

MEDIA RELEASE

Australian Academy announces Nominees for 6th AACTA International Awards

Australian's Mel Gibson, Nicole Kidman, Joel Edgerton and Garth Davis among Nominees

The Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA), today announced the twelve films nominated for the 6th AACTA International Awards across seven categories – Best Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Lead Actor, Best Lead Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.

MANCHESTER BY THE SEA leads the way with six nominations, followed closely by **LA LA LAND** and Australian films **LION** and **HACKSAW RIDGE** (fresh from receiving nine Awards at the 6th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel in Sydney last week), with five nominations each.

LION and **HACKSAW RIDGE** will compete alongside **ARRIVAL**, **LA LA LAND** and **MANCHESTER BY THE SEA** for both Best Film and Best Direction.

Mel Gibson's Best Direction nomination follows his win at the Sydney hosted AACTA Awards last week and marks his return to the international Awards circuit, 20 years after winning an Oscar® and Golden Globe for **BRAVEHEART**.

Following their nominations for Golden Globe Awards yesterday, Australian actors **Joel Edgerton (LOVING)** and **Nicole Kidman (LION)**, received International AACTA Award nominations for Best Lead Actor and Best Supporting Actress respectively.

Fellow Australian's also receiving nominations are: **Teresa Palmer (HACKSAW RIDGE)**, who is nominated alongside Nicole Kidman for Best Supporting Actress; **Luke Davies (LION)** who is nominated for Best Screenplay; **Andrew Knight (HACKSAW RIDGE)** also nominated for Best Screenplay; and **Garth Davis (LION)** who is nominated alongside Mel Gibson for Best Direction.

NOMINEES

AACTA International Award for Best Film

- ARRIVAL
- HACKSAW RIDGE
- LA LA LAND
- LION
- MANCHESTER BY THE SEA

AACTA International Award for Best Direction

- ARRIVAL – Denis Villeneuve
- HACKSAW RIDGE – Mel Gibson
- LA LA LAND – Damien Chazelle
- LION – Garth Davis
- MANCHESTER BY THE SEA – Kenneth Lonergan

AACTA International Award for Best Screenplay

- HACKSAW RIDGE – Andrew Knight, Robert Schenkkan
- HELL OR HIGH WATER – Taylor Sheridan
- LA LA LAND – Damien Chazelle
- LION – Luke Davies
- MANCHESTER BY THE SEA – Kenneth Lonergan

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actress

- Amy Adams – ARRIVAL
- Isabelle Huppert – ELLE
- Ruth Negga – LOVING
- Natalie Portman – JACKIE
- Emma Stone – LA LA LAND

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actor

- Casey Affleck – MANCHESTER BY THE SEA
- Joel Edgerton – LOVING
- Andrew Garfield – HACKSAW RIDGE
- Ryan Gosling – LA LA LAND
- Denzel Washington – FENCES

AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actress

- Viola Davis – FENCES
- Naomie Harris – MOONLIGHT
- Nicole Kidman – LION
- Teresa Palmer – HACKSAW RIDGE
- Michelle Williams – MANCHESTER BY THE SEA

AACTA International Award for Best Supporting Actor

- Mahershala Ali – MOONLIGHT
- Jeff Bridges – HELL OR HIGH WATER
- Lucas Hedges – MANCHESTER BY THE SEA
- Dev Patel – LION
- Michael Shannon – NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

6TH AACTA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Winners of the 6th AACTA International Awards will be announced in Los Angeles on Friday 6 January 2017 at an exclusive ceremony telecast on Foxtel.

Held at The Avalon Hollywood the event will be hosted by Australian actor and presenter **Daniel MacPherson**. Best known for his roles in **THE SHANNARA CHRONICLES, THE BILL, CITY HOMICIDE**, and **INFINI**, in 2017 Daniel will be seen in Foxtel's new US hi-tech crime series **APB**.

The AACTA International Awards will be telecast in Australia exclusively on **Foxtel Arts**, Foxtel's high definition dedicated arts channel, on **Sunday 8 January at 7.30pm** followed by an encore on Arena at 9.30pm and encores the following day on Foxtel Arts.

Of the announcement, **AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella** said:

“Australian performers, practitioners and productions are consistently acknowledged among the world’s best screen talent by international screen organisations. The AACTA International Awards give Australian filmmakers the opportunity to participate in the global conversation of screen excellence and allows us to honour the world’s best, regardless of geography.

“This year’s Nominees include actors, directors and screenwriters who truly represent international excellence, and it’s brilliant to see **Nicole Kidman, Joel Edgerton, Garth Davis, Mel Gibson** and home-grown productions **LION** and **HACKSAW RIDGE** nominated alongside international talent for the Awards.

“On behalf of AFI | AACTA, I congratulate all our Nominees and wish them every success during the upcoming Awards season.”

Foxtel Executive Director of Television Brian Walsh said:

“Foxtel’s exclusive broadcast of the AACTA International Awards on our Foxtel Arts channel outlines our ongoing commitment to supporting the Australian film and television industry on a global scale. Our sponsorship further extends our support of the domestic AACTA Awards and the governing body of the Academy.”

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ABOUT THE AACTA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

The AACTA International Awards recognise film excellence regardless of geography. The Awards are determined by the AACTA International Chapter which is made up of 150 Australian screen professionals with distinguished international credentials, many of whom are members of AMPAS and the BAFTAs.

For more information on the AACTA International Awards, [click here](#).

ABOUT AFI | AACTA

This year marks the 6th Awards of AACTA, which was established by the Australian Film Institute (AFI) in 2011. The AACTA Awards are a continuum of the AFI Awards, which were first presented in 1958. Past AFI Award recipients including Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Eric Bana, Toni Collette, Dr. George Miller (AFI | AACTA Patron), Cate Blanchett (AFI | AACTA Patron) and Geoffrey Rush (AACTA President).

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