



Australian Directors Guild

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AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORS GUILD ANNOUNCES NEW AWARD – THE DIRECTORS FINDERS SERIES

The Australian Directors Guild (ADG), yesterday announced the nominees for the **Directors Finders Series Award** at the 2007 ADG Directors Awards.

The ADG, in collaboration with the Directors Guild of America (DGA), is offering for the first time an Award to an Australian feature without US distribution to screen at a special program in the US called the **Directors Finders Series**. The DGA offers special screenings at their state-of-the-art cinema facilities in their Los Angeles headquarters, and in New York to spotlight undistributed low budget and/or independent feature films to US distributors and agents.

The **Directors' Finder Series** was initiated by the Independent Directors Committee of the DGA chaired by Steven Soderbergh (*Traffic*, *Oceans Thirteen*), and has, since its inception, screened more than 75 independent films. Of those films, approximately a third have gone on to secure US distribution. Originally offered to US independent films only, the **Directors Finders Series** was expanded to include Australian, Irish, British and New Zealand Directors through their representative organisations via the International Association of English Speaking Directors Organisation (IAESDO), of which the Australian Directors Guild is a founding Member.

"This is 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 our members," said Mr MacRae.

The Nominees in the **Directors Finders Series Award** category include:-

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

The inaugural Australian Directors Guild (ADG) Awards which honour outstanding achievement and contributions in film and television will be announced on the Saturday night of the 2007 ADG Atlab Conference - **SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER** – at the AWARDS DINNER at Sydney's Swissotel. The Dinner is to be hosted by **JULIA ZEMIRO** of SBS's RockWiz and co-host of "The Jonathan Coleman Experience," on radio across Australia.

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