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AACTA Announces the Asia | Australia Film Forum

Tickets are now on sale for the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) **Asia | Australia Film Forum** which includes an afternoon of exciting panel discussions and networking opportunities, held on Tuesday 3 December at Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf, Sydney.

The latest event to be held as part of AACTA's Asia International Engagement Program, the 2019 Asia | Australia Film Forum aims to further encourage collaboration between the film industries of Asia and Australia. This year the forum includes two exclusive panel discussions that will bring together some of the most important figures working across the regions.

The international VFX industry continues to grow at a rapid pace with films rich in visual effects dominating the box office, including Marvel's AVENGERS: ENDGAME, the highest-grossing film of all time and PETER RABBIT, the highest grossing Australian film in 2018.

AACTA's **Cross-Border World Creation through VFX** panel will bring together some of the most talented Visual Effects Producers and Supervisors to discuss their work in creating and developing unique worlds from acclaimed studios including Marvel, Rising Sun Pictures and Zhang Yimou Studio.

Panellists will discuss the creation of Marvel Universe, the dark world of SHADOW and the slums of DISTRICT 9 as well as the soon-to-be-released Chinese blockbuster THE EIGHT HUNDRED. The audience will also be taken on a deep-dive through some of the most sophisticated worlds ever created, supported by an array of on-screen visuals.

Panellists include:

- **Damien Carr** (CAPTAIN MARVEL, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: VOLUME 2, LIFE OF PI, JURASSIC WORLD)
- **Christopher Townsend** (CAPTAIN MARVEL, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: VOLUME 2, IRON MAN 3, AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON, CAPTAIN AMERICA)
- **Tim Crosbie** (THE WOLVERINE, X-MEN: APOCALYPSE, THE EIGHT HUNDRED)
- **Samson Sing Wun Wong** (POWER RANGERS, SHADOW, PROJECT X-TRACTION)

Asian-Australian and Chinese actors will discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with establishing successful, international careers during the second panel discussion; **Actors Working in Hollywood, Bollywood & China**. The panel will share valuable insights into the differences and challenges experienced between local and international markets, the importance of diverse casts, and personal advice for emerging performers and creatives, particularly those wanting to break into the international market.

Panellists include:

- **Remy Hii** (CRAZY RICH ASIANS, SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME, MARCO POLO)
- **Chloe Maayan** (THREE HUSBANDS, THE WILD GOOSE LAKE, BITTER FLOWERS)
- **Chris Pang** (CHARLIE'S ANGELS, CRAZY RICH ASIANS, CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON: SWORD OF DESTINY)
- **Pallavi Sharda** (TOM AND JERRY, LION, PULSE, DUS TOLA)
- **Augusta Xu-Holland** (FRONTIER LOVE, THE EIGHT HUNDRED, ON WINGS OF EAGLES)

Following the two Film Forum panel discussions, AACTA will host an exclusive VIP Cocktail Party, providing guests with an opportunity to meet and connect with panellists and other leading figures from the Australian and Asian film communities.

“We are thrilled to see the continued growth of the Asian film industry in conjunction with the number of creative collaborations between Asia and Australia,” said **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella**. “We are delighted to have such a number of accomplished panellists at the Film Forum that will share their insights with the Australian industry which will continue to encourage, support and provide opportunities for partnership, resulting in unique productions and diverse casts and crew.”

EVENT DETAILS – TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2019

Venue: Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf, Pyrmont, Sydney

Event times:

3.00 - 4.30pm | Cross-Border World Creation through VFX

5.00 - 6.30pm | Actors Working in Hollywood, Bollywood & China

6.30 - 9.00pm | Cocktail Party

Tickets go on sale at 9am AEDT on Wednesday 13 November from www.aacta.org/whats-on. Please note, limited tickets are available:

- **Film Forum Panel Discussions** | \$60 (\$40 for AFI | AACTA members)
- **Film Forum Panel Discussions & Cocktail Party** | \$100 (\$85 for AFI | AACTA members)

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