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Brooke Goldfinch and Catriona McKenzie announced as Director's Attachments on Ridley Scott's *Alien: Covenant*

Thursday 12 May 2016: The Australian Directors Guild (ADG) and Screen Australia announced today that **Brooke Goldfinch** and **Catriona McKenzie** have been chosen as the director's attachments on Sir Ridley Scott's *Alien: Covenant*. Both Brooke and Catriona will be attached to the project for five weeks each while the production films in Australia. The Director's Attachment Scheme is an incentive program funded by Screen Australia and managed by the ADG for emerging directors to develop their craft.

Producer **Mark Huffam** said, "We are very happy with the choice of the two candidates, and hopefully they will both benefit greatly from the experience of shadowing a director of Ridley Scott's standing".

Both Brooke and Catriona are accomplished directors in their own right. In 2016 Brooke, was nominated for Best Direction in a Short Film at the ADG Awards. She previously attended the Tisch School for the Arts in New York and was selected to direct a segment of the compendium feature film *The Colour of Time*, starring Hollywood heavyweights James Franco and Jessica Chastain.

Catriona is AFTRS alumni whose debut feature film, *Satellite Boy* (2012), went on to win the Crystal Bear Special Mention Award for Best Film at the Berlin Film Festival. Catriona's other credits include extensive work directing television including episodes of *Redfern Now* and *Dance Academy*.

"A director's attachment with Ridley Scott is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Across all genres, his films have a pure cinematic vision. I look forward to being a great big sponge - quiet and absorbing," said Catriona.

Brooke said, "Shadowing one of my icons on one of my favourite blockbuster film series is an extraordinary opportunity. The lessons that I'll learn from Ridley will prove invaluable when I direct my debut sci-fi feature *Splitters*, in 2017. With over 40 years experience, Ridley Scott is a master. He has always nurtured the careers of women in front of and behind the camera and I'm happy to have the privilege of working with him".

Nerida Moore, Senior Development Executive at Screen Australia congratulated Brooke and Catriona. "Screen Australia is delighted to work with the ADG to facilitate the attachments of two talented directors, Brooke Goldfinch and Catriona McKenzie, on *Alien: Covenant*. It's a recognition of their work and drive and we look forward to following their extremely promising careers."

Previous feature film attachments facilitated by the ADG and Screen Australian include Beth Armstrong on Mel Gibson's *Hacksaw Ridge*, and Kelli Cross on Rachel Perkin's *Jasper Jones*.

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