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Stephen Curry to host the 2018 AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel

The countdown to Australia's top film and television awards is well and truly underway, with the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) today announcing that much-loved Australian actor **Stephen Curry** will host this year's Awards Ceremony, televised on Channel Seven.

Held on Wednesday 5 December at The Star Event Centre in Sydney – home of the AACTA Awards – the 2018 AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel will celebrate AFI | AACTA's 60th anniversary as Australia's longest standing national screen culture and industry development organisation. The Awards Ceremony will not only celebrate the top screen achievements of the past year, but will also look back on the Australian Academy and Australian screen industry's incredible history, talented practitioners and world-class productions.

An AFI Award-winning actor (for starring as industry stalwart Graham Kennedy in *THE KING* in 2007), Stephen returns to host this year's special AACTA Awards Ceremony, last hosting the Ceremony in 2008 when AFI celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

"I am so thrilled (and weeing my pants a little bit) to be hosting the 60th Anniversary of the AFI | AACTA Awards," said **Stephen Curry**. "It's been ten long years since they've let me take the reins of the night and for some ridiculous reason, they've asked me back. I can't wait to celebrate one of the most outstanding years in the history of our industry. And as excited as I am to be hosting, I just can't shake the feeling that Russell Crowe said he was busy."

"**Stephen Curry** is not only one of Australia's most well-loved and respected actors, he is also a long-time supporter of AFI | AACTA, having helmed the 50th Anniversary AFI Awards back in 2008 – among our finest awards ceremonies to date," said **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella**. "We are thrilled to have Stephen return to host our 60th Anniversary Awards Ceremony and look forward to what is sure to be an amazing show."

NSW Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said, "The AACTA Awards are an important celebration of our thriving film and television industry, honouring the profound talent and unforgettable performances that have helped define this next generation of cinema-goers and screen-junkies. There is absolutely no denying the life and colour that the screen industry injects into our culture and economy, so we are thrilled to once again be hosting Australia's best and brightest for this year's AACTA Awards here in Sydney."

Tickets to the 2018 AACTA Awards Ceremony presented by Foxtel are open to the public and industry and are on sale now. To book, visit www.aacta.org/whats-on.

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The AACTA Awards are supported by the New South Wales Government via its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

STEPHEN CURRY BIOGRAPHY

Stephen Curry has been a regular face on Australian screens for over 25 years, having appeared in some of the best films and TV series this country has created. Since his breakout role as Dale Kerrigan in classic Aussie movie **THE CASTLE**, Stephen has had leading roles in many film and television productions including **PINE GAP, THE TIME OF OUR LIVES, REDFERN NOW, HIDING, CLOUDSTREET, THE CUP, FALSE WITNESS, THE INFORMANT, TAKE AWAY, THE SECRET LIFE OF US, THE NUGGET** and **THUNDERSTRUCK**. His performance as television icon Graham Kennedy in the multi-award winning biopic

THE KING won him an AFI Award for Best Actor, a Silver Logie for Most Outstanding Actor and an ASTRA Award for Best Actor in a Drama.

More recently Stephen appeared to international acclaim in the feature film **HOUNDS OF LOVE**, a harrowing tale of a serial-killing couple from Perth in the mid-80s. Not only did it play at international film festivals Tribeca, SXSW, Brussels and Venice, it also won him the Best Actor Award at the Film Critics Circle Awards of Australia and nominations for Best Actor at the AACTA Awards, OZFlix Awards and AFCA Awards.

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