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Nominations announced for the 7th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel

The countdown to Australia's top screen awards is on, with the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) today announcing the full list of nominations for the 7th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel.

Leading the way with a total of 12 nominations is Oscar®-nominated and AACTA International Award-winning film **LION**, followed closely by television productions **BLUE MURDER: KILLER COP** and **TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL** with 11 nominations each.

Other nominees revealed today include television shows **AUSTRALIAN NINJA WARRIOR**, **ROSEHAVEN**, **LITTLE BIG SHOTS**, **SUNSHINE**, **TRUE STORY WITH HAMISH AND ANDY**, **SEVEN TYPES OF AMBIGUITY** and online series **THE KATERING SHOW** and **RACKARACKA**.

In film, a record-breaking total of 17 feature films have received nominations this year, with 5 films competing for the **AACTA Award for Best Film presented by Foxtel**: **ALI'S WEDDING**, **BERLIN SYNDROME**, **HOUNDS OF LOVE**, **JASPER JONES** and **LION**.

For the first time in AFI | AACTA history, five productions are nominated for the AACTA Award for **Best Television Drama Series**: **CLEVERMAN**, **GLITCH**, **JANET KING – PLAYING ADVANTAGE**, **TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL** and **WENTWORTH**.

This year sees a number of nominees recognised for their work across both television and film categories, including: Oscar, BAFTA and Emmy Award winner **Nicole Kidman** (**TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL** and **LION**), **Hugo Weaving** (**SEVEN TYPES OF AMBIGUITY** and **JASPER JONES**), **Emma Booth** (**BLUE MURDER: KILLER COP** and **HOUNDS OF LOVE**) and **Ewen Leslie** (**TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL** and **THE BUTTERFLY TREE**).

Other international award winners receiving nominations include: Oscar and Palme D'Or-winning director **Jane Campion** (**TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL**); BAFTA, SAG and AACTA International Award winner **Dev Patel** (**LION**); Emmy and Golden Globe winners **Toni Collette** (**BLUE MURDER: KILLER COP**) and **Anthony LaPaglia** (**SUNSHINE**); and BAFTA Award-winning writer **Luke Davies** (**LION**).

This year's nominations also see some of Australia's top talent receive their first television or film nominations. **Toni Collette**, **Anthony LaPaglia**, **Hugo Weaving**, **Tina Bursill** and **Emma Booth** all receive their first television category nominations, having previously won AFI and AACTA Awards for feature film.

Making the switch from television to film, directors **Garth Davis** (**LION**) and **Jeffrey Walker** (**ALI'S WEDDING**) both receive their first feature film nominations for **Best Direction**. They compete alongside first-time AACTA nominee **Ben Young** (**HOUNDS OF LOVE**) and past Best Direction winner **Cate Shortland** (**BERLIN SYNDROME**).

Emmy and Golden Globe winner **Elisabeth Moss** receives her first AACTA nomination this year for **Best Lead Actress in a Television Drama** for **TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL**. Also among those receiving their first AACTA nominations are **Sara West** (**DON'T TELL**), **Sunny Pawar** (**LION**), **Darren Gilshenan** (**NO ACTIVITY**), **Osamah Sami** and **Helana Sawires** (**ALI'S WEDDING**).

Today's nominations announcement also marks a number of consecutive nominations. On screen, **Teresa Palmer** (Best Lead Actress, BERLIN SYNDROME), **Ewen Leslie** (Best Lead Actor, THE BUTTERFLY TREE) and **Pamela Rabe** (Best Lead Actress in a Television Drama, WENTWORTH), are among those receiving consecutive category nominations.

Richard Roxburgh's nomination for **Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama** for **BLUE MURDER: KILLER COP** marks his second consecutive nomination and sixth overall nomination in the category, making him the most nominated actor in the category in AFI | AACTA history.

Also making AFI | AACTA history is **Hugo Weaving**, who today received his third consecutive nomination for **Best Supporting Actor** for **JASPER JONES**. The actor, who is competing for a third consecutive win, now holds the record for most nominations and most wins in the Best Supporting Actor category.

Also chasing her third consecutive AACTA Award win is **Celia Pacquola**, who is nominated for **Best Performance in a Television Comedy**, **Best Television Comedy Series** and **Best Screenplay in Television** for **ROSEHAVEN**. Celia previously won Best Guest or Supporting Actress in a Television Drama at the 6th AACTA Awards (for THE BEAUTIFUL LIE), and Best Performance in a Television Comedy at the 5th AACTA Awards (for UTOPIA).

Craft nominees competing for consecutive wins include writer **Andrew Knight** (Best Original Screenplay, ALI'S WEDDING), composer **Matteo Zingales** (Best Original Music Score in Television, WAKE IN FRIGHT) and cinematographer **Geoffrey Hall** (Best Cinematography in Television, WAKE IN FRIGHT).

Also announced today were the nominees for the inaugural **AACTA Award for Best Online Video or Series**. The nominees are: International Emmy Award-winning interactive children's show **DOODLES**; Melbourne Web Fest Award-winning drama series **HIGH LIFE; THE KATERING SHOW**, which remains the most watched ABC iView original series of all time; YouTube hit **SUPERWOG**; and **RACKARACKA**, whose creators, **Danny** and **Michael Philippou**, were ranked number five on this year's Australian Financial Review Cultural Power List.

Congratulating this year's nominees, **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella** said, "This year's nominees showcase the Australian screen industry's ability to create quality productions that tell universal stories with an Australian voice. From performers and practitioners working in new mediums, to new filmmaking talent working with some of our most acclaimed filmmakers, it's great to see our industry coming together to produce some of the strongest and most diverse screen content we've ever seen."

NSW Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said, "The quality of Australian film and television production continues to go from strength to strength and this year's AACTA Awards nominees show that our screen industry is world-class. I congratulate all of the nominees and am delighted that the AACTA Awards will once again be held in NSW, where 40% of the Australian screen industry is based."

The AACTA Awards are proudly supported by the New South Wales Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

Winners will be announced across the two major **7th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel** events at The Star Event Centre in Sydney: the **Industry Luncheon** on Monday 4 December; and the **AACTA Awards Ceremony** on Wednesday 6 December. **Tickets to both events are on sale now from www.aacta.org.**

For a full list of nominees, visit our [website](#).

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