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Karla comes to Perth



WEST Australian Indigenous short film *Karla* will feature in the 2009 Perth International Arts Festival at the traditional Noongar Welcome to Country.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said the film was a fitting addition to the Welcome To Country event.

"*Karla* is a Dreamtime story of how fire came to the Noongar people of the Pinjarra region, told through painting, dance and visual storytelling," Mr Booth said.

"The screening of *Karla* at the Welcome to Country will be a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy the work of our talented local film-makers and celebrate the unique storytelling of the Noongar people."

First-time director Karrie-Anne Kearing said that through *Karla* and the arts, she ensured that the history of her people was recognised alongside the

history of modern Australia.

"I am very proud to have my work selected to be screened at the festival Welcome to Country," Ms Kearing said.

Karla producer Naomi Ashcroft is equally pleased to share her work with the Perth Festival audience.

Ms Kearing cut her teeth as the writer of the Indigenous short film, *Weewar and she* is an active member of the Pinjarra Katijin Corporation, working to develop art and cultural programs for her community.

Along with *Karla*, three West Australian short films have been selected to screen at the 2008/09 Lotterywest Festival Films season during the Perth Festival. *Clouds*, *Edgar* and *Elizabeth and Legacy* will each screen for one week prior to the main program feature film.

The Perth Festival Welcome to Country is part of the Lotterywest Festival Celebration, a free family event at the Supreme Court Gardens from 8.30pm on Friday February 13.