



**Scorpio Productions**

Re: Homeschool (short film)

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Dear Festival!

This short was borne in the most unusual of circumstances, while New Zealand was in a compulsory and complete lockdown during the Covid 19 pandemic.

In March/April 2020, we were confined to our homes and properties for 7 weeks. The entire country was not allowed out apart from essential supplies shopping, and many literally stayed in their homes the entire time figuring out new ways to live. During this isolation, the New Zealand 48 hours film festival launched their Lockdown challenge for furious filmmakers. The biggest change this year included, the lockdown rule, we couldn't leave our own property boundaries or mix with anyone outside our isolation "bubble". And while I am a professional filmmaker and television director/camera/editor, my family are not!

We were given our genre at 7pm on Friday night, I received adventure, and 3 compulsory elements; a photograph, an echo and an arc shot.

The film was conceived that evening, shot on Saturday and edited and post produced on Sunday and had to be delivered within 48 hours, 7pm Sunday night. From 2000 entries, only 1000 made the deadline and criteria. We were honoured to become a top 10 finalist and then went on to win Best Family Film, as this film was made with my 2 young children and husband on our family farm in rural New Zealand. The biggest challenge wasn't the time timeframe or limitations of crew, but working with your own children and a farm animals!

Its a fun, up beat family moment touching on the idea of be grateful for what you have and life is what you make it. Its up to you to decide how to approach it!

Kind regards

Celia

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