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ADG ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE LINE-UP: Armstrong, McLean, Woods, Ward and Andrikidis to speak

Australian directors Gillian Armstrong (*Death Defying Acts, Charlotte Gray*), Rowan Woods (*The Boys, Little Fish*), Greg McLean (*Wolf Creek, Rogue*), Peter Andrikidis (television's *Underbelly, Grass Roots*) and Rachel Ward (*Beautiful Kate*) have been announced as speakers at the Australian Directors Guild (ADG) Conference which will be held from 25 – 28 September at the new Australian Film, Television & Radio School (AFTRS) at Moore Park, Sydney.

The ADG Conference is a premier three-day event which will bring together more than 300 of Australia's screen directors working across drama and documentary sectors. Conference delegates will also include producers, screenwriters, representatives from government funding agencies, film and television students and other industry professionals. The conference offers a unique opportunity to team up with colleagues across the screen industries to inform and to be informed, to discover new talents, to rigorously debate, and to celebrate all the facets of our vibrant film and television community.

The theme of the 2008 ADG Conference is 'In Good Company: Creative Collaborations.' The conference program will be a mix of plenary sessions, informative workshops and masterclasses, which will provide delegates with a substantial opportunity to advance their professional development and education.

The ADG Awards will be hosted by Leah Purcell and Paul McDermott and held on Saturday 27 September during the ADG Conference. The ADG Awards are the only peer-assessed awards which celebrate the best directing talent across Australia in the fields of feature film, television, short film, tvc, animation and music video.

Registration is now open for the ADG Conference. For full ADG Conference and Awards details, please visit www.adgconference.com.

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Note to Editors:



The Australian Directors Guild (ADG) is an industry association representing the interests of film and television directors, documentary filmmakers, animators and independent producers throughout Australia. ADG has 700 members nationally.

ADG works to promote excellence in screen direction, to encourage communication and collaboration between directors and others in the industry, and to provide professional support for its members. ADG is proud to represent the key creative elements of the Australian independent film sector, and it maintains a high profile and leading cultural and policy role through its efforts to address issues affecting the industry from a broad perspective.

Membership benefits include discount tickets to ADG events, concessions to cinemas and theatres and weekly news via e-mail.

