



Rohan Spong's documentary will be one of the opening films at the Bayside Film Festival.

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## Songs from the Holocaust

FILMMAKER Rohan Spong wants to open our eyes to the human experiences behind the Holocaust.

His documentary, *The Songs They Sang*, is one of the opening productions of tomorrow's Bayside Film Festival. His film airs the untold story about musical performances during the Holocaust in the Vilna ghetto, Lithuania.

It aims to explore the lives of composers and musicians who battled through inhumanity to retain their culture and art.

"It is not a documentary with

dead bodies, it is about emotions people feel and hear," Spong said. "It is eye-witness accounts with incredibly moving songs."

The film festival attracted Spong to this year's event after his directorial debut of last year, *T is for Teacher*.

About transgender teachers in the United States, where Spong was living at the time, it received critical acclaim.

The film festival is on from July 14-17 at Palace Brighton Bay cinemas. Details: [baysidefilmfestival.com.au](http://baysidefilmfestival.com.au)

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