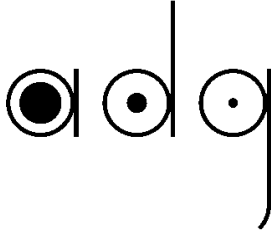


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Australian Directors Guild announces new Executive Director and extends closing date for inaugural 2007 Directors Awards

Today the Australian Directors Guild announced the appointment of DREW MACRAE as its new Executive Director. He will officially start on Monday 20th August. Drew comes to the ADG from the Australian Film Commission to take up the role. Drew has worked for the AFC Policy Branch for the past eight years and has also worked as a journalist.

When accepting the new position of Executive Director Macrae said. "I'm thrilled to be joining the Australian Directors Guild as it heads into an exciting new era. The peer judged Directors Awards are an important new development for the ADG and its membership. The awards represent one of the ways that the Guild is looking to provide greater value and connection with both established and emerging directors and will assist in promoting greater recognition of the Director's craft."

He went on to say: "The key to the success and growth of the ADG has been its motivated and passionate membership base. Directors are the key creative driving force behind the Australian audiovisual industry and I am eager to begin working on their behalf to promote the sustainability of the director's craft in Australia. I also am eager to assist the ADG in developing and delivering improved services to its members."

Ray Argall, President of the Australian Directors Guild said when announcing the new Director "We had a very strong field of candidates apply for the position, with most of them already working in film/arts industry related jobs."

One of Macrae's first roles has been to announce an extension for the closing date for entries in the inaugural 2007 Directors Awards. The new closing date is now **Friday 17 August**. The Guild has been overwhelmed with the number of entries received and decided to extend the closing date to allow extra time for the late entries to be processed by the ADG staff and pre-selection panels.

The Directors Awards have been established to celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions in film and television by Australian Directors. While there are a number of different film awards in Australia, this will be the first time where directors are to be judged solely by their directing peers.

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