

## **SPA Congratulates AACTA Awards Winners and Nominees 2017**

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Screen Producers Australia commends the outstanding work delivered by its members and recognized by industry and peers at the 2017 Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts Awards (AACTAs) held this week.

The 2017 AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel, honors excellence in film, television and new media productions, in addition to acknowledging the driving forces who shape our profession.

“The Australian screen production industry has experienced a triumphant year both creatively and commercially and most gratifyingly we have seen unique Australian narratives capturing screens and the attention of audiences across the globe in addition to resonating locally. Screen Producers Australia is delighted by the diverse slate and record number of awards and nominations for our members at the 2017 AACTA Awards,” said Screen Producers Australia CEO, Matt Deaner.

The AACTA awards which encompass the industry luncheon on Monday and the gala Awards held on Wednesday night in Sydney, reflected a diverse and comprehensive recognition of the SME’s that constitute SPA’s membership that create, devices and export film, television and cross platform productions to Australia and to the world.

Award highlights include See-Saw Film’s production *Lion* achieving recognition with 12 awards across both award ceremonies. “It has been so gratifying to see an all-Australian story storm the world stage,” said See-Saw Films CEO Emile Sherman said in his acceptance speech. See-Saw Films were also honoured in the television category for their work on *Top Of The Lake: China Girl*. “The economic and cultural dividends that come from our storytelling are just enormous. We need to cherish it and particularly put the brakes on piracy,” he added.

The AACTA Awards proved to be a ground breaking award season for SPA members: in the TV category 18 winners were SPA member productions companies; while in the film category all 14 awards were secured by SPA member businesses or productions across production and creative and technical categories.

### **The List of SPA member production AACTA Award Winners 2017**

#### **TELEVISION**

##### **SEE-SAW FILMS : TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL – 4 Wins**

- \*AACTA Award for Best Television Drama Series
- \*AACTA Award for Best Guest or Supporting Actress in a Television Drama-Elizabeth Moss
- \*AACTA Award for Best Guest or Supporting Actor in a Television Drama – Ewen Leslie
- \*AACTA Award for Best Guest or Supporting Actress in a Television Drama – Nicole Kidman

##### **MATCHBOX PICTURES: SEVEN TYPES OF AMBIGUITY – 5 Wins**

- \*AACTA Award for Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama – Hugo Weaving
- \*AACTA Award for Best Screenplay in Television (Episode 2 – Alex)
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- \*AACTA Award for Best Cinematography in Television (Episode 1 – Joe)
- \*AACTA Award for Best Editing in Television (Episode 1 – Joe)

**ENDOMOL SHINE: BLUE MURDER: KILLER COP – 1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Costume Design in Television (Episode 1 – Part 1)

**ENDOMOL SHINE: WAKE IN FRIGHT – 2 Wins**

\*AACTA Award for Best Original Music Score in Television (Episode 1 – Part 1)

\*AACTA Award for Best Sound in Television (Episode 1 – Part 1)

**ENDEMOL SHINE: MASTERCHEF AUSTRALIA –1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Reality Television Series

**ENDEMOL SHINE: AUSTRALIAN NINJA WARRIOR –1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Light Entertainment Television Series

**ENDEMOL SHINE: AUSTRALIAN SURVIVOR –1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Direction in a Television Light Entertainment, Lifestyle or Reality

**GOALPOST: CLEVERMAN – 1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Hair and Makeup

**GUESSWORK TV: ROSEHAVEN – 1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Performance in a Television Comedy – Celia Pacquola

**FREMANTLE MEDIA: WENTWORTH –1 Win**

\*AACTA Subscription Television Award for Best New Talent – Zahra Newman

**BEYOND INTERNATIONAL: SELLING HOUSES AUSTRALIA –1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Lifestyle Television Program

**EASY TIGER PRODUCTIONS: SUNSHINE –1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Telefeature or Mini Series

**FILM**

**SEE-SAW FILMS : LION – 12 Wins**

\*AACTA Award for Best Film presented by Foxtel

\*AACTA Award for Best Direction

\*AACTA Award for Best Lead Actor – Sunny Pawar

\*AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actor – Dev Patel

\*AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actress – Nicole Kidman

\*AACTA Award for Best Adapted Screenplay

\*AACTA Award for Best Cinematography

\*AACTA Award for Best Editing

\*AACTA Award for Best Sound

\*AACTA Award for Best Original Music Score

\*AACTA Award for Best Production Design

\*AACTA Award for Best Costume Design

**FACTOR 30 FILMS: HOUNDS OF LOVE – 1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Lead Actress – Emma Booth

**MATCHBOXBOX PICTURES: Ali's Wedding – 1 Win**

\*AACTA Award for Best Original Screenplay



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**About Screen Producers Australia**

Screen Producers Australia was formed by the screen industry to represent large and small enterprises across a diverse production slate of feature film, television and interactive content. Our members employ hundreds of producers, thousands of related practitioners and drive more than \$1.7 billion worth of annual production activity from the independent sector. On behalf of these businesses we are focused on delivering a healthy commercial environment through ongoing engagement with elements of the labour force, including directors, writers, actors and crew, as well as with broadcasters, distributors and government in all its various forms. This coordinated dialogue ensures that our industry is successful, employment levels are strong and the community's expectations of access to high quality Australian content have been met.