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FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES - AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORS GUILD AWARDS Entries Close July 21

There is only one week remaining to enter the 2nd Australian Directors Guild Awards - 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.

ADG award-winners will be announced at a star-studded awards ceremony on Saturday 27 September, during the ADG National Directors Conference which takes place from 25 – 28 September at the new AFTRS building, within the Entertainment Quarter in Moore Park, Sydney.

In 2007 over 100 applicants entered the inaugural ADG Directors Awards, with filmmaker Kriv Stenders (*The Illustrated Family Doctor*, *Blacktown*) awarded the inaugural Directors Finders Series Award for his low-budget independent feature film *Boxing Day*. The Award is a Directors Guild of America initiative, which allowed Stenders to take his film to the US to showcase before local distributors, agents and peers. Other award winners in 2007 included Matthew Saville (*Noise*) for Outstanding Achievement in Feature Film, David Bradbury (*Raul The Terrible*) for Best Direction in a Documentary and Julius Avery (*End of Town*) for Best Direction in a Student Short Film.

ADG General Manager, Harriet McKern says, "With a corporate or institutional ADG membership, film schools can enter some work of their students for free, as can tvc companies so we strongly encourage organizations as well as individuals to join the ADG, enter the awards and reap the other benefits from becoming a member."

The ADG Awards are judged by a panel of creative high profile directors and create an opportunity for film directors to be publicly celebrated by their peers. The ADG National Directors Conference offers a great networking opportunity for filmmakers, placing the director at the centre of the production process while emphasising his or hers creative collaborations.

Only productions screened to the public for the first time between July 1 2007 and June 30 2008 are eligible for entry in the 2008 ADG Awards. Submissions must be received by July 21st 2008. For further information and entry forms go to <http://www.adg.org.au>



The Australian Directors Guild would like to especially thank Screen Australia, the New South Wales Film and Television Office and the Australian Film, Television and Radio School for their generous support of the ADG Conference and Awards this year.

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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.



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