



2020 AACTA AWARDS PRESENTED BY FOXTEL First Round Nominees – by Category

TELEVISION

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST DRAMA SERIES

- **BLOOM** David Maher, David Taylor, Glen Dolman, Sue Seary—Playmaker Media (Stan)
- **DOCTOR DOCTOR** Ian Collie, Ally Henville, Keith Thompson, Rodger Corser—Easy Tiger (Nine Network)
- **HALIFAX: RETRIBUTION** Roger Simpson, Louisa Kors—Beyond Lone Hand (Nine Network)
- **THE HEIGHTS** Warren Clarke, Peta Astbury-Bulsara, Debbie Lee, Que Minh Luu—Matchbox Pictures in association with For Pete’s Sake Productions (ABC)
- **MYSTERY ROAD** David Jowsey, Greer Simpkin—Bunya Productions (ABC)
- **WENTWORTH** Jo Porter, Pino Amenta—Fremantle (Foxtel)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST TELEFEATURE OR MINISERIES

- **THE GLOAMING** Victoria Madden, John Molloy, Fiona McConaghy—2 Jons and Sweet Potato Films (Stan)
- **HUNGRY GHOSTS** Stephen Corvini, Timothy Hobart, Debbie Lee, Sue Masters—Matchbox Pictures (SBS)
- **OPERATION BUFFALO** Vincent Sheehan, Tanya Phegan, Peter Duncan—Porchlight Films (ABC)
- **THE SECRETS SHE KEEPS** Helen Bowden, Jason Stephens, Paul Watters—Lingo Pictures (Network Ten)
- **STATELESS** Cate Blanchett, Elise McCredie, Tony Ayres, Sheila Jayadev, Paul Ranford, Liz Watts, Andrew Upton—Matchbox Pictures, Dirty Films (ABC)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST COMEDY SERIES

- **AT HOME ALONE TOGETHER** Nick Hayden, Janet Gaeta, Nikita Agzarian, Dan Ilic—Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC)
- **BLACK COMEDY** Kath Shelper, Mark O’Toole, Nakkiah Lui, David Woodhead—Scarlett Pictures (ABC)
- **THE OTHER GUY** Angie Fielder, Polly Staniford, Jude Troy, Alice Willison—Aquarius Films, Wooden Horse (Stan)
- **ROSEHAVEN** Andrew Walker, Kevin Whyte, Celia Pacquola, Luke McGregor—What Horse? And Guesswork Television (ABC)
- **UPRIGHT** – Jason Stephens, Helen Bowden, Melissa Kelly, Chris Taylor, Tim Minchin—Lingo Pictures (Foxtel)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST COMEDY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

- **AUSTRALIAN AMAZON ORIGINAL STAND-UP SPECIALS** Todd Abbott, Frank Bruzzese, Kevin Whyte, Kathleen McCarthy—Guesswork Television (Amazon Prime Video Australia)
- **AUSTRALIAN LOCKDOWN COMEDY FESTIVAL** Kevin Whyte, Jon Casimir, Todd Abbott—Guesswork Television (Stan)
- **DRUNK HISTORY AUSTRALIA** Paul Franklin, Chris Culvenor, Sophia Mogford, Ashley Davies—Eureka Productions (Network Ten)
- **LOL: LAST ONE LAUGHING AUSTRALIA** David McDonald, Marty Benson—Amazon Prime Video Australia, Endemol Shine Australia (Amazon Prime Video Australia)
- **SHAUN MICALLEF'S MAD AS HELL** Shaun Micallef, Peter Beck, Gary McCaffrie—ITV Studios Australia, Giant Baby Productions (ABC)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

- **EUROVISION – AUSTRALIA DECIDES – GOLD COAST 2020** Paul Clarke, Stephanie Werrett, Josh Martin—Blink TV Production (SBS)
- **HARD QUIZ** Chris Walker, Kevin Whyte, Charlie Pickering, Tom Gleeson, John Tabbagh—Thinkative Television (ABC)
- **HAVE YOU BEEN PAYING ATTENTION?** Santo Cilaurò, Tom Gleisner, Michael Hirsh, Rob Sitch—Working Dog Productions (Network Ten)
- **LEGO® MASTERS AUSTRALIA** David McDonald, AJ Johnson, Mark Barlin—Endemol Shine Australia in association with Nine Network (Nine Network)
- **THE VOICE** Leigh Aramberri, Chloe Baker, Jaala Webster, Beth Hart—ITV Studios Australia (Nine Network)
- **THE WEEKLY** Kevin Whyte, Chris Walker, Charlie Pickering, Jo Long—Thinkative Television, Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

- **GOGGLEBOX AUSTRALIA** Howard Myers, David McDonald, Kerrie Kerr— Endemol Shine, Network Ten, Foxtel (Foxtel, Network Ten)
- **HAMISH & ANDY'S "PERFECT" HOLIDAY** Tim Bartley, Hamish Blake, Andy Lee, Ryan Shelton—Radio Karate (Nine Network)
- **LOVE ON THE SPECTRUM** Cian O'Clery, Karina Holden, Jenni Wilks —Northern Pictures (ABC)
- **THE PROJECT** Craig Campbell, Christopher Bendall, Sarah Ashley—Roving Enterprises, Network Ten (Network Ten)
- **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?** Maxine Gray, Michael Wilton—Warner Bros. International Television Productions (SBS)
- **YOU CAN'T ASK THAT** Kirk Docker, Frances O'Riordan, Ali Russell—Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

- **BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS** Russel Palmer, Rani Eaton—Seven Network (Seven Network)
- **JIMMY SHU'S TASTE OF THE TERRITORY** Naina Sen, Sally Ingleton, Josh Martin—Indigo Productions and 360 Degree Films (SBS)
- **THE LIVING ROOM** Sarah Thornton, Ciaran Flannery—Network Ten (Network Ten)
- **LUKE NGUYEN'S RAILWAY VIETNAM** Michael Donnelly, Josh Martin, John Hatcher, Clara O'Sullivan—Red Creative Media (SBS)
- **RESTORATION AUSTRALIA** Brooke Bayvel—Fremantle (ABC)
- **SELLING HOUSES AUSTRALIA** Sonia Harding, Geoff Fitzpatrick, Wendy Moore—Beyond Productions (Foxtel)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST REALITY PROGRAM

- **THE AMAZING RACE AUSTRALIA** Paul Franklin, Chris Culvenor, Sophia Mogford, Stephen Tate—Eureka Productions (Network Ten)
- **AUSTRALIAN SURVIVOR: ALL STARS** Amelia Fisk, Keely Sonntag, Adam Fergusson—Endemol Shine Australia (Network Ten)
- **THE BLOCK** David Barbour, Julian Cress—Cavalier Television (Nine Network)
- **I'M A CELEBRITY... GET ME OUT OF HERE!** Ben Ulm, Clare Bath, Alex Mavroidakis, Riima Daher—ITV Studios Australia (Network Ten)
- **MASTERCHEF AUSTRALIA** Marty Benson, Adam Fergusson—Endemol Shine Australia (Network Ten)
- **THE REAL DIRTY DANCING** Paul Franklin, Chris Culvenor, Sophia Mogford, Sonya Wilkes—Eureka Productions (Seven Network)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

- **ARE YOU TOUGHER THAN YOUR ANCESTORS?** Vanna Morosini, Stu Connolly, Donna Andrews—Flying Kite Pictures & Sticky Pictures (ABC)
- **BLUEY** Joe Brumm, Charlie Aspinwall, Sam Moor, Daley Pearson—Ludo Studio (ABC)
- **FIRST DAY** Julie Kalceff, Kirsty Stark, Kate Croser—Epic Films (ABC)
- **THE INBESTIGATORS** Robyn Butler, Wayne Hope—Gristmill (ABC)
- **LITTLE J & BIG CUZ** Tony Thorne, Ned Lander, Colin South, Alicia Rackett—Ned Lander Media (NITV)
- **MUSTANGS FC** Amanda Higgs, Rachel Davis, Debbie Lee—Matchbox Pictures (ABC)

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST LEAD ACTOR IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

- **Fayssal Bazzi**—STATELESS
- **Bryan Brown**—BLOOM
- **Jai Courtney**—STATELESS
- **Ewen Leslie**—OPERATION BUFFALO
- **Aaron Pedersen**—MYSTERY ROAD

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

- **Jada Alberts**—MYSTERY ROAD
- **Rebecca Gibney**—HALIFAX: RETRIBUTION
- **Asher Keddie**—STATELESS
- **Pamela Rabe**—WENTWORTH
- **Yvonne Strahovski**—STATELESS

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST COMEDY PERFORMER

- **Milly Alcock**—UPRIGHT
- **Anne Edmonds**—AT HOME ALONE TOGETHER
- **Luke McGregor**—ROSEHAVEN
- **Tim Minchin**—UPRIGHT
- **Celia Pacquola**—ROSEHAVEN

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST GUEST OR SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

- **Rob Collins**—MYSTERY ROAD
- **Darren Gilshenan**—STATELESS
- **Damon Herriman**—THE COMMONS
- **Callan Mulvey**—MYSTERY ROAD
- **Ed Oxenbould**—BLOOM

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST GUEST OR SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

- **Cate Blanchett**—STATELESS
- **Jacqueline McKenzie**—BLOOM
- **Ngaire Pigram**—MYSTERY ROAD
- **Tasma Walton**—MYSTERY ROAD
- **Jacki Weaver**—BLOOM

FEATURE FILM

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST FILM PRESENTED BY FOXTEL

- **BABYTEETH** Alex White—Whitefalk Films
- **H IS FOR HAPPINESS** Julie Ryan, Tenille Kennedy, Lisa Hoppe—Cyan Films and The Koop
- **I AM WOMAN** Rosemary Blight, Unjoo Moon—Goalpost Pictures and Deep Blue Pacific
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Kylie du Fresne, Jason Blum—Goalpost Pictures and Blumhouse
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Hal Vogel, Liz Watts, Justin Kurzel, Paul Ranford—Porchlight Films and Daybreak Pictures
- **RELIC** Anna McLeish, Sarah Shaw—Carver Films

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST INDIE FILM

- **A BOY CALLED SAILBOAT** Cameron Nugent (Dir.), Andrew Curry, Nick Farnell, Sullivan Stapleton—iCandy Productions
- **HOT MESS** Lucy Coleman (Dir.), Sheila Jayadev, Lyn Norfor, Martin Thorne—Loose As Hell Productions, Emerald Productions, VANDAL
- **KOKO: A RED DOG STORY** Dominic Pearce (Dir.), Aaron McCann (Dir.), Nelson Woss, Lauren Brunswick—Good Dog Enterprises
- **A LION RETURNS** Serhat Caradee (Dir.), Liz Burton—Bonafide Pictures
- **STANDING UP FOR SUNNY** Steve Vidler (Dir), Jamie Hilton, Michael Pontin, Drew Bailey—Ticket To Ride
- **UNSOUND** Ian Watson (Dir.), Tsu Shan Chambers—Wise Goat Productions

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTION

- **BABYTEETH** Shannon Murphy
- **H IS FOR HAPPINESS** John Sheedy
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Leigh Whannell
- **RELIC** Natalie Erika James
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Justin Kurzel

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST LEAD ACTOR

- **George MacKay** TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG
- **Sam Neill** RAMS
- **Richard Roxburgh** H IS FOR HAPPINESS
- **Toby Wallace** BABYTEETH
- **Hugo Weaving** MEASURE FOR MEASURE

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST LEAD ACTRESS

- **Tilda Cobham-Hervey** I AM WOMAN
- **Laura Gordon** UNDERTOW
- **Elisabeth Moss** THE INVISIBLE MAN
- **Lupita Nyong'o** LITTLE MONSTERS
- **Eliza Scanlen** BABYTEETH

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- **Fayssal Bazzi** MEASURE FOR MEASURE
- **Russell Crowe** TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG
- **Aaron Jeffery** THE FLOOD
- **Ben Mendelsohn** BABYTEETH
- **Wesley Patten** H IS FOR HAPPINESS

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- **Emma Booth** H IS FOR HAPPINESS
- **Essie Davis** BABYTEETH
- **Bella Heathcote** RELIC
- **Deborah Mailman** H IS FOR HAPPINESS
- **Doris Younane** MEASURE FOR MEASURE

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST SCREENPLAY

- **BABYTEETH** Rita Kalnejais
- **LITTLE MONSTERS** Abe Forsythe
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Leigh Whannell
- **RELIC** Natalie Erika James, Christian White
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Shaun Grant

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

- **BABYTEETH** Andrew Commis
- **BLOODY HELL** Brad Shield
- **ESCAPE FROM PRETORIA** Geoffrey Hall
- **H IS FOR HAPPINESS** Bonnie Elliott
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Stefan Duscio

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST EDITING

- **BABYTEETH** Steve Evans
- **I AM WOMAN** Dany Cooper
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Andy Canny
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Nick Fenton
- **UNDERTOW** Julie-Anne De Ruvo, Nick Meyers

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST SOUND

- **BABYTEETH** Sam Hayward, Angus Robertson, Rick Lisle, Nick Emond
- **I AM WOMAN** Robert Mackenzie, Ben Osmo, Pete Smith, Tara Webb
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** P.K Hooker, Will Files, Paul “Salty” Brincat
- **RELIC** Robert Mackenzie, John Wilkinson, Steve Burgess, Glenn Newnham
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Frank Lipson, Steve Single, Andrew Neil, Andrew Ramage

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST ORIGINAL SCORE

- **BABYTEETH** Amanda Brown
- **DIRT MUSIC** Craig Armstrong
- **H IS FOR HAPPINESS** Nerida Tyson-Chew
- **I AM WOMAN** Rafael May
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Jed Kurzel

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN

- **BABYTEETH** Sherree Philips
- **I AM WOMAN** Michael Turner, Richie Dehne
- **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Alex Holmes, Katie Sharrock
- **MISS FISHER AND THE CRYPT OF TEARS** Robert Perkins
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Karen Murphy, Rebecca Cohen

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST COSTUME DESIGN

- **H IS FOR HAPPINESS** Terri Lamera
- **I AM WOMAN** Emily Seresin
- **MEASURE FOR MEASURE** Zohie Castellano, Olivia Simpson
- **STANDING UP FOR SUNNY** Nina Edwards
- **TRUE HISTORY OF THE KELLY GANG** Alice Babidge

DOCUMENTARY

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY

- **BRAZEN HUSSIES** Catherine Dwyer (Dir.), Andrea Foxworthy, Philippa Campey—Film Camp
- **BROCK: OVER THE TOP** Kriv Stenders (Dir.), Veronica Fury, Alan Erson, Ruby Schmidt—WildBear Entertainment
- **LOOKY LOOKY HERE COMES COOKY** Steven McGregor (Dir.), Danielle MacLean, Anna Grieve, Steven Thomas—Tamarind Tree Pictures, Roar Film
- **FIRESTARTER – THE STORY OF BANGARRA** Nel Minchin (Dir.), Wayne Blair (Dir.), Ivan O'Mahoney—In Films
- **SLIM & I** Kriv Stenders (Dir.), Chris Brown, Aline Jacques, James Arneman—Slim & I Productions
- **SUZI Q** Liam Firmager (Dir.), Tait Brady—The Acme Film Company

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY OR FACTUAL PROGRAM

- **AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA** Margaret Bashfield, Debbie Cuell, Matthew Tomaszewski—Endemol Shine Australia (Network Ten)
- **FIGHT FOR PLANET A: OUR CLIMATE CHALLENGE** Jodi Boylan, David Galloway—Lune Media (ABC)
- **LINDY CHAMBERLAIN: THE TRUE STORY** Ian Collie, Rob Gibson, Francine Finnane, Mark Joffe —Easy Tiger Productions (Network Ten)
- **MARALINGA TJARUTJA** Darren Dale, Jacob Hickey—Blackfella Films (ABC)
- **MURDER IN THE OUTBACK: THE FALCONIO AND LEES MYSTERY** Andrew Farrell, Matt Campbell, Bethan Arwel-Lewis, Sophie Meyrick—CJZ (Seven Network)
- **SHAUN MICALLEF'S ON THE SAUCE** Andrew Farrell, Shaun Micallef, Paula Bycroft, Matt Campbell—CJZ (ABC)

SHORT FORM AND ONLINE

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST ONLINE DRAMA OR COMEDY

- **DING DONG I'M GAY** Joshua Longhurst, Tim Spencer, Rosie Braye, Sarah Bishop—Wintergarden Pictures
- **GIRL, INTERPRETED** Grace Feng Fang Juan, Nikki Tran—NG Pictures
- **HALAL GURLS** Vonne Patiag, Petra Lovrencic—In-Between Pictures
- **KGB** Dan Riches, Luke Riches Taryne Laffar, Lauren Elliott—Mad Kids
- **LOVE IN LOCKDOWN** Robyn Butler, Wayne Hope, Lucy Durack, Eddie Perfect—Gristmill
- **PATRICIA MOORE** Chris Thompson, Blake Fraser—Cobbstar Productions, Black Sheep Films



AACTA AWARD FOR BEST ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT

- **BOUNCE PATROL** Shannon Jones—Bounce Patrol
- **CHLOE TING** Chloe Ting—AWCT Media
- **DO GO ON** Dave Warneke, Matt Stewart, Jess Perkins, Evan Munro-Smith, Emma Sharp—Do Go On Media
- **FAIRBAIRN FILMS** Lachlan Fairbairn, Jaxon Fairbairn, Darcy Ahrns—Fairbairn Films
- **MIGHTY CAR MODS** Marty Mulholland, Blair Joscelyne—Mighty Car Mods
- **THE NORRIS NUTS** Sabre Norris, Sockie Norris, Biggie Norris, Naz Norris— The Norris Nuts

AACTA AWARD FOR BEST SHORT FILM

- **CHICKEN** Alana Hicks (Dir.)—Sleena Wilson
- **CHLORINE** Melissa Anastasi (Dir.), Jessica Carrera—Dollhouse Pictures
- **I WANT TO MAKE A FILM ABOUT WOMEN** Karen Pearlman (Dir.), Richard James Allen, Meg White, Caitlin Yeo—The Physical TV Company
- **IDOL** Alex Wu (Dir.) —Victorian College of the Arts
- **THE MIRROR** Joel Kohn (Dir.), Mike Horvath, Tom Davies —Screen Invaders, Finest Hour Company, Savvy Cinema
- **THE MOOGAI** Jon Bell (Dir.) Samantha Jennings, Taylor Goddard, Mitchell Stanley, Kristina Ceyton—Causeway Films, No Coincidence Media