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Australian Academy announce nominations for the 7th AACTA International Awards

The Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA), has today announced the nominees for the 7th AACTA International Awards.

A total of 15 films have received nominations this year, with **CALL ME BY YOUR NAME**, **LADY BIRD** and **THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI** leading the way with five nominations each.

Best Film nominations follow American Film Institute Movie of the Year acknowledgements for all five nominees: **CALL ME BY YOUR NAME**, **DUNKIRK**, **LADY BIRD**, **THE SHAPE OF WATER** and **THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI**.

Fresh from receiving two Awards at the Sydney-hosted AACTA Awards last week, **Nicole Kidman** continues an incredible year with her second consecutive AACTA International Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress for **THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER**. Nicole is chasing her second consecutive win, having won the Award earlier this year for **LION**.

This year also sees over three quarters of nominees receive their first AACTA nominations, including: **Greta Gerwig** (**LADY BIRD**), **Christopher Nolan** (**DUNKIRK**), **Allison Janney** (**I, TONYA**), **Gary Oldman** (**DARKEST HOUR**), **Frances McDormand** (**THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI**), **Willem Dafoe** (**THE FLORIDA PROJECT**) and Australian actress **Margot Robbie**, who follows her first Golden Globe nomination with her first AACTA International Award nomination for Best Lead Actress for **I, TONYA**.

Fellow Australians also receiving nominations are: **Hugh Jackman** (**LOGAN**), **Ben Mendelsohn** (**DARKEST HOUR**), **Abbie Cornish** (**THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI**) and Australian director **Craig Gillespie** (**I, TONYA**).

“Now in our seventh year, we are delighted to continue celebrating international excellence within the film industry, honouring the world’s best performers, practitioners and productions,” said **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella**. “It’s great to see our International Chapter members adding their uniquely Australian perspective to the conversations, with a number of nominations for Australians who have excelled on the world stage. We are very proud to count these Australian filmmakers among our nominees and I congratulate all the nominees and wish them every success during the upcoming Awards season.”

Foxtel Executive Director of Television Brian Walsh said, “We are proud to partner with AACTA and bring our subscribers the official broadcast of the AACTA International Awards from Los Angeles on Foxtel Arts. This special event outlines our ongoing commitment to supporting the Australian film and television industry on a global scale.”

Winners of the 7th AACTA International Awards will be announced in Los Angeles on Friday 5 January at an exclusive ceremony held at The Avalon Hollywood. The Ceremony will be telecast in Australia exclusively on Foxtel Arts, Foxtel’s high definition dedicated arts channel, on Sunday 7 January at 8.30pm AEDT, with encores on Monday 8 January at 6.00pm AEDT and Wednesday 10 January at 7:30pm AEDT.

NOMINEES

AACTA International Award for Best Film

- CALL ME BY YOUR NAME
- DUNKIRK
- LADY BIRD
- THE SHAPE OF WATER
- THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI

AACTA International Award for Best Direction

- CALL ME BY YOUR NAME – Luca Guadagnino
- DUNKIRK – Christopher Nolan
- I, TONYA – Craig Gillespie
- LADY BIRD – Greta Gerwig
- THE SHAPE OF WATER – Guillermo del Toro

AACTA International Award for Best Screenplay

- CALL ME BY YOUR NAME – James Ivory
- DUNKIRK – Christopher Nolan
- GET OUT – Jordan Peele
- LADY BIRD – Greta Gerwig
- THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI – Martin McDonagh

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actress

- Judi Dench – VICTORIA & ABDUL
- Sally Hawkins – THE SHAPE OF WATER
- Frances McDormand – THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI
- Margot Robbie – I, TONYA
- Saoirse Ronan – LADY BIRD

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actor

- Timothée Chalamet – CALL ME BY YOUR NAME
- Daniel Day-Lewis – PHANTOM THREAD
- Hugh Jackman – LOGAN
- Daniel Kaluuya – GET OUT
- Gary Oldman – DARKEST HOUR

AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actress

- Mary J. Blige – MUDBOUND
- Abbie Cornish – THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI
- Allison Janney – I, TONYA
- Nicole Kidman – THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER
- Laurie Metcalf – LADY BIRD

AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actor

- Willem Dafoe – THE FLORIDA PROJECT
- Armie Hammer – CALL ME BY YOUR NAME
- Tom Hardy – DUNKIRK
- Ben Mendelsohn – DARKEST HOUR
- Sam Rockwell – THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI

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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](#).

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This year marks the 7th Awards of AACTA, which was established by the Australian Film Institute (AFI) in 2011. The AACTA Awards are a continuum of the AFI Awards, which were first presented 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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