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LA LA LAND, MANCHESTER BY THE SEA, LION and HACKSAW RIDGE honoured at the 6th AACTA International Awards

The Australian Academy today announced the winners for the 6th AACTA International Awards, honouring the best achievements in film excellence from the past year, regardless of geography.

The International Awards were a star-studded affair, with guests and Nominees attending including **Mel Gibson, Nicole Kidman, Dev Patel, Luke Hemsworth, Kenneth Lonergan, Harvey Weinstein, Sacha Baron Cohen, and Joel Edgerton.**

Ocean Park Standoff (featuring **Samantha Ronson, Ethan Thompson and Pete Nappi**) opened the Ceremony, which will be broadcast in Australia exclusively on Foxtel tomorrow night. Among those taking the stage at The Avalon Hollywood were host **Daniel MacPherson**, and Presenters **Isla Fisher, Ruby Rose, Julian McMahon, Alan Dale, Radha Mitchell, Damon Herriman, Luke Bracey and Simon Baker.**

Four films were awarded across the seven categories – Best Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Lead Actress, Best Lead Actor, Best Supporting Actress and Best Supporting Actor.

Musical **LA LA LAND** added another two Awards to its long list of accolades, receiving the Awards for **Best Film** and **Best Lead Actress** for **Emma Stone**, who is nominated for her role in the film at Sunday night's Golden Globe Awards and the SAG Awards later this month.

Mel Gibson stepped up his Oscars® campaign, receiving the Award for **Best Direction** for **HACKSAW RIDGE**. The win follows an incredible run at AACTA's domestic Awards in Sydney last month, where the film received nine Awards, including Best Direction.

MANCHESTER BY THE SEA received two AACTA International Awards tonight, with director and writer **Kenneth Lonergan** receiving the Award for **Best Screenplay**, and **Casey Affleck** receiving the Award for **Best Lead Actor**.

The remaining two performance Awards went to Australian film **LION**. **Dev Patel** received the Award for **Best Supporting Actor**, while Australian actress **Nicole Kidman** received the Award for **Best Supporting Actress**. Their performances in the film have received critical acclaim, and see both nominated for Golden Globe and SAG Awards.

AFI | AACTA CEO Damian Trehwella said:

“From historical biopics and dramas to a tribute to the Golden Age of musical films, it’s wonderful to see such a dynamic mix of international and Australian achievement honoured tonight – and we’re delighted to see Australian’s Nicole Kidman and Mel Gibson honoured for Australian films **LION** and **HACKSAW RIDGE**.”

“For the past six years, the voting patterns of the Australian Academy’s international chapter have often indicated those of the SAG Awards, Golden Globes, BAFTAs and the Oscars. I’d like to congratulate all winners and wish them every success throughout the awards season.”

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 AEDT and encores the following day on Foxtel Arts.

WINNERS AND NOMINEES

AACTA International Award for Best Film

- ARRIVAL
- HACKSAW RIDGE
- **LA LA LAND – WINNER**
- LION
- MANCHESTER BY THE SEA

AACTA International Award for Best Direction

- ARRIVAL – Denis Villeneuve
- **HACKSAW RIDGE – Mel Gibson – WINNER**
- 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 – WINNER**

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actress

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

AACTA International Award for Best Lead Actor

- **Casey Affleck – MANCHESTER BY THE SEA – WINNER**
- 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 – WINNER**
- 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 – WINNER**
- Michael Shannon – NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

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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).

For further information about AFI | AACTA visit www.aacta.org

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