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AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORS GUILD ANNOUNCES 2007 ADG WINNERS

Executive Director of the ADG **Drew MacRae** and ADG President **Ray Argall** would like to congratulate the winners of the inaugural **2007 Australian Directors Guild Awards**. The winners were announced at a glittering dinner held last night at Sydney's Swissotel that was hosted by television and radio personality Julia Zemiro.

The ADG 2007 Awards dinner was held as part of the two day **ADG Atlab Conference** held from 13 to 14 October that featured Keynote speaker **Brad Silberling** via satellite from the US.

In congratulating the winners **Drew MacRae** said: "The Guild was overwhelmed with the number of entries received. 42 Directors were nominated in all, covering thirteen categories across a range of genres including feature film, television, documentary, music video, short film and television commercials. Through the awards the ADG is for the first time providing the opportunity for the work of Directors to be judged solely by their peers. The ADG are proud to provide this valuable opportunity to members, which will help build stronger relationships between Directors across Australia and promote the essential creative act of Direction."

The ADG in collaboration with the **Directors Guild of America** (DGA) also offered for the first time an Award to an Australian feature without US distribution. This award allows the winner to have his movie screened as part of a special program in the US called the **Directors Finders Series**. It's an incredible and unique opportunity for both a Director and their film to reach a broader audience in the US and is something that the ADG is very excited to provide to its members. The award was presented by **Peter Garrett, AM, MP, Shadow Minister for the Arts** to **Kriv Stenders** for his film **Boxing Day**.

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Outstanding achievement in Feature Film

Darren Ashton *Razzle Dazzle*
Cherie Nowlan *Clubland*
Matthew Saville *Noise*
Kriv Stenders *Boxing Day*

Recipient: Matthew Saville, *Noise*

ADG/DGA Finders Screening Award:

Tony Ayres.....*The Home Song Stories*
Michael James Rowland*Lucky Miles*
Kriv Stenders*Boxing Day*
Dee McLachlan*The Jammed*

Recipient: Kriv Stenders, *Boxing Day*

Best Direction in a Documentary - Series/Factual Entertainment/Natural History

Russell Vines.....*Eco House Challenge Episode 1*
Catherine Marciniak.....*Life at 1*
Alan Lindsay..... *Air Australia Episode 1*
John Stainton*Ocean's Deadliest*

Recipient: Catherine Marciniak, for *Life at 1*

Best Direction in a Documentary - Stand Alone

Mark Gould..... *The Winner's Guide to the Nobel Peace Prize*
Kim Mordaunt..... *Bomb Harvest*
Chris Tuckfield..... *In Our Name*
David Bradbury.....*Raul the Terrible*
Tom Zubrycki..... *Temple of Dreams*

Recipient: David Bradbury, *Raul the Terrible*

Special Mention: Mark Gould for *The Winner's Guide to the Nobel Peace Prize*

Best Direction in a Music Video

David Barker..... *Get up Outta the Dirt - Butterfingers*
Morgan Christie.....*Nothing Lasts Forever - The Living End*
Paul Goldman and Alice Bell for *Straight Lines - Silverchair*

Recipient: David Barker, *Get up Outta the Dirt - Butterfingers*

Best Direction in a Short Film

Anthony Maras..... *Spike Up*
Nash Edgerton.....*Spider*
Tori Garrett.....*The Barrows*
Erin White.....*Dugong*

Recipient: Tori Garrett, for *The Barrows*



Best Direction in a Student Short Film

Rebecca Parker..... *This Girl in the Desert*
Dean Francis..... *Vermin*
Julius Avery *End of Town*

Recipient: Julius Avery, for *End of Town*

Career Achievement Award for First Assistant Director

Recipient: Philip Hearnshaw

Best Direction in a Telemovie

Jessica Hobbs *Curtin*
Ray Quint..... *Bastard Boys*
Matthew Saville *The King*

Recipient: Ray Quint, *Bastard Boys*

Best Direction in a Television Comedy

Tony Rogers..... *Wilfred Ep 6*
Will Usic..... *Stupid Stupid Man "A very very private function"*

Recipient: Tony Rogers for *Wilfred Ep 6*

Best Direction in a Television Series (Periodical)

Ian Watson..... *Tripping Over, Episode 6*
Graeme Burfoot *Two Twisted "Call Back"*
Kate Dennis..... *Love My Way "Cars Without Brakes"*
Peter Andrikidis..... *Blackjack "Ace Point Game"*

Recipient: Ian Watson, for *Tripping Over, Episode 6*

Best Direction in a Television Series (On Going)

Tony Krawitz..... *All Saints Ep 393 "Precious Moments"*
Richard Jasek..... *McLeod's Daughters Episode 177*
Peter Fisk..... *All Saints Episode 380 "The Hearts of Men"*

Recipient: Tony Krawitz, *All Saints Ep 393 "Precious Moments"*

Best Direction in a Television Commercial: Visual Narrative

Sean Meehan *Saboteur (MS Society)*
Richard Gibson *Liquid Freedom (Vodafone)*
Damien Toogood *Go Places (CPA)*
Julius Avery *Connex for Cancer (Connex)*

Recipient: Sean Meehan for *Saboteur (MS Society)*

Best Direction in a Television Commercial: Performance

Sean Meehan *Children See, Children Do, (NAPCAN)*
Julius Avery *Double Bus (TAC)*
Sean Byrne *Barry Hall (Ford)*

Recipient: Sean Meehan, *Children See, Children Do, (NAPCAN)*

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