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## Australian Academy announces winners for the 8th AACTA International Awards

### *Alfonso Cuarón, Nicole Kidman, Mahershala Ali, Rami Malek and Olivia Colman among winners*

The Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) has announced the winners of the 8th AACTA International Awards at a star-studded Ceremony held at the Mondrian Hotel in Los Angeles.

**Alfonso Cuarón's ROMA** added another two Awards to its growing list of accolades, winning the AACTA International Awards for Best Film and Best Direction. Cuarón, who won the same two awards in 2014 for **GRAVITY**, now holds the record for the most AACTA International Award wins by an individual (a record previously held by Alejandro G. Iñárritu with three).

Also taking home two awards was period comedy-drama **THE FAVOURITE**, with **Olivia Colman** winning Best Lead Actress and writers **Deborah Davis** and **Tony McNamara** winning Best Screenplay.

**Nicole Kidman** continued her exceptional year, winning her second AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actress for gay-conversion therapy drama **BOY ERASED**. Kidman also received the AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actress for the role at the domestic AACTA Awards in Sydney last month.

The remaining two performance awards went to first-time AACTA Award winners **Rami Malek**, who won Best Lead Actor for his portrayal of Freddie Mercury in **BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**, and **Mahershala Ali**, who won Best Supporting Actor for his performance as jazz pianist and composer Don Shirley in **GREEN BOOK**.

**Nicole Kidman, Rami Malek, Glenn Close, Alfonso Cuarón, Emily Blunt, John Krasinski, and Olivia Colman** were among the nominees and VIP guests in attendance at the exclusive Ceremony.

Joining host **Renee Bargh** on stage to present awards were some of Australia's leading film and television talent, including **Alan Dale** (DYNASTY, UGLY BETTY, NCIS), **Mallory Jansen** (AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D., GALAVANT), **Danielle Macdonald** (DUMPLIN', BIRD BOX, PATTI CAKE\$), **Phillip Noyce** (SALT, THE BONE COLLECTOR, THE QUIET AMERICAN), **Peter Spierig** (WINCHESTER, PREDESTINATION), **Emma Booth** (ONCE UPON A TIME, GODS OF EGYPT), and **Hannah Gadsby**. Gadsby was retrospectively presented with the AACTA Award for Best Performance in a Television Comedy, which she won at the domestic AACTA Awards in Sydney last month for her critically acclaimed stand-up special **NANETTE**.

"This year's winners are a truly international group, spanning continents, cultures and decades," said **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella**. "The AACTA International Awards continue to add a uniquely Australian voice to the international awards circuit and I congratulate all of this evening's winners – with special congratulations to our Australian winners **Nicole Kidman** and **Tony McNamara** – and wish them every success throughout the upcoming awards season."

Highlights from the 8th AACTA International Awards will be aired in Australia exclusively on **Foxtel Arts**, Foxtel's high definition dedicated arts channel, on **Wednesday 9 January at 7:30pm AEDT** as part of **SCREEN**, followed by encores the following day on Foxtel Arts.

## WINNERS AND NOMINEES

### AACTA International Award for Best Film

- A STAR IS BORN
- BLACKKKLANSMAN
- BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY
- **ROMA – WINNER**
- VICE

### AACTA International Award for Best Direction

- A STAR IS BORN – Bradley Cooper
- BLACKKKLANSMAN – Spike Lee
- THE FAVOURITE – Yorgos Lanthimos
- **ROMA – Alfonso Cuarón – WINNER**
- SWEET COUNTRY – Warwick Thornton

### AACTA International Award for Best Screenplay

- A QUIET PLACE – John Krasinski, Scott Beck, Bryan Woods
- BLACKKKLANSMAN – Charlie Wachtel, David Rabinowitz, Kevin Willmott, Spike Lee
- BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY – Anthony McCarten
- **THE FAVOURITE – Deborah Davis and Tony McNamara – WINNER**
- ROMA – Alfonso Cuarón

### AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actress

- Glenn Close – THE WIFE
- **Olivia Colman – THE FAVOURITE – WINNER**
- Toni Collette – HEREDITARY
- Lady Gaga – A STAR IS BORN
- Nicole Kidman – DESTROYER

### AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actor

- Christian Bale – VICE
- Bradley Cooper – A STAR IS BORN
- Hugh Jackman – THE FRONT RUNNER
- **Rami Malek – BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY – WINNER**
- Viggo Mortensen – GREEN BOOK

### AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actress

- Amy Adams – VICE
- Emily Blunt – A QUIET PLACE
- Claire Foy – FIRST MAN
- **Nicole Kidman – BOY ERASED – WINNER**
- Margot Robbie – MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS

### AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actor

- **Mahershala Ali – GREEN BOOK – WINNER**
- Timothée Chalamet – BEAUTIFUL BOY
- Joel Edgerton – BOY ERASED
- Sam Elliott – A STAR IS BORN
- Sam Rockwell – VICE

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## ABOUT THE AACTA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

The AACTA International Awards honour the best achievements in film excellence regardless of geography. The Awards are determined by the Australian Academy's International Chapter who vote across seven categories – Best Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Lead Actor, Best Lead Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress. This International Chapter is made up of 190 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 60 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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