



Media Alert – Monday 30 November 2015

Australian Screen Industry to Shine at The Star in Sydney Tonight

The screen Awards season is in full swing, with the who's who of Australian film and television heading to the 5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto | Industry Dinner presented by Blue Post tonight.

Marking the first of two major Awards events held for the 5th AACTA Awards season in Sydney, tonight's event celebrates Australia's top achievements in screen craft excellence from the past year.

Award-winning actor, writer, producer **Rob Carlton**, will host the stunning event at The Star Event Centre, joined by presenters including **Gracie Otto, Kieran Darcy-Smith, Sara West, Abby Earl, Tim Ross, Heather Maltman, Andy Ryan, Aaron Jeffery, Martin Sacks, Sean Keenan, Rahel Romahn** and **Ewen Leslie**.

Also presenting are stars from some of this year's nominated Comedy and Light Entertainment Television productions, including **Kitty Flanagan** and **Tom Gleeson (THE WEEKLY WITH CHARLIE PICKERING)**, **Sammy J (SAMMY J & RANDY IN RICKETTS LANE)**, **Julia Zemiro** (presenter of **JULIA ZEMIRO'S HOME DELIVERY**), and **Brooke Satchwell** and **Lawrence Mooney** (hosts of **DIRTY LAUNDRY LIVE**).

A total of 29 awards will be presented tonight, recognising the talent and innovation of practitioners working across television, documentary, short fiction film, short animation and feature film.

In addition to nominees attending, including **George Miller (MAD MAX: FURY ROAD)**, **Gillian Armstrong (WOMEN HE'S UNDRESSED)**, **Damon Gameau (THAT SUGAR FILM)**, **Jeremy Sims (LAST CAB TO DARWIN)**, and **Celia Pacquola (UTOPIA)**, guests attending tonight include AFI Board member, **Margaret Pomeranz, Debra Lawrance, Georgie Parker Damian Walshe-Howling, Daniel MacPherson, Firass Dirani, Leeanna Walsman, Ben Mingay** and **Shari Sebbens**, to name just a few.

The Industry Dinner will mark the first winners to be announced for the 5th AACTA Awards season ahead of the 5th AACTA Awards Ceremony presented by Presto in Sydney on 9 December, which will be telecast on Channel 7.

Tickets to the Ceremony, held at The Star Event Centre in Sydney, are open to the public and industry, and are selling fast. To book, visit: www.aacta.org/events

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