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## **Kings Cross Filmmaker Premieres X for The Wayside Chapel**

**"A beautiful film...the acting is phenomenal." KILLER FILM**

**"Powerful...boasting a stylish neo-noir sheen...pounds with flickering energy and an intoxicating sense of danger." FILMINK**

Filmmaker Jon Hewitt's acclaimed and gritty Kings Cross thriller **X** premieres in Sydney on Tuesday, November 29 with a special benefit screening at Chauvel Cinemas for **The Wayside Chapel**.

Set in the heart of Kings Cross and featuring extraordinary, career-defining performances from **Viva Bianca** (*Spartacus: Blood and Sand*) and **Hanna Mangan-Lawrence** (*Acolytes*), this powerful and exciting thriller follows a jaded call girl and a fledgling hooker on an out-of-control, rollercoaster ride through Sydney's underbelly. Already a smash-hit internationally, Sydneysiders now have the chance to see this year's most thrilling local movie.

"Be the first to see this powerful Australian story, skilfully told," said Rev. Graham Long. "The proceeds from the premiere will go to Wayside, where we meet those people who fall by the wayside and help them move to a better place and a better day."

**Jon Hewitt** is Australia's most prolific and successful maverick filmmaker, living and working in the heart of Kings Cross. Hewitt has made five uncompromising features as diverse in their scope as they are focussed in their intent.

**X** is written by acclaimed actor and writer **Belinda McClory**. In theatre Belinda has worked with Sydney Theatre Company, Melbourne Theatre Company and Belvoir Street. Her film roles include *The Matrix*, *Mullet*, and *Acolytes*. McClory is about to be seen on stage with Cate Blanchett in the Sydney Theatre Company's *Gross und Klein*.

"Belinda and I have lived in Kings Cross since 2000 and have witnessed, first hand and on a daily basis, the great work of The Wayside Chapel," said Jon Hewitt.

"Wayside's unflagging and unconditional love and support of everyone in our community is a constant inspiration to us as people and as movie makers. **X** is a story of love over hate, reaching for your dreams and changing your life - a warts-and-all tale of the possibilities of redemption. We were married by Graham at the Wayside and we're part of Graham's newsletter, the Inner Circle. It's a privilege to have our love letter to Kings Cross presented for the benefit of the Cross' most wonderful entity."

**Movie Premiere:** Tuesday, November 29 at 7.30pm. Chauvel Cinemas, Paddington Town Hall, Cnr Oxford St & Oatley Rd, Paddington. Tickets are \$25 and available from [www.thewaysidechapel.com](http://www.thewaysidechapel.com).

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