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SIMON BAKER, JENNIFER PEEDOM, GREG MCLEAN AND KRIV STENDERS AMONGST THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018 ADG AWARDS

The Australian Directors' Guild (ADG) Awards are fast approaching and this morning the ADG has revealed the nominations for 2018. Simon Baker has received a nomination for his directorial feature debut *Breath* and he is joined in the BEST DIRECTION OF A FEATURE FILM category by Greg McLean for *Jungle*, Tori Garrett for *Don't Tell*, Jeffrey Walker for *Ali's Wedding* and Jason Raftopoulos for *West of Sunshine*.

Jennifer Peedom was the winner of the 2016 award for BEST DIRECTION OF A DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM and she is nominated again in the same category in 2018 for her film *Mountain*. She is joined by Larissa Behrendt for *After the Apology*, Sascha Ettinger Epstein for *The Pink House* and Kriv Stenders for *The Go-Betweens: Right Here*.

Kriv Stenders has also been recognised for his work on *Wake In Fright*, with a nomination for BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD MINI SERIES. Also included in this category are Daina Reid for *Sunshine*, Glendyn Ivin for *Seven Types of Ambiguity*, Matthew Saville for *Friday on My Mind* and Michael Jenkins for *Blue Murder: Killer Cop*.

Fiona Banks has nominations in two categories. The first is for the ESSEN STORM AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTION OF A CHILDREN'S TV OR SVOD DRAMA for her work on *Mustangs FC (Series 1, Episode 13)* and the second is for BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD DRAMA SERIES for *Wentworth (Series 5, Episode 5)*. In the Esben Storm category she is joined by four other female directors: Beth Armstrong for *Drop Dead Weird (Series 1, Episode 15)*, Corrie Chen for *Mustangs FC (Series 1, Episode 6)*, Julie Kalceff for *First Day (Series 1)* and Tori Garrett receives her second 2018 ADG nomination for *Mustangs FC (Series 1, Episode 1)*. The other nominees in BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD DRAMA SERIES are Geoff Bennett for *Wolf Creek (Series 2, Episode 5)*, Peter Andrikidis for *Pulse (Series 1, Episode 7)* and Shannon Murphy for *Sisters (Series 1, Episode 5)*.

In the TV documentary categories, Alex Barry (*The Surgery Ship*), Dan Goldberg (*The Archibald*), Ivan O'Mahoney (*The Queen & Zak Grieve*), Max Bourke (*Man Up (Series 1, Episode 2)*) and Sally Aitken (*David Stratton's Stories of Australian Cinema*) have all received nominations for BEST DIRECTION OF A DOCUMENTARY SERIES. In the BEST DIRECTION OF A DOCUMENTARY STANDALONE PROJECT category, Jack Yabsley has been nominated for *Kings of Baxter*, alongside Jeff Daniels for *Fair Game*, Jolyon Hoff for *The Staging Post* and Sari Braithwaite for *Paper Trails*.

The category of BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD COMEDY PROGRAM sees Ben Chessell receive a nomination for *The Family Law (Series 2, Episode 2)* alongside Jonathan Brough for *Rosehaven (Series 2, Episode 4)*, Sian Davies for *True Story with Hamish & Andy (Episode "Phil")* and Trent O'Donnell for *The Letdown (Series 1, Episode 5)*.



The full list of nominations can be found below.

The annual ADG Awards will take place on Friday 4 May at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. To be eligible for the Awards, all work must have screened publicly for the first time between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2017, except for student films where the project needs only to have been completed within these dates. The ADG Awards are the only opportunity for Australian directors and their work to be acknowledged by their directing peers. The Awards recognise excellence in the craft and art of directing, as well as acknowledging individual contributions by Australian Screen Directors to film, television, documentary, animation and interactive media.

Tickets are available here: <https://adg.org.au/events/2018-adg-awards-tickets>

COMPLETE LIST OF THE 2018 ADG NOMINATIONS:

BEST DIRECTION OF A FEATURE FILM

- **Greg McLean** for *Jungle*
- **Jason Raftopoulos** for *West of Sunshine*
- **Jeffrey Walker** for *Ali's Wedding*
- **Simon Baker** for *Breath*
- **Tori Garrett** for *Don't Tell*

BEST DIRECTION OF A SHORT FILM

- **Andrew Lee** for *Melon Grab*
- **Danielle Baynes and Yolanda Ramke** for *Cold Hearts*
- **John Sheedy** for *Mrs McCutcheon*
- **Julietta Boscolo** for *Let's See How Fast This Baby Will Go*
- **Vanessa Gazy** for *Highway*

BEST DIRECTION OF A STUDENT FILM

- **Charby Ibrahim** for *The Holiday Inn-Side*
- **Darcy Tuppen** for *The Land Will Eat You (Graon Bae Hemi Kakae Yu)*
- **Lucy Knox** for *An Act of Love*
- **Quentin Curzon** for *Rift*



BEST DIRECTION OF A DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

- **Jennifer Peedom** for *Mountain*
- **Kriv Stenders** for *The Go-Betweens: Right Here*
- **Larissa Behrendt** for *After the Apology*
- **Sascha Ettinger Epstein** for *The Pink House*

BEST DIRECTION OF A DOCUMENTARY SERIES

- **Alex Barry** for *The Surgery Ship*
- **Dan Goldberg** for *The Archibald*
- **Ivan O'Mahoney** for *The Queen & Zak Grieve*
- **Max Bourke** for *Man Up (Series 1, Episode 2)*
- **Sally Aitken** for *David Stratton's Stories of Australian Cinema*

BEST DIRECTION OF A DOCUMENTARY STANDALONE PROJECT

- **Jack Yabsley** for *Kings of Baxter*
- **Jeff Daniels** for *Fair Game*
- **Jolyon Hoff** for *The Staging Post*
- **Sari Braithwaite** for *Paper Trails*

ESBEN STORM AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTION OF A CHILDREN'S TV OR SVOD DRAMA

- **Beth Armstrong** for *Drop Dead Weird (Series 1, Episode 15)*
- **Corrie Chen** for *Mustangs FC (Series 1, Episode 6)*
- **Fiona Banks** for *Mustangs FC (Series 1, Episode 13)*
- **Julie Kalceff** for *First Day (Series 1)*
- **Tori Garrett** for *Mustangs FC (Series 1, Episode 1)*

BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD DRAMA SERIES

- **Fiona Banks** for *Wentworth (Series 5, Episode 5)*
- **Geoff Bennett** for *Wolf Creek (Series 2, Episode 5)*
- **Peter Andrikidis** for *Pulse (Series 1, Episode 7)*
- **Shannon Murphy** for *Sisters (Series 1, Episode 5)*

BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD DRAMA SERIAL

- **Chris Adshead** for *Neighbours Episode 7562*
- **Danny Raco** for *Home and Away Episode 6756*
- **Geoffrey Nottage** for *Home and Away Episode 6597*
- **Kath Hayden** for *Neighbours Episode 7726*



BEST DIRECTION OF A TV OR SVOD MINI SERIES

- **Daina Reid** for *Sunshine*
- **Glendyn Ivin** for *Seven Types of Ambiguity*
- **Kriv Stenders** for *Wake in Fright*
- **Matthew Saville** for *Friday on My Mind*
- **Michael Jenkins** for *Blue Murder: Killer Cop*

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- **Ben Chessell** for *The Family Law (Series 2, Episode 2)*
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- **Sian Davies** for *True Story with Hamish & Andy (Episode "Phil")*
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BEST DIRECTION OF AN ONLINE DRAMA PROJECT

- **Erin Good** for *Jade of Death*
- **Erin White** for *Other People's Problems*
- **Scott Mannion** for *The Defector*

BEST DIRECTION OF AN ONLINE COMEDY PROJECT

- **Henry Inglis** for *Small Town Hackers*
- **Kelli Cross** for *Aussie Rangers*
- **Maria Theodorakis** for *Little Acorns – Bad Parents (Episode 6)*
- **Tawni Bryant and Jerome Velinsky** for *Method*

BEST DIRECTION OF AN ANIMATED PROJECT

- **Jo Boag** for *Guess How Much I Love You: The Adventures of Little Nutbrown Hare – Christmas to the Moon and Back*
- **Luke Jurevicius** for *Sherazade: The Untold Stories (Episode 1)*
- **Marieka Walsh and Larissa Behrendt** for *Barbara*
- **Steve Baker** for *This is Desmond Ray!*



BEST DIRECTION OF COMMERCIAL CONTENT

- **Alyssa McClelland** for *Mainland – New Tricks*
- **Husein Alicajic** for *Continental // Synchronicity*
- **Martin Wilson** for *Helping Minds – Real Stories*
- **Nick Waterman** for *I am George – The Fixer*
- **Paul Komadina** for *Nature Play – Free Benji*
- **Paul Middleditch** for *Celebrate Australia*

BEST DIRECTION OF A MUSIC VIDEO

- **Nicholas Colla** for *Let You Down*
Artist: Peking Duk ft. Icona Pop
- **Nick Waterman** for *Edge of the Night*
Artist: Sheppard
- **Nick Waterman** for *Saint Lo*
Artist: Washington
- **Samuel Bright** for *Adelphi Hotel Nightmare*
Artist: Curt Manor



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