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## **AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORS GUILD ANNOUNCES 2008 ADG AWARDS SHORTLISTED FINALISTS**

The Australian Directors Guild is pleased to announce the shortlisted finalists for the 2008 ADG Awards. The ADG Awards provide the highest accolade to outstanding Australian directing talent by their peers. This year, the Awards will be hosted by award-winning director Leah Purcell, and comedian, artist, writer, musician and director Paul McDermott.

The Awards will be held at Leighton Hall in the University of New South Wales' John Niland Scientia Building, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The list of last year's winners included a who's who of Australian directors, including Matthew Saville, Ray Quint and Ian Watson, as well as identifying emerging talent such as Cannes Short Film Jury Prize winner, Julius Avery.

The ADG Outstanding Achievement Awards will also be announced on the night, with past winners and presenters including Gillian Armstrong, Rolf de Heer, Peter Andrikidis, Phillip Noyce, Jan Chapman, Colin Friels and Wim Wenders.

### **2008 ADG AWARDS FINALISTS:**

2008 Best Direction in a Feature Film:

Elissa Down.....*The Black Balloon*  
Nash Edgerton.....*The Square*  
Shawn Seet.....*Two Fists one Heart*  
Vincent Ward.....*Rain of the Children*

2008 Best Direction in a TV Drama Series – Periodical or Mini-Series:

Peter Andrikidis.....*East West 101 - Episode 1: The Enemy*  
Tony Tilse .....*Underbelly - Episode 1: The Black Prince*  
Tony Tilse.....*Underbelly - Episode 2: The Sorcerer's Apprentice*

2008 Best Direction in a TV Drama Series - Ongoing:

Nicholas Bufalo.....*All Saints - Episode 421: Caught In A Trap*  
Lynn Maree Danzey.....*All Saints - Episode 407: If Only*  
Ian Gilmour..... *All Saints - Episode 435: Blind Faith*

2008 Best Direction in a TV Comedy Series:

Rob Carlton & Alex Weinress.....*Chandon Pictures*  
Stuart McDonald.....*Summer Heights High*  
Will Usic.....*Stupid, Stupid Man*

2008 Best Direction in a Documentary Feature:

Anna Brionowski.....*Forbidden Lies*  
Ian Darling & Sascha Ettinger.....*The Oasis*  
Tom Murray.....*In My Father's Country*  
Steve Thomas.....*Hope*

2008 Best Direction in a Documentary - Stand Alone (Under 60 Minutes):

Natasha Gadd.....*Anatomy - Muscle*  
Kelrick Martin.....*Mad Morro*  
Janet Merewether.....*Maverick Mother*  
Miranda Wills.....*2 Mums and a Dad*

2008 Best Direction in a Documentary Series:

John Hughes.....*Hidden Treasures: Inside the National Library of Australia*  
Brian McKenzie.....*Love's Harvest*  
Roger Scholes.....*The Passionate Apprentices*

2008 Best Direction in an Animated Film:

Lucinda Clutterback.....*Walnut and Honeysuckle*  
Anny Slater.....*Masterpeer Theatre*  
Dennis Tupicoff.....*Chainsaw*

2008 Best Direction in a Short Film:

Julius Avery.....*Jerrycan*  
Sean Byrne.....*Advantage*  
Alex Holmes.....*Ali & The Ball*  
Sean Kruck.....*Summer Breaks*

2008 Best Direction in a Short Film - Student:

David Eastel.....*Ascension*  
John Evagora.....*296 Smith Street*  
Katie Hides.....*Fear*  
Hugh Sullivan.....*Family Man*

2008 Best Direction in a Television Commercial - Performance:

Sean Meehan.....*Driving Test (McDonalds)*  
Sean Meehan.....*The Race (McDonalds)*  
Damien Toogood.....*Marooned (Lenovo)*

2008 Best Direction in a Television Commercial - Visual Narrative:

Ben Lawrence.....*What One Person Can Do* (Earth Hour 2008)

Sean Meehan.....*Slow Dance* (Fujifilm)

Paul Middleditch.....*Sky Troop* (Carlton Draught)

Paul Middleditch.....*Brewtopia* (Pure Blonde)

To register, please visit the ADG Conference website at

[www.adgconference.com](http://www.adgconference.com). Further information about last year's ADG Awards is available on the ADG website at [www.adg.org.au](http://www.adg.org.au)

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