

MEDIA ALERT

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Australian Academy to kick start 2017 with a star-studded Ceremony in LA for the 6th AACTA International Awards

The Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) will kick start 2017 in Los Angeles with the **6th AACTA International Awards**, held at The Avalon Hollywood on Friday 6 January.

The AACTA International Awards honour screen excellence from the last year, regardless of geography, across seven categories – Best Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Lead Actor, Best Lead Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.

Some of Australia's biggest names in screen will join host **Daniel MacPherson** on stage to present during the Ceremony, including: AACTA Trailblazer Award recipient **Isla Fisher, Ruby Rose, Julian McMahon, Alan Dale, Angus Sampson, Damon Herriman** and **Luke Bracey**.

Also attending the Ceremony will be Nominees **Nicole Kidman (LION), Mel Gibson (HACKSAW RIDGE), Dev Patel (LION)** and **Joel Edgerton (LOVING)**.

LA-based alt-pop trio **Ocean Park Standoff** (featuring **Samantha Ronson, Ethan Thompson** and **Pete Nappi**) will open the Ceremony with a performance of their debut single *Good News*.

The 6th 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** (AEDT) followed by an encore on Arena at 9.30pm and encores the following day on Foxtel Arts.

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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).

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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