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Australian Screen Industry Set to Dazzle at New AACTA Awards Dinner

The Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) today announced post production facility, Blue Post, as Official Partner of the 5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto, and Presenting Partner of the Industry Dinner.

Formerly held as the AACTA Awards Luncheon, the Industry Dinner will see a new format on a newly announced date, taking place at The Star Event Centre in Sydney on Monday 30 November. AACTA also today announced award-winning, actor, writer, producer, Rob Carlton, as the host of the Industry Dinner.

The Industry Dinner is dedicated to screen industry professionals working across all screen crafts and professions, and will see more than 20 AACTA Awards presented across film, television, documentary and short film.

The Industry Dinner is one of two major AACTA Awards events held in Sydney each year. The 5th AACTA Awards Ceremony & Official After Party presented by Presto will be held on Wednesday 9 December at The Star Event Centre in Sydney, and broadcast on Channel 7.

The annual AACTA Awards Ceremony unites film and television fans and Australia's leading screen practitioners to recognise our nation's best screen productions, practitioners and performances of the past year.

Nominees for the 5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto are scheduled to be announced late October, at which time tickets will go on sale for both Awards events via the [AACTA website](#).

AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trewhella said: "We're delighted to have Blue Post on board in support of our newly formatted Industry Dinner. This event, formerly held as a Luncheon, has quickly become one of the Australian screen industry's best loved annual events, and our new format and new partner will see it bigger and better than ever."

Blue Post Managing Director Peter Millington said:

"Blue Post is excited by the opportunity to work alongside AACTA to assist with its promotion and celebration of film and television excellence in Australia.

"As a leading provider of post production services, we have collaborated with the industry's best on AACTA award-winning programs such as *The Code*, *Puberty Blues* and *Nowhere Boys*.

"We look forward to creating compelling clip packages for the 5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto that entice audiences to see the films and watch the shows."

Rob Carlton, host of the Industry Dinner, said:

"I've trained all my life to host a room full of intelligent, slightly drunk but getting drunker, left leaning, creative types... It'll be like Sydney University's Manning Bar in the 90's, or the Judgement Bar of a time that's difficult to pinpoint but I'm sure existed. Look, we should be fine, but if it does get out of hand I can always use my shouty/swearmy Kerry Packer voice."

The AACTA Awards are proudly supported by the New South Wales Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

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ABOUT THE AACTA AWARDS

The 5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto are Australia's biggest celebration of screen, attracting more than 2,000 screen professionals and fans to Sydney each year, and seeing Australia's outstanding screen talent head home from Hollywood to honour their peers. The AACTA Awards are determined by accredited members and juries, whom vote to determine more than 40 awards across film and television.

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Now is the perfect time to become a member of the Australian Film Institute (open to all) or the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (open to screen practitioners). Members have complimentary, exclusive access to productions competing in the Awards via the 5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto Official Screenings (14 September – 8 October 2015), and will then have the privilege of voting in the 5th AACTA Awards. For more information, visit: www.aacta.org

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Television, Feature Film, Visual Effects and remaining Documentary nominees are scheduled to be announced late in October 2015. Winners will be announced across two major events at The Star Event Centre in Sydney: the **5th AACTA Awards presented by Presto | Industry Dinner presented by Blue Post** on 30 November; and the **5th AACTA Awards Ceremony & Official After Party presented by Presto** on 9 December, telecast on Channel 7.

The 5th AACTA Awards follow four highly successful Awards seasons since the launch of AACTA in 2011 by the Australian Film Institute (AFI), which has recognised Australian screen achievement since 1958.

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