier, said *The Tree* was set in rural Queensland.

"It will screen nationally from September 30 and we're thrilled that the distributors have given our audience the opportunity to see this sneak preview before the Australian premiere," she said.

"An Australian-French production, *The Tree*, received a 10 minute standing ovation at this year's Cannes Film Festival where it was selected for Official Competition as well as being the closing night film."

The Tree will screen on Friday evening September 17.

In another coup for the festival, the recently announced Academy Award nominee, *The Most Dangerous Man in America.*, will screen on the closing night of the festival.

Based on a true story that dominated the news for weeks, this multi-award winning documentary shows how the man who helped to plan the Vietnam War risked all to unmask the lies behind the conflict.

Individual courage and the belief in a better world are also celebrated in the foreign feature film *Farewell*. This political drama-cum-thriller will be introduced by MP Malcolm Turnbull.

This Way of Life, a documentary, follows the Karena family including their six kids and 50 horses and their fight to live with integrity and respect for the environment against a backdrop of family conflict and hardship.