2027 AACTA AWARDS

Voting Timeline

Categories / Voters	Awards	Round 1 (Decide the AACTA Nominees)	Round 2 (Decide the AACTA Winners)
Short Film Awards Preselection committee (by invitation along with EOI) Rd 1: Professional, General and Youth members determine nominees Rd 2: Professional, General and Youth members determine winner	AACTA Award for Best Short Film · Pre-selection starts: 10 Aug 2026 · Pre-selection ends: 15 Sep 2026	25 Sept 2026 – 16 Oct 2026	10 Dec 2026 – 21 Dec 2026
Documentary (Feature) Awards Rd 1: Best Documentary - All Professional members determine nominees Rd 2: Best Documentary - All Professional members determine winner	AACTA Award for Best Documentary	25 Sept 2026 – 5 Oct 2026	10 Dec 2026 – 21 Dec 2026
Online Awards Nominations and winner decided by jury	AACTA Award for Best Online Drama or Comedy Series	13 Nov 2026 – 23 Nov 2026	N/A
Film Awards Rd 1: Production and Acting - All Professional members Rd 2: Production and Acting - All Professional members	AACTA Award for Best Film AACTA Award for Best Indie Film AACTA Award for Best Lead Actor in Film AACTA Award for Best Lead Actress in Film AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actor in Film AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actress in Film	2 Oct 2026 – 9 Nov 2026	10 Dec 2026 – 21 Dec 2026
TV Awards Rd 1: Production and Acting - All Professional members Rd 2: Production and Acting - All Professional members	AACTA Award for Best Children's Program AACTA Award for Best Documentary or Factual Program AACTA Award for Best Drama Series AACTA Award for Best Entertainment Program AACTA Award for Best Factual Entertainment Program AACTA Award for Best Miniseries AACTA Award for Best Narrative Comedy Series AACTA Award for Best Competition Reality Program AACTA Award for Best Stand-Up Special AACTA Award for Best Lead Acting in a Comedy AACTA Award for Best Supporting Acting in a Comedy AACTA Award for Best Lead Actor in a Drama AACTA Award for Best Lead Actress in a Drama AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama	2 Oct 2026 – 16 Nov 2026	10 Dec 2026 – 21 Dec 2026

Television Craft Rd 1: Respective Chapters determine nominees Rd 2: Respective Chapters determine winners	AACTA Award for Best Casting in TV AACTA Award for Best Cinematography in TV AACTA Award for Best Costume Design in TV AACTA Award for Best Direction in Drama or Comedy AACTA Award for Best Direction in Nonfiction TV AACTA Award for Best Editing in TV AACTA Award for Best Original Score in TV AACTA Award for Best Production Design in TV AACTA Award for Best Screenplay in TV AACTA Award for Best Sound in TV	2 Oct 2026 – 16 Nov 2026	10 Dec 2026 – 21 Dec 2026
Film Craft Rd 1: Respective Chapters determine nominees Rd 2: Respective Chapters determine winners	AACTA Award for Best Cinematography in Film AACTA Award for Best Costume Design in Film AACTA Award for Best Editing in Film AACTA Award for Best Production Design in Film AACTA Award for Best Original Score in Film AACTA Award for Best Sound in Film AACTA Award for Best Casting in Film AACTA Award for Best Direction in Film AACTA Award for Best Original Screenplay in Film AACTA Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in Film	2 Oct 2026 – 9 Nov 2026	10 Dec 2026 – 21 Dec 2026
Documentary Craft Rd 1: Respective Chapters determine a shortlist of 5 productions per format (Feature Documentary and TV Documentary) Rd 2: Respective Chapters determine nominees and winners from top 10	AACTA Award for Best Cinematography in a Documentary AACTA Award for Best Editing in a Documentary AACTA Award for Best Sound in a Documentary AACTA Award for Best Original Score in a Documentary	Feature Documentaries 28 Aug 2026 – 29 Sept 2026 TV Documentaries 2 Oct 2026 – 30 Oct 2026	6 Nov 2026 – 23 Nov 2026
Hair and Makeup TV and Film candidates combined	AACTA Award for Best Hair and Makeup	10 Nov 2026 – 23 Nov 2026	N/A
Visual Effects and Animation All VFX and Animation accredited chapter members and Visual Effects Society invitees	AACTA Award for Best Visual Effects or Animation	10 Nov 2026 – 23 Nov 2026	N/A
Music Awards TV and Film candidates combined	AACTA Award for Best Original Song AACTA Award for Best Soundtrack	10 Nov 2026 – 23 Nov 2026	N/A

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