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Australian Academy announces winners for the 9th AACTA International Awards

Adam Driver, Bong Joon Ho, Saoirse Ronan & Quentin Tarantino among winners in attendance

The Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) has announced the winners of the 9th AACTA International Awards at a star-studded Ceremony held at Mondrian Los Angeles.

Winning the Award for Best Film was the South Korean black comedy thriller **PARASITE**, written and directed by **Bong Joon Ho** who accepted the Australian Academy's highest Award. The film also received the AACTA Award for Best Asian Film at the AACTA Awards in Sydney last month.

ONCE UPON A TIME... IN HOLLYWOOD took home two awards with **Quentin Tarantino** winning **Best Direction** and **Brad Pitt** winning **Best Supporting Actor**.

The lead performance awards went to **Adam Driver**, who won Best Lead Actor for his portrayal of stage director Charlie Barber in **MARRIAGE STORY** and **Saoirse Ronan**, who won Best Lead Actress for her performance as the outspoken tomboy, Jo March in **LITTLE WOMEN**.

First-time AACTA nominee **Taika Waititi** received the Award for **Best Screenplay** for the World War II satire **JOJO RABBIT**, which has also seen **Waititi** earn his first two Golden Globe® nominations.

Following a record-breaking double nomination in the Supporting Actress category, **Margot Robbie** took home the Award for Best Supporting Actress for biographical drama **BOMBSHELL**, marking the second AACTA International Award received by the Australian actress.

Adam Driver, Saoirse Ronan, Quentin Tarantino, Bong Joon Ho as well as producers **David Heyman** and **Shannon McIntosh** were among the nominees and VIP guests in attendance at the exclusive Ceremony.

Joining host **Jason Dundas** (**THE WATCHLIST, ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT**) on stage to present awards were some of the industry's leading film and television talent, including **Niki Caro** (**WHALE RIDER, MULAN**), **Bill Mechanic** (**HACKSAW RIDGE, CORALINE**), **Phillip Noyce** (**SALT, THE BONE COLLECTOR**) and **Josh Thomas** (**PLEASE LIKE ME, EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE OKAY**).

"This year we are thrilled to celebrate such a vast and vibrant group of winners, showcasing international excellence, irrespective of geography," said **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trewhella**. "The AACTA International Awards continue to honour the best achievements in screen, adding a uniquely Australian voice to the international awards circuit. I congratulate all of the evening's winners – with special congratulations to our Australian winner **Margot Robbie** – and wish them every success throughout the upcoming awards season."

The 9th AACTA International Awards will be covered in an episode of **THE WATCHLIST**, aired in Australia exclusively on **FOX One** on **Saturday 11 January at 7.30pm AEDT** with an encore on **Sunday 12 January at 6.00pm AEDT** on **ARENA**.

WINNERS AND NOMINEES

AACTA International Award for Best Film

- THE IRISHMAN
- JOKER
- THE KING
- ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD
- **PARASITE**

AACTA International Award for Best Direction

- 1917 – Sam Mendes
- THE IRISHMAN – Martin Scorsese
- JOKER – Todd Phillips
- **ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD – Quentin Tarantino**
- PARASITE – Bong Joon Ho

AACTA International Award for Best Screenplay

- THE IRISHMAN – Steven Zaillian
- **JOJO RABBIT – Taika Waititi**
- JOKER – Todd Phillips, Scott Silver
- ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD – Quentin Tarantino
- PARASITE – Bong Joon ho, Jin Won Han

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actor

- Christian Bale – FORD V FERRARI
- Antonio Banderas – PAIN AND GLORY
- Robert De Niro – THE IRISHMAN
- **Adam Driver – MARRIAGE STORY**
- Joaquin Phoenix – JOKER

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actress

- Awkwafina – THE FAREWELL
- Scarlett Johansson – MARRIAGE STORY
- **Saoirse Ronan – LITTLE WOMEN**
- Charlize Theron – BOMBSHELL
- Renée Zellweger – JUDY

AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actor

- John Lithgow – BOMBSHELL
- Al Pacino – THE IRISHMAN
- Joe Pesci – THE IRISHMAN
- **Brad Pitt – ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD**
- Song Kang-Ho – PARASITE

AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actress

- Toni Collette – KNIVES OUT
- Nicole Kidman – BOMBSHELL
- Florence Pugh – LITTLE WOMEN
- **Margot Robbie – BOMBSHELL**
- Margot Robbie – ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD

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IMAGES AND FOOTAGE

To access Red Carpet, Ceremony and Winner images from Getty Images via ImageNet, click [here](#). Footage from the Ceremony will be available via Dropbox from 10:30pm PST Friday January 3, 2020 / 5:30pm AEDT Saturday January 4, 2020. Please contact PR Dept (for USA media) or NixCo (for Australian media) for access to this Dropbox link.

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ABOUT THE AACTA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

The AACTA International Awards recognise film excellence regardless of geography. The Awards are determined by the AACTA International Chapter which is made up of 150 Australian screen professionals with distinguished international credentials, many of whom are members of AMPAS and BAFTA. For more information on the AACTA International Awards, [click here](#).

ABOUT AFI | AACTA

The AACTA Awards are a continuum of the Australian Film Institute (AFI) Awards, which were first presented 61 years ago in 1958. Past AFI Award recipients including Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Eric Bana, Toni Collette, Dr. George Miller (AFI | AACTA Patron) and Cate Blanchett (AFI | AACTA Ambassador).

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