

Upcoming Production Report August 2010

This is a **select** list of Features, TV Drama and Documentaries in pre- to post-production in Australia.

- ◆ Producers and production companies can be inundated with calls regarding work and may not welcome unsolicited calls. Their preference is to employ via Crewing Agencies.
- ◆ Where contact details are omitted in this report, they are unavailable for publication. Some producers and production companies request that their contact details are not published.
- ◆ Foreign productions predominantly employ a Line Producer to set up the production office in Australia two to three months (at the earliest) before principal photography date. Screen Australia will not be able to provide production office contact details before then.
- ◆ Please note that details for some titles are incomplete, particularly if they are in early stages of production.

It is advisable to keep up to date with industry news, information and further upcoming production information:

- *Encore Magazine* (monthly and online) Ph: (02) 9422 2999 Web: www.encoremagazine.com.au
- *IF - Inside Film Magazine* (monthly and online) Ph: (02) 9332 2121 Web: www.if.com.au
- *The Encore Directory* and *The Production Book* contain lists of production companies, producers and crewing agencies.

You could also contact the various state agencies (most State Agencies list productions online):

Pacific Film and TV Commission

Ph: (07) 3224 4114
Web: www.pftc.com.au

Film Victoria

Ph: (03) 9660 3200
Web: www.film.vic.gov.au

Screen NSW

Ph: (02) 8222 4844
Web: www.screen.nsw.gov.au

South Australian Film Corporation

Ph: (08) 8348 9300
Web: www.safilm.com.au

ScreenWest

Ph: (08) 9224 7340
Web: www.screenwest.com.au

Screen Tasmania

Ph: (03) 6233 6995
Web: www.screentas.tas.gov.au

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FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Australian Enemy

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Crime, Epic, Gangster
Production Company Praetorian Pictures
Producers Joshua Finch, Marius Di Paola
Director Joshua Finch
Writer Joshua Finch
Cast : Joshua Finch, Marius Di Paola, Tessa Nethercote Way, Bobey Taleb
Duration 140 min
Synopsis An exciting look into Sydney's long gone violent and cruel Italian crime world from Bruno Grimaldi running from Mussolini's fascist Italy in the 1920s and his subsequent rise in the 1950s through to the violent reign of Angelo Morello in the 1970s.
Status Production
Location NSW
Production Company Praetorian Pictures

Bad Behaviour

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Crime, Police, Thriller
Production Companies Global Alliance Productions, Mediakin
Producers Kris Maric, Steven Caldwell, Craig A. Kocinski
Director Joseph Stephen Sims
Writer Joseph Stephen Sims
Cast : John Jarratt, Lindsay Farris, Robert Coleby, Georgina Symes
Duration 110 min
Synopsis Psychopathic siblings, Emma and Peterson, pit stop on their road trip of bloodshed at the sleepy beach-side town of Cecil Bay. The pair encounters their fierce predator Voyte Parker, a cop confronts his son's murderer, and a man finds his wife is cheating on him. This black comedy/neo-noir film with intersecting story lines of murderers, coppers, teachers and teenagers, provides you with an eerie fantasy landscape characterised by a fusion of graphic violence and punchy dialogue.
Status Post-Production
Location QLD, NSW
Production Companies Global Alliance Productions
Mediakin
Sales Contact Mediakin Tel: 04 0508 2737

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Bait

Category Feature, Drama

Subject/Themes Horror

Production Companies Pictures in Paradise, Story Bridge Films Pty Ltd

Producers Todd Fellman, Gary Hamilton, Ian Maycock

Director Russell Mulcahy

Writers Russell Mulcahy, Shane Krause, Shayne Armstrong

Cast : Jesse Spencer

Duration 90 min

Synopsis Sharks in a supermarket! In a sleepy coastal resort community, shoppers at an underground supermarket find themselves terrorised by a crazed killer when the unimaginable occurs – a freak tsunami swallows the town. But the tidal wave has also delivered some unwanted visitors from the depths, and as the waters rise they must overcome not only the threat of drowning and the human menace within their midst – but a pack of hungry sharks.

Status Production

Location QLD

Production Companies Pictures in Paradise
Story Bridge Films Pty Ltd

Tel: 07 3010 9797

Fax: 07 3010 9001

Tel: 07 3010 9797

Fax: 07 3010 9001

Sales Contact Arclight Films International Australia

Tel: 02 8353 2440

Fax: 02 8353 2437

Bathing Franky

Category Feature, Drama

Subject/Themes Comedy, Drama, Romance

Production Company Purple Top Productions

Producers Owen Elliott, Michael Winchester

Director Owen Elliott

Writer Michael Winchester

Cast : Henri Szeps, Maria Venuti, Shaun Goss, Bree Desborough

Duration 99 min

Synopsis When Steve is released from prison, he is unable to connect with his girlfriend, as he is still haunted by his relationship with a fellow inmate. Taking a meals-on wheels job, he meets Rod, a wildly irrepressible older man, who is the full-time carer for his invalid mother. Steve is captivated by the older pair's extravagant and fanciful world of make-believe and an intimate friendship between the men develops.

Status Post-Production

Location NSW

Production Company Purple Top Productions

Tel: 02 4931 7120

Sales Contact Purple Top Productions

Tel: 02 4931 7120

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Big Mamma's Boy

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Romance, Comedy
Production Company Bruno/Lotito P/L
Producers Matteo Bruno, Frank Lotito
Director Franco di Chiera
Writer Frank Lotito
Cast : Frank Lotito, Holly Valance, Carmelina di Guglielmo, Steve Mousakis, George Kapinaris, Maria Venuti
Duration 90 min
Synopsis When the girl of his dreams, Katie, sweeps Rocco off his feet, he's forced to move out from a Mamma who doesn't want to let him go.
Status Production
Location VIC
Production Company Bruno/Lotito P/L Tel: 03 9415 8925 Fax: 03 9417 1987

Brush

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama, Psychological, Romance
Production Company Roadcone Productions
Producer Henry Richardson
Director Shiyang Zheng
Writers Vincent Andriano, Shiyang Zheng
Cast : Vincent Andriano, Lauren Orrell, Hamish Briggs
Duration 91 min
Synopsis
Status Post-Production
Location NSW
Production Company Roadcone Productions
Sales Contact Roadcone Productions

Burning Man

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Meercat Films
Producer Andy Paterson
Director Jonathan Teplitzky
Writer Jonathan Teplitzky
Cast : Matthew Goode
Duration min
Synopsis Tom is a man out of control and behaving very badly. Six beautiful women are trying to help put him back together. The sexy, provocative and ultimately tear-jerkingly beautiful story of a father and son's journey back to happiness.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Meercat Films
Sales Contact Filmbox

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Bush Weed

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Crime, Drama, Gangster
Production Companies Mind at Large Films, Eidolon Creative Industries, Lucius Fox
Producers Julian Vincent Costanzo, Stephen Lucius
Director Craig Fox
Writer Craig Fox
Cast : Peter Phelps, Joe Clements, Fletcher Humphries, Dominic Pedla
Duration 108 min
Synopsis In 1996, five best friends discover an abandoned truckload of bush weed dumped in a roadside rest area in outback Australia. Cashing in on their lucky find, the young men take control of the local gunja trade and are thrust into an underworld of Calabrian Mafia, outlaw bikers, Woodcutters from Hell, truckers and speed-dealing milk bar owners, all looking for their cut of the score. A true story.
Status Pre-Production
Location VIC
Production Companies Mind at Large Films
Eidolon Creative Industries
Lucius Fox
Fax: 03 9421822
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Sales Contact Mind at Large Films
Fax: 03 9421822

Chronicles of Narnia, The: Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Adventure
Production Company Walden Media
Producers Mark Johnson, Philip Steuer, Andrew Adamson
Director Michael Apted
Cast : Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes, Georgie Henley, Wil Poulter
Duration 90 min
Synopsis Lucy and Edmund Pevensie return to Narnia with their cousin, Eustace, where they meet up with Prince Caspian for a trip across the sea aboard The Dawn Treader, Along the way they encounter dragons, dwarves, merfolk and a band of lost warriors before reaching the edge of the world.
Status Post-Production
Location QLD
Production Company Walden Media
Tel: 31 0887 1000
Fax: 31 0887 1001

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

City of the Damned

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Action, Adventure, Crime
Production Company Pittot Films
Producer Lucien Brannegan
Director Jonty Reason
Writer Michael Coady
Duration 128 min
Synopsis It's a long way up to Hell! Life is getting too much for Andy Dunkin; slowly and surely he ascends into his own personal madness. Finding an assassin's gun he goes on a killing spree, determined to clear up the mess of sinners and wrong doers. For he is now a warrior of Good in the battle against Evil. Maybe Heather can save him but many more people now want him dead. Maybe salvation is the one thing that will damn him!
Status Post-Production
Location VIC
Production Company Pittot Films
Sales Contact Pittot Films

Cup, The

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company The Cup Pty Ltd
Producers Jan Bladier, David Lee, Simon Wincer
Director Simon Wincer
Writers Eric O'Keefe, Simon Wincer
Cast : Stephen Curry
Duration 115 min
Synopsis Probably no race had a more extraordinary effect on a nation than Australia's 2002 Melbourne Cup. At the heart of this story is a young jockey who loses his only brother in a tragic racing accident just days before the race, then suffers through a series of discouraging defeats before ultimately triumphing in one of the most thrilling sporting finales of all time.
Status Production
Location VIC
Production Company The Cup Pty Ltd
Sales Contact Myriad Pictures

Tel: 31 0279 4000 Fax: 31 0279 4001

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Dark Psychosis, The

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Horror
Production Company Lost Art Films
Producer Stuart Simpson
Director Stuart Simpson
Writer Stuart Simpson
Cast : Ramona Pusch, Vanessa de Largie, Katherine Millar, Claire Whitcombe, Nadia Rowe, Samantha Looker, Chris Malone, Adrian Naudi
Duration min
Synopsis THE DARK PSYCHOSIS features five short stories of horror, science fiction and the bizarre. If you like your films a little different, a little bit mental, then you've come to the right place. Featuring mutants, psychopaths, killer belly buttons, time loops, alien babies and the apocalypse!
Status Post-Production
Location VIC
Production Company Lost Art Films
Sales Contact Lost Art Films

Day Hollywood Died, The

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Action, Crime, Violent
Production Company Rising Pictures Pty Ltd
Producers Sam Kanj, Ronnie S. Riskalla, K. G. Donovan
Director Ronnie S. Riskalla
Writer K. G. Donovan
Cast : Drew Pearson, Tommy Bradson, Nenif David, Maroun Joseph, Amy McWatters, Eric Rizk, Benjamin Barrymore Hanly
Duration 102 min
Synopsis When six unknown thieves are brought together to pull an incredible heist through an act of terrorism, a rookie detective is sent in undercover to find out why.
Status Post-Production
Location NSW
Production Company Rising Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9791 6575
Sales Contact Rising Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9791 6575

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Eye Of The Storm, The

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Paper Bark Films Pty Ltd
Producers Antony Waddington, Gregory J. Read, Fred Schepisi
Director Fred Schepisi
Writer Judy Morris
Cast : Geoffrey Rush, Judy Davis, Charlotte Rampling, Alexandra Schepisi, John Gaden, Helen Morse, Colin Friels, Robyn Nevin
Duration 90 min
Synopsis Based on the novel by Nobel Prize-winning author, Patrick White, THE EYE OF THE STORM is a savage exploration of family relationships – and the sharp undercurrents of love and hate, comedy and tragedy, which define them.
Status Production
Location VIC
Production Company Paper Bark Films Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9365 5300
Sales Contact The Little Film Company Tel: 81 8762 6999 Fax: 81 8301 2186

Face to Face

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Face to Face Productions
Producers Leanne Hanley, Gabrielle Christopher
Director Michael Rymer
Writers David Williamson, Michael Rymer
Cast : Luke Ford, Sigrid Thornton, Vince Colosimo, Matthew Newton, Laura Gordon, Christopher Connelly, Lauren Clair, Robert Rabiah, Ra Chapman, Josh Saks, Calen Mackenzie, Richard Sutherland
Duration 90 min
Synopsis Adapted from David Williamson's stage play, FACE TO FACE tells the story of Glen, a young construction worker, who rams into the back of his boss's car in a fit of anger at being sacked. Rather than going straight to court, he is given the opportunity to discuss his actions in a community conference in which all the players are brought face to face with the complexity of determining ultimate guilt and responsibility.
Status Post-Production
Location VIC
Production Company Face to Face Productions
Sales Contact Face to Face Productions

FEATURES

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Few Best Men, A

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Comedy
Producers Todd Fellman, Gary Hamilton, Share Stallings, Laurence Malkin
Director Stephan Elliott
Writer Dean Craig
Duration 100 min
Synopsis An English groom's Australian outback wedding is thrown into turmoil by his three hapless best friends. From the director of *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and the writing and producing team behind the break-out comedy hit, *Death at a Funeral*.
Status Pre-Production
Location NSW, QLD
Sales Contact Arclight Films International Tel: 31 0777 8855 Fax: 31 0777 8852

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Fantasy
Production Company Heyday Films
Producers David Barron, David Heyman
Director David Yates
Duration min
Synopsis Voldemort's power is growing stronger. He now has control over the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts. Harry, Ron, and Hermione decide to finish Dumbledore's work and find the rest of the Horcruxes to defeat the Dark Lord. But little hope remains for them, so everything they do must go as planned.
Status Post-Production
Location
Production Company Heyday Films Tel: 4402078366333 Fax: 4402078366444

Heartbeat Away, A

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Musical
Production Company Pictures in Paradise
Producer Chris Fitchett
Director Gale Edwards
Writer Julie Kincade
Cast : Isabel Lucas, Sebastian Gregory, William Zappa, Tammy Macintosh, Colin Friels
Duration 90 min
Synopsis The feel-good tale of an aspiring rock guitarist, who is forced to take over the musical direction of his father's marching band, just four weeks before a major competition.
Status Post-Production
Location QLD
Production Company Pictures in Paradise Tel: 07 3010 9797 Fax: 07 3010 9001
Sales Contact Arclight Films Tel: 02 8353 2440

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Italian Embassy

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes
Production Company Imaginefly Productions
Producer Khoa Do
Director Khoa Do
Duration min
Synopsis When an intelligent, attractive young woman arrives in Flemington, the lives of several young African-Australians are forever changed as friendships are tested and new identities are formed.
Status Post-Production
Location VIC
Production Company Imaginefly Productions

Killer Elite, The

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Action
Production Company Omnilab Media Group
Producers Steve Chasman, Bill Johnson, Jim Seibel, Michael Boughen, Sigurjon Sighvatsson
Director Gary McKendry
Cast : Clive Owen, Jason Statham, Yvonne Strahovski, Firass Dirani, Dominic Purcell, Aden Young
Duration min
Synopsis A former Navy Seal is forced out of retirement in order to save his friend.
Status Production
Location SA
Production Company Omnilab Media Group Tel: 02 9467 3400

Little Johnny the Movie

Category Feature, Drama, Animation
Subject/Themes Animation
Production Companies Instinct Entertainment Pty Limited, Studio Moshi
Producers Dean Murphy, Shana Levine, David Redman
Directors Ralph Moser, Dean Murphy
Writers Dean Murphy, Ralph Moser, Stewart Faichney
Cast : Genevieve Morris, Stewart Faichney, Hamish Hughes, Bev Killick, Abbe Holmes, Peter Kent, Matt King, Brett Rutledge, Anthony Hammer, Eloise Grace, Eliza Szonert, Deborah Tabone, M. K., Kevin 'Bloody' Wilson
Duration min
Synopsis Little Johnny jokes are famous the world over. They have been shared by generations but the source of these jokes has, until now, been a mystery. This animated mockumentary discovers that Little Johnny was indeed a real person, a feisty redhead boy, and we meet him and his simple yet hilariously dysfunctional family and friends and discover where these jokes originated from.
Status Production
Location
Production Companies Instinct Entertainment Pty Limited Tel: 03 9646 0955 Fax: 03 9646 1588
Studio Moshi Tel: 03 9646 0955 Fax: 03 9646 1588
Sales Contact Instinct Eden Rock International Tel: 03 9646 0955 Fax: 03 9646 1588

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Red Dog

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Companies Woss Group Films, Endymion Films Inc and Woss
Producers Nelson J. Woss, Julie Ryan
Director Kriv Stenders
Duration 90 min
Synopsis Based on the true story of a nomadic red kelpie that won the hearts of hundreds of West Australian outback residents.
Status Production
Location
Production Companies Woss Group Films Tel: 08 9489 1200
Endymion Films Inc and Woss Tel: 08 9489 1200

Sanctum

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Action, Adventure
Production Company Sanctum Australia Pty Ltd
Producer Andrew Wight
Director Alister Grierson
Writer John Garvin
Cast : Richard Roxburgh, Alice Parkinson, Rhys Wakefield, Dan Wyllie, Christopher Baker, Allison Cratchley, John Garvin
Duration 100 min
Synopsis SANCTUM is a classic coming of age tale. Set in an alien world both beautiful and terrifying and steeped in mythology and visual richness. Similar to 'Deliverance' it's an examination of the strength and fragility of the bonds between us when faced with the onslaught of nature. But at the heart of the story is the relationship between father and son and how as fathers we have profound responsibilities to our children.
Status Post-Production
Location QLD
Production Company Sanctum Australia Pty Ltd Tel: 02 6029 7240 Fax: 02 6029 7241

Santapprentice

Category Feature, Animation
Subject/Themes
Production Companies Avrill Stark Entertainment Pty Ltd, Alphanim Lte
Director Luc Vinguerra
Writers Alexandre Reverend, Kym Goldsworthy
Duration 75 min
Synopsis We follow Nicholas, a ten-year-old Australian boy on his adventures as he struggles with the ups and downs of being the next Santa Claus.
Status Production
Location
Production Companies Avrill Stark Entertainment Pty Ltd Tel: 02 8568 5555 Fax: 02 9519 1258
Alphanim Lte Tel: 02 8568 5555 Fax: 02 9519 1258

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Sleeping Beauty

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes
Production Company Magic Films
Producer Jessica Brentnall
Director Julia Leigh
Writer Julia Leigh
Duration 88 min
Synopsis You will fall asleep, you will wake up. It will be as if the hours never existed.
Status Post-Production
Location
Production Company Magic Films

Snowtown

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Crime, Drama
Production Company Snowtown Pty Ltd
Producers Anna McLeish, Sarah Shaw
Director Justin Kurzel
Writer Shaun Grant
Duration 110 min
Synopsis When 15-year-old Jamie Vlassakis meets a man who pledges to protect him, a friendship begins. As the relationship grows so do Jamie's suspicions, until he finds his world threatened by both his loyalty for, and fear of, his newfound father figure, John Bunting, Australia's most notorious serial killer.
Status Production
Location SA
Production Company Snowtown Pty Ltd Tel: 03 9418 0859
Sales Contact Protagonist Pictures Tel: 20 7306 5155

Taj

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Oziinda Films
Producer Michelle Bourke
Director Winston Furlong
Writer Winston Furlong
Cast : Mahesh Jadu, Coco-Jacintha Cherian, Sachin Joab, Natalie O'Donnell
Duration 98 min
Synopsis A charismatic, self-absorbed Indian writer, who discovers he may not have long to live, tries to mend a neglected relationship with his young daughter from a broken previous marriage, while his life slowly falls apart around him. When they discover a box of Lego bricks at a garage sale and decide to build a model of the Taj Mahal together, a whole new chapter opens up for them. But what story will it tell? One of self-destruction, or one of redemption?
Status Post-Production
Location VIC
Production Company Oziinda Films
Sales Contact Michelle Bourke

FEATURES

Upcoming Productions as at 9/8/2010

Thirst

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Imagine Films Pty Ltd
Director Robert Carter
Cast : Hanna Mangan-Lawrence, Tom Green, Myles Pollard, Victoria Haralabidou
Duration min
Synopsis
Status Post-Production
Location NSW
Production Company Imagine Films Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9310 2820 Fax: 02 9310 2820

Tin God

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama, Romance, Thriller
Production Company Aash Aaron Studios
Producers Jake Reedy, Aash Aaron
Director Jake Reedy
Writers Jake Reedy, Rachael McMeeking
Cast : Tana Smith, Whitney Duff, James Doolan, Joey Kingman
Duration 92 min
Synopsis Ethan and Jesse were mates. Closer than brothers. But when the mysterious Sasha comes to town, everything changes forever. Is she a jaded victim of too many relationships gone wrong or a manipulative sadist simply using the boys as sport?
Status Post-Production
Location QLD
Production Company Aash Aaron Studios Fax: 07 5575 8675
Sales Contact Galloping Films Pty Ltd Tel: 07 3040 2664 Fax: 07 3366 0975

Up the Aisle

Category Feature, Drama
Subject/Themes Comedy, Family
Production Company Pogman Productions
Producers Alexia Kelly, Henry Richardson, Paul O Gardner
Director Paul O Gardner
Writer Judas Falling
Cast : Judas Falling, Alexia Kelly, Olivia Solomons, Stef Torok
Duration 110 min
Synopsis When her beloved Nan dies, Bexley stands to inherit her house. Problem is, it goes to the first granddaughter to marry, which gives her less than a week. Her sister, Bronte, has other ideas. She and her fiancé, Istvan, hire a hitman to stop Bexley's boyfriend, Kevin the Kiwi, getting to the wedding. If she's ever going to get up the aisle, she'll have to get past dead bodies, samurai swords, high speed car chases, low speed car chases, shootouts, anal probes and choose the perfect napkins.
Status Production
Location NSW
Production Company Pogman Productions
Sales Contact Henry Richardson

TELEMOVIES

Upcoming Productions as at 30/7/2010

Panic at Rock Island

Category Feature, Telemovie, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama, Action
Production Company Goalpost Pictures Australia
Producer Rosemary Blight
Director Tony Tilse
Writer Matt Ford
Duration 90 min
Synopsis An island on spectacular Sydney Harbour. Summer sun. Top international artists. Tens of thousands of music fans from across the world. Idyllic... Until unimaginable disaster strikes.
Status Pre-Production
Location NSW
Production Company Goalpost Pictures Australia Tel: 02 9517 9899 Fax: 02 9517 9871
Sales Contact ITV Studios Global Entertainment Tel: +44-20749 1441

Sisters of War

Category Feature, Telemovie, Drama
Subject/Themes
Production Company Pericles Films Pty Ltd
Producer Andrew Wiseman
Director Brendan Maher
Writer John Misto
Duration min
Synopsis Inspired by the true story of a small group of Australian nurses and nuns who found themselves in the eye of the storm when the Japanese military made them prisoners of war on the remote Papuan island of New Britain in 1942. It is a tale of strength, survival and forgiveness.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Pericles Films Pty Ltd Tel: 03 9417 6622 Fax: 03 9417 0597

Underbelly - The Movie Files: Infiltration

Category Feature, Telemovie, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd
Producers Peter Gawler, Elisa Argenzio
Duration 90 min
Synopsis
Status Pre-Production
Location
Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9439 4911 Fax: 02 9439 4922
Sales Contact Portman Film & Television Tel: 20 7494 8024 Fax: 20 7494 8026

TELEMOVIES

Upcoming Productions as at 30/7/2010

Underbelly - The Movie Files: Lucifer

Category Feature, Telemovie, Drama

Subject/Themes Drama

Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd

Producers Peter Gawler, Elisa Argenzio

Duration 90 min

Synopsis

Status Production

Location

Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9439 4911

Fax: 02 9439 4922

Sales Contact Portman Film & Television

Tel: 20 7494 8024

Fax: 20 7494 8026

Underbelly - The Movie Files: The Man Who Got Away

Category Feature, Telemovie, Drama

Subject/Themes Drama

Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd

Producers Peter Gawler, Elisa Argenzio

Duration 90 min

Synopsis

Status Pre-Production

Location

Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9439 4911

Fax: 02 9439 4922

Sales Contact Portman Film & Television

Tel: 20 7494 8024

Fax: 20 7494 8026

SERIES/SERIALS

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Killing Time

Category Series, Drama
Subject/Themes Crime, Drama
Production Company FremantleMedia Australia (Melbourne)
Producer Jason Stephens
Director Sian Davies
Writers Ian David, Mac Gudgeon, Shaun Grant
Duration 10 x 42 min
Synopsis Andrew Fraser was one of Australia's most successful criminal lawyers. His upward trajectory seemed limitless until he himself began to believe the hype. A weekend dabble in cocaine quickly spiralled into a horrendous addiction that eventually saw him sentenced to seven years in maximum security prison. Now, surrounded by serial killers and murderers, Fraser must try and look back over his life to discover just where it went so wrong.
Status Production
Location
Production Company FremantleMedia Australia (Melbourne) Tel: 03 9947 0211 Fax: 03 9947 0200

Laid

Category Series, Drama
Subject/Themes Comedy, Entertainment, Romance
Production Company Porchlight Films Pty Ltd
Producer Liz Watts
Director Trent O'Donnell
Writers Marieke Hardy, Kirsty Fisher
Cast : Alison Bell, Toby Truslove, Abe Forsythe
Duration 6 x 26.5 min
Synopsis A 6 x half hour TV series about a woman whose sexual history catches up with her in the most unusual of ways.
Status Production
Location NSW
Production Company Porchlight Films Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9326 9916 Fax: 02 9357 1479
Sales Contacts Porchlight Films Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9326 9916 Fax: 02 9357 1479
ABC Content Sales Tel: 02 9326 9916 Fax: 02 9357 1479

SERIES/SERIALS

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Me and My Monsters

Category Series, Drama, Animation
Subject/Themes Children's, Drama, Animation
Production Companies Sticky Pictures Pty Ltd, Tiger Aspect Pictures (SPV) Limited
Writers Mark Grant, Larry Rickard, George Sawyer, Mark Huckerby, Nick Ostler, Tom Basden, Sam Leifer, James Bachman
Duration 26 x 30 min
Synopsis The story of The Carlson family who have recently relocated from Australia to a smart townhouse in the UK. They picked their new home up for a knock down price, because, as it turns out, there are monsters in the basement. The youngest Carlson, Eddie, is the happiest boy in the world because of his naughty new friends who don't think or behave like human beings.
Status Production
Location NSW
Production Companies Sticky Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9692 8732
Tiger Aspect Pictures (SPV) Limited Tel: 02 9692 8732
Sales Contact BBC Worldwide Tel: 20 8433 2000 Fax: 20 8749 0538

My Place series 2

Category Series, Drama
Subject/Themes
Production Companies Chapman Pictures Pty Ltd, Matchbox Pictures
Producers Penny Chapman, David Gurney
Duration 26 x 24 min
Synopsis The story of one place on earth told by the children who live there from 1878 to before white settlement. The second part of MY PLACE, the series is based on the Nadia Wheatley/ Donna Rawlins book.
Status Pre-Production
Location
Production Companies Chapman Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9560 2968 Fax: 02 9568 2953
Matchbox Pictures Tel: 02 9560 2968 Fax: 02 9568 2953
Sales Contact Australian Children's Television Foundation Tel: 03 9419 8800 Fax: 03 9419 0660

Neighbours series 27

Category Series, Drama
Subject/Themes
Producer Neal Kingston
Director Various
Duration 235 x 22 min
Synopsis With a smile and a laugh and a shoulder to cry on, the people of Ramsay Street stick with each other through life's highs and lows - friends to the end and always good neighbours.
Status Production
Location
Sales Contact FremantleMedia Australia Tel: 02 9434 0666 Fax: 02 9434 0700

MINI-SERIES

Upcoming Productions as at 29/7/2010

Bed of Roses series 3

Category Mini-Series, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Companies Ruby Entertainment, Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
Producers Mark Ruse, Stephen Luby
Writer Various
Duration 12 x 55 min
Synopsis In Series 3 of BED OF ROSES Louisa Atherton, after much searching, has finally found her place in the town of Rainbow's End. At fifty she is head over heels in love, she is the proud new co-owner of the Echo newspaper - and she is still negotiating her affectionate, if often exasperating family. It could be a bed of roses but not for Louisa.
Status Production
Location
Production Companies Ruby Entertainment Tel: 03 8851 4999 Fax: 03 9859 8844
Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd Tel: 03 8851 4999 Fax: 03 9859 8844
Sales Contact Southern Star International Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9202 8555 Fax: 02 9956 6918

Cloudstreet

Category Mini-Series, Drama
Subject/Themes Drama
Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd
Producer Des Monaghan
Director Matthew Saville
Writer Ellen Fontana
Cast : Essie Davis, Stephen Curry, Emma Booth, Kerry Fox, Geoff Morrell, Todd Lasance, Hugo Johnstone-Burt
Duration 6 x 60 min
Synopsis Adapted from the Tim Winton novel.
From separate catastrophes two rural families flee to the city and find themselves sharing a great, breathing, shuddering joint called Cloudstreet, where they begin their lives again from scratch.
Status Production
Location WA
Production Company Screentime Pty Ltd

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

3 Dreams (The Dreams of New China)

Category Feature, Documentary

Subject/Themes History & Politics - International, Travel & Adventure, Cultures - International, Social Issues & Community Welfare

Production Company Nick Torrens Film Productions Pty Ltd

Producer Nick Torrens

Director Nick Torrens

Writer Nick Torrens

Duration 80 min

Synopsis 3 DREAMS is the inside story of the 'One Child Policy' generation: the pressures to achieve wealth and status, the changing roles, the growing generation gulf, sexual and moral dilemmas... The film's characters represent China's future - and conflict is growing over the widening wealth and opportunity gap.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Nick Torrens Film Productions Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9550 9550

Fax: 02 9550 9545

Sales Contact Nick Torrens Film Productions Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9550 9550

Fax: 02 9550 9545

Art, Inside and Out

Category Feature, Documentary

Subject/Themes Arts & Crafts, Social Issues & Community Welfare

Production Company Testify Media

Producers Rebecca Barry, Howard Higgs

Director Howard Higgs

Writers Kat Keefe, Rebecca Barry

Duration 52 min

Synopsis What happens when you mix a bunch of people with varying disabilities and give them the freedom to Create? ART, INSIDE AND OUT is an exploration of the fun, crazy, irreverent and disturbing world of disabilities.

Status Production

Location NSW

Production Company Testify Media

Sales Contact Testify Media

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Arthouse

Category Feature, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Cultures - International
Producer Marian Bartsch
Director Britt Arthur
Writer Marian Bartsch
Cast : Robert McBride, Debbie Ryan
Duration 60 min
Synopsis ARTHOUSE looks at the changing face of architecture, innovation and design in Australia through the eyes of Melbourne based husband and wife team, architect Robert McBride and interior designer Debbie Ryan, winners of the 2009 World Architecture Festival Awards for best residential house in the world for The Klein Bottle House. This documentary follows a day-in-the-life of this stellar design team over a period of eight months, whilst examining the intricacies of their working relationship, the inspiration behind the somewhat iconic and at times controversial works.
Status Production
Location
Sales Contact Paalma

Bai Daeng, Bai Dam (Red Card, Black Card)

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Producers Gef Senz, Mik La Vage
Director Gef Senz
Duration min
Synopsis
Status Pre-Production
Location

Ballad of a Locust Hunting Man

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Looking Glass International
Producer Mitzi Goldman
Director Robert Nugent
Duration 60 min
Synopsis
Status Production
Location
Production Company Looking Glass International

Tel: 03 5988 5692

Fax: 03 5988 5692

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Beyond the Smile

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Women, Travel & Adventure, Education
Producer Anne Tindall
Director Brigitte Muir
Writer Brigitte Muir
Duration 52 min
Synopsis As an Everest climber and guide, I have spent a lot of time on expeditions with those tough, always smiling sherpas. But who are they once the expedition is over and they go home to their families and communities? Since 2007 I have been staying every year with Lakpa Tamang and his family, sharing the problems, joys and challenges of every day life. BEYOND THE SMILE is about how the friendship growing beyond mountains, cultures and continents affects our lives.
Status Production
Location

Big Stories, Small Towns series 2

Category Interactive, Documentary, Multimedia
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Social Issues & Community Welfare
Production Company Big Stories
Producers Martin Potter, Anna Grieve
Directors Sieh Mchawala, Jennifer Lee
Writers Anna Grieve, Martin Potter, Nicky Crowther, Sieh Mchawala, Jennifer Lee
Duration min
Synopsis BIG STORIES SMALL TOWNS is a unique model for online community engagement and participation through media. An online collaborative expanding documentary platform gathering stories, experiences and histories of life in small towns. It is about connecting local stories to a global audience.
Status Pre-Production
Location
Production Company Big Stories Tel: 02 9874 8722

Breaking Dangerous!

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Performing Arts
Production Company No Roles for Sam Pty Ltd
Producer Emma Smith
Director Daniel Mansour
Writers Tim Ryan, Daniel Mansour
Cast : Dave Jiannis
Duration 8 x 22 min
Synopsis BREAKING DANGEROUS! is an eight part documentary series following the adventures of a band from Adelaide trying to get their big break. The band's sights are firmly set on building legions of fans both in Australia and the USA, as well as scoring a record deal in the US - a dream virtually every young Aussie has had.
Status Production
Location
Production Company No Roles for Sam Pty Ltd
Sales Contact No Roles for Sam Pty Ltd

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Charles Bean's Great War

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes History & Politics - Australian, War

Production Company 360 Degree Films

Producer John Moore

Director Wain Fimeri

Writer Wain Fimeri

Duration min

Synopsis In this dramatised documentary, Charles Bean, war correspondent, obsessive historian and reluctant mythmaker; tells us all about his remarkable life. From the playing fields of England via the Australian outback, to the maelstrom of the Great War. Charles Bean wrote the truth yet everyone thought he created a myth. He loved Australia the way most people love another person, and as so often happens in love, Australia let him down.

Status Production

Location

Production Company 360 Degree Films

Tel: 03 9948 1922

Fax: 03 9948 1920

Chefs of the Great Hotels of the World series 3

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes Cultures - International, Travel & Adventure

Production Company Forte Communications

Producer Ron V Brown

Director Ron V Brown

Writer Ron V Brown

Cast : Ron V. Brown (Presenter)

Duration 13 x 25 min

Synopsis The CHEFS OF THE GREAT HOTELS series is an exciting new concept that successfully combines travel, food culture, cooking and personalities. We stay in the most luxurious hotels, meet some of the world's best chefs and visit all the great cities on the planet. More importantly, we provide a perspective rarely seen before in a food show, we actually get to look over the executive chef's shoulder while preparing dishes – in service – in luxury hotels.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Forte Communications

Tel: 03 9882 4319

Fax: 03 9882 6415

Sales Contact Ron V. Brown International

Tel: 03 9530 6891

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Chris Humfrey's Wild Life

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes Environment & Conservation, Travel & Adventure
Production Company December Films Pty Ltd
Producer Tony Wright
Director Max Walker
Writer Max Walker
Duration 13 x 26 min
Synopsis Meet Chris Humfrey, he's a zoologist who lives with his family and share their home with other pets – around 2000 of them in fact! This isn't your average family home; it's a private zoo where human and animal sagas unfold daily. Each week Chris will share with us this extraordinary life and his amazing knowledge of Australia's fauna. Follow Chris in this chaotic, animal-crazy series that captures the drama, the journeys, and the sheer exhilaration of CHRIS HUMFREY'S WILD LIFE.
Status Production
Location VIC, SA, NSW, NT
Production Company December Films Pty Ltd Tel: 03 9699 8911 Fax: 03 9699 8611
Sales Contact ITV Studios Global Entertainment Tel: +44-20749 1441

Common Purpose, A

Category Feature, Documentary
Subject/Themes History & Politics - International
Production Company Looking Glass Pictures Pty Ltd
Producer Jean-Pierre Gibrat
Director Mitzi Goldman
Writer Mitzi Goldman
Duration 85 min
Synopsis A COMMON PURPOSE offers a rich and complex portrait of one woman's unfailing commitment to justice and human rights at an emblematic time of world history. Fourteen people are sentenced to hang, one lawyer is assassinated and the other chooses exile in the dramatic story behind South Africa's biggest murder trial during the dying days of the apartheid era.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Looking Glass Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9369 5653 Fax: 02 8353 3624

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Convict Ghosts Speak

Category Series, Documentary, Drama-Doco
Subject/Themes History & Politics - Australian, History & Politics - International, Social Issues & Community Welfare
Production Company Edward Street Film and Television Pty Ltd
Producers Roger Scholes, Fiona McConaghy
Director Roger Scholes
Writers Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Roger Scholes
Duration 10 x 5 min
Synopsis 35 convicts - photographed by Thomas Nevin in 1844 at Port Arthur tell us how they ended up in hell on the other side of the world. The story of Port Arthur, the most infamous prison in the British Colonial Penal System has never been told for Television. Port Arthur focuses - like no other place - the experience of British transportation to Australia and the roots of our convict heritage as a nation. Now, a newly discovered 'Superintendent's bench Book' offers a remarkable starting point for this television project.
Status Production
Location TAS
Production Company Edward Street Film and Television Pty Ltd Tel: 03 6227 8014 Fax: 03 6227 8041
Sales Contact Edward Street Film and Television Pty Ltd Tel: 03 6227 8014 Fax: 03 6227 8041

Curse Of The Gothic Symphony, The

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Performing Arts, Cultures - Australian
Production Company Fury Productions Pty Ltd
Producer Veronica Fury
Director Anthony Mullins
Writer Anthony Mullins
Duration 52 min
Synopsis This documentary follows the journey of a brave and committed group of Brisbane musicians, who will attempt to break an 80-year curse and stage the longest, largest and most technically difficult symphony ever composed.
Status Post-Production
Location
Production Company Fury Productions Pty Ltd Tel: 07 3847 1101 Fax: 07 3847 1436
Sales Contact ABC Commercial Tel: 02 8333 3314 Fax: 02 8333 3169

Dancing With The Prime Minister

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company November Films
Producer Anne Delaney
Director Lara Cole
Duration 30 min
Synopsis This is the story of the first ever national Aboriginal Debutante Ball. The women who, in white, nylon, tulip-skirted dresses and beehive hairdos, 'came out' to Australian Prime Minister John Gorton in 1968.
Status Production
Location
Production Company November Films Tel: 02 9664 8273 Fax: 02 9664 8273

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Enforcers, The

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Cornerbox Productions

Duration min
Synopsis
Status Production
Location

Production Company Cornerbox Productions Tel: 03 9329 5888 Fax: 03 9329 3700

Eternally Ours

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Performing Arts, Cultures - Australian
Production Company New Holland Pictures Pty Ltd
Producers Mark Overett, Cathy Overett
Director Mark Overett

Duration 60 min
Synopsis Australia's legendary punk band, The Saints come together for a one-off reunion gig. This fly on the wall one-hour documentary is a no holds barred look at the planning, rehearsals and politics of reuniting Brisbane's most influential band and celebrating their 30 years of musicianship. Oh, this perfect day.
Status Post-Production
Location

Production Company New Holland Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 07 3348 8799 Fax: 07 3348 8051

Sales Contact New Holland Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 07 3348 8799 Fax: 07 3348 8051

Fast, Feathered and Fearless

Category Feature, Documentary
Subject/Themes Sports & Recreations
Production Company Streamline Media
Producers Craig Boord, Jos Thone
Director Craig Boord

Duration min
Synopsis FAST, FEATHERED AND FEARLESS is a Feature Length documentary about the dying sport of Pigeon Racing. The document is an insight into the dedication of pigeon fanciers worldwide. China, USA, Thailand, Belgium and England.
Status Production
Location

Production Company Streamline Media

Sales Contact Streamline Media

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Filth

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Muse Productions
Producer Jacqueline Willinge
Duration 3 x 30 min
Synopsis
Status Production
Location
Production Company Muse Productions

Fireball

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Education, Performing Arts
Production Company Count West West Pictures
Producers Richard Moir, Peter Leiss, Nicholas Brunton
Directors Richard Moir, Peter Leiss
Cast : Reg Evans, Angela Brunton, John Stanton, Barry Dickens, Helen Morse, Paul English, Mac Gudgen, Richard Moir
Duration 52 min
Synopsis Reg Evans and Angela Brunton burned to death in the Kinglake fires on February 7 2009 (Black Saturday). FIREBALL focuses on the lives of the showman and his artist partner as well as looking at the broader picture of the fierce sacrificial impulse that lurks beneath the surface of any white society contact with the elemental earth of Australia.
Status Post-Production
Location VIC
Production Company Count West West Pictures Tel: 03 9503 4027 Fax: 03 9503 4027
Sales Contact Count West West Pictures Tel: 03 9503 4027 Fax: 03 9503 4027

Firing the Magic Bullet

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Rymer Childs Pty Ltd
Producers Judy Rymer, Bevan Childs
Director Judy Rymer
Duration 52 min
Synopsis In the coming months, two Australian scientists at the cutting edge of cancer research take their successful trials from the animal kingdom to humans. Ten years of scientific and business struggle is on the line. As they juggle the science, big pharmas, clinicians and investors, we reveal how hard it is to get science to market, even though this discovery could revolutionise cancer treatment.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Rymer Childs Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9552 2400
Sales Contact Off The Fence BV Tel: 205200222 Fax: 205200223

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

First Interview, The

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Jungle Pictures Pty Ltd

Producer Fiona Cochrane

Director Dennis Tupicoff

Writer Dennis Tupicoff

Duration 15 min

Synopsis The first part of The First Interview completes a documentary begun in Paris 124 years ago, on the 100th birthday of the great French scientist Michel-Eugene Chevreul. His conversation with the famous photographer Nadar - relaxed, witty and wise - is the first on-camera interview in history. The film also sketches in their long and influential lives, and brings the 1886 photographs to life in a highly original way. The second part of The First Interview shows the whole process of turning these famous still photographs and original text into an 'impossible movie': a 'talkie' interview from 1886!

Status Production

Location

Production Company Jungle Pictures Pty Ltd

Tel: 03 9510 1880

Fax: 03 9529 1079

Football United

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Ethnic Groups & Immigration, Sports & Recreations

Production Company North One TV Australia Pty Ltd

Producer Dan Goldberg

Director Adam Kay

Writers Dan Goldberg, George Negus

Duration 52 min

Synopsis FOOTBALL UNITED is a powerful story of eight refugee kids who have been selected to compete at the Football for Hope Festival at the World Cup.

Status Post-Production

Location

Production Company North One TV Australia Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 8569 2400

Sales Contact North One TV Australia Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 8569 2400

Fromelle's Lost Soldiers

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Tattooed Media Pty Ltd

Producer Sally Regan

Director Wain Fimeri

Duration min

Synopsis THE BATTLE AT FROMELLES has been described as the worst 24 hours in Australian military history. But with the discovery of six unmarked mass-graves in Northern France it is now possible to unpack in forensic detail the terrible events of 1916 and put names to the bodies of some of those buried. And as the first new Commonwealth war cemetery nears completion, we track down living descendants, people who 90 years later, are still trying to find resolution to a loss that only a marked grave can bring.

Status Post-Production

Location

Production Company Tattooed Media Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9420 0307

Fax: 02 9420 8767

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Gap, The - One Last Step

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, History & Politics - Australian, History & Politics - International, Social Issues & Community Welfare
Production Company Bushman Productions Pty Ltd
Producers Greg Morris, Mik Gojic
Director Greg Morris
Writer Greg Morris
Duration 2 x 30 min
Synopsis THE GAP is a documentary about the history of suicide at the Gap at Watson's Bay. It highlights mental health issues, attempted suicide rates and this growing problem in our society.
Status Post-Production
Location NSW, NSW
Production Company Bushman Productions Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9525 8815 Fax: 02 9525 8815
Sales Contact Greg Morris Tel: 02 9525 8815 Fax: 02 9525 8815

Goa Kids

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Cultures - International, History & Politics - International
Production Company Australian Documentaries
Producer Laurie Critchley
Director Aviva Ziegler
Writer Aviva Ziegler
Duration 56 min
Synopsis Join the great pioneers of the hippy trail as they return for a reunion in their lost paradise, Goa, and confront the impact their free love-and-drugs lifestyle had on them and their children. This is the story of an extraordinary community's failed search for nirvana; told for the first time through never-seen-before archive, original music and actuality.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Australian Documentaries Tel: 02 9413 8763
Sales Contact Australian Documentaries Tel: 02 9413 8763

Grammar of Happiness, The

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Essential Media and Entertainment
Producer Nial Fulton
Director Randall Wood
Duration 50 min
Synopsis In a remote river system in Brazil's Amazon Basin live the last 300 members of the Piraha tribe. To western eyes, they are some of the most remarkable humans on earth. For 30 years, Linguistics Professor Daniel Everett attempted to understand these truly happy people who have no words for colours, numbers or time, nor any fiction, art, or memories of their predecessors. In THE GRAMMAR OF HAPPINESS he sets out to prove his ground breaking theories – can the language we speak actually define the way we think?
Status Production
Location
Production Company Essential Media and Entertainment Tel: 02 8568 3100 Fax: 02 9519 2326

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Hardliners

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Cordell Jigsaw Productions

Producer Steven Bibb

Duration 10 x 24 min

Synopsis

Status Post-Production

Location

Production Company Cordell Jigsaw Productions

Tel: 02 9326 9922

Fax: 02 9326 9277

I Love a Sunburnt Country

Category Feature, Documentary

Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Literature

Production Companies Film Australia Limited, Camerawork Pty Limited

Producers Dennis O'Rourke, Helen Panckhurst

Director Dennis O'Rourke

Writer Dennis O'Rourke

Duration 90 min

Synopsis Some say that sport shapes the Australian national character, but others would argue it's poetry. Acclaimed filmmaker Dennis O'Rourke journeys around Australia to meet with poets great and small in the places where the words are written, spoken and heard - from schoolrooms to bush poetry festivals and inner-city poetry 'slams' - to hear what people have to say and the various ways they say it. It's a film full of passion and ideas, and a chance through the poets and their poems to see our lives, land and language in a different way, reminding us of the poetry in our own lives, speaking to the poet inside all of us.

Status Post-Production

Location

Production Companies Film Australia Limited
Camerawork Pty Limited

Sales Contact Screen Australia

Tel: 02 8113 5800

Fax: 02 9357 3737

I, Spry

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Blackwattle Films

Producers Peter Butt, Anna Grieve

Director Peter Butt

Writer Peter Butt

Duration 55 min

Synopsis The rise and fall of Australia's master spy, a complex Machiavellian character, who attempts to counter the Communist threat, but finds himself in a 'wilderness of mirrors' where nobody is who or what they seem.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Blackwattle Films

Tel: 02 9818 1775

Fax: 02 9555 5523

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

I'm Not Dead Yet

Category Feature, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Producer Janine Hosking

Directors Janine Hosking, Martin Taylor

Writer Janine Hosking

Duration 60 min

Synopsis

Status Production

Location

Sales Contact iKandy Films Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9550 4925

Fax: 02 9550 4925

Immigration Nation: The Secret History of Us

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes Ethnic Groups & Immigration, History & Politics - Australian

Production Company Renegade Films (Australia) Pty Ltd

Producers Alex West, Lucy Maclaren

Writer Alex West

Duration 3 x 56 min

Synopsis This major new SBS series tells the story of the birth of modern 'migrant Australia' and uncovers the secret history of who we are & the end result of a remarkable and unique 'social experiment.' This is the story of how the world came to Australia - and helped Australia reshape what was humanly possible in the world.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Renegade Films (Australia) Pty Ltd

Tel: 03 9526 3300

Fax: 03 9529 3699

Sales Contact SBS Content Sales

Tel: 02 9430 3975

Fax: 02 9430 2882

Kangaroo Mob

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes Travel & Adventure

Production Company 360 Degree Films

Producer Sally Ingleton

Director Simon Target

Writer Simon Target

Duration 55 min

Synopsis KANGAROO MOB is an intimate look at the kangaroos taking over the suburbs of Canberra and the team of ecologists following their every move. Using the latest scientific technology we will uncover surprising new behaviour whilst delving into the controversial issues that arise when sharing your backyard with a large wild animal. KANGAROO MOB will be a highly entertaining look at what happens when habitat runs out and kangaroos and humans are forced to co-exist.

Status Production

Location ACT

Production Company 360 Degree Films

Tel: 03 9948 1922

Fax: 03 9948 1920

Sales Contact National Geographic Television International

Tel: +44-020 77517555

Fax: +44-020 77517556

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Macquarie: The Father of Australia

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Intomedia Pty Ltd
Writer Stuart Scowcroft
Duration 52 min
Synopsis
Status Production
Location
Production Company Intomedia Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9499 5980 Fax: 02 9499 5980
Sales Contact Intomedia Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9499 5980 Fax: 02 9499 5980

Masterminds: The State of the Union

Category Feature, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Radiant Films
Producer Corey Baudinette
Director Corey Baudinette
Cast : Bruce Beresford, Eva Omer, Robert Connolly, Jan Chapman, Scott Hicks, Lawrence Turman, Lynda Obst, James McTeigue, David Court, Marian Macgowan, Kerry Heysen, Adam Elliot
Duration min
Synopsis An interactive feature documentary looking at the evolving director - producer relationship, and how a rapidly changing industry impacts the creative process of feature film making. Featuring in-depth interviews with leading Australian producers and directors working independently and in the studio system, authors and industry commentators.
Status Production
Location NSW, VIC, SA
Production Company Radiant Films

Miss South Sudan Australia

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Biographical, Entertainment , Women
Production Company Matchbox Pictures
Producers Michael McMahon, Polly Staniford, Tony Ayres
Director Shannon Owen
Writer Shannon Owen
Duration 27 min
Synopsis MISS SOUTH SUDAN AUSTRALIA is a joyful and exuberant half hour documentary following the precarious and erratic journey to pull together the premiere event for Australia's Sudanese community- the 'Miss South Sudan Australia' beauty pageant - and the lives of the organisers and the participants post event.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Matchbox Pictures Tel: 02 9560 2968
Sales Contact Matchbox Pictures Tel: 02 9560 2968

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Mongolian Bling

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Flying Fish Films Pty Ltd

Producer Nubar Ghazarian

Director Benj Binks

Writer Benj Binks

Cast : Gee, Quiza, Gennie, Enkhtaivan

Duration 55 min

Synopsis Forget about nomads and monks ... it's hip hop that's making Mongolia move in the 21st century. MONGOLIAN BLING jumps into the thriving music scene in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, alongside stars rapping with their bitches, cars and jewels. But beyond this bling lies a failed democracy, and a dying ancient culture that the elders mourn the loss of. A handful of artists are using hip hop to try and bring Mongolia's rich musical history into their modern beats and rhymes.

Status Post-Production

Location

Production Company Flying Fish Films Pty Ltd

Tel: 03 9687 3421

Sales Contact Flying Fish Films Pty Ltd

Tel: 03 9687 3421

My River, My People

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes History & Politics - International, Social Issues & Community Welfare

Production Company Edward Street Film and Television Pty Ltd

Producer Beverly Jefferson

Director Roger Scholes

Writers Roger Scholes, Bill Pheasant

Duration 52 min

Synopsis BHP - the Big Australian has left their Ok Tedi mine and gone. What now for the troubled Ok Tedi river and its people, in the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea? Local Elder, Ebia Oliwale fights to find an answer.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Edward Street Film and Television Pty Ltd

Tel: 03 6227 8014

Fax: 03 6227 8041

Sales Contact Edward Street Film and Television Pty Ltd

Tel: 03 6227 8014

Fax: 03 6227 8041

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Pain Killers, The

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Moonshine Agency
Producers Mike Hill, Sue Collins
Director Mike Hill
Writer Mike Hill
Duration 52 min
Synopsis THE REAL THING is a documentary about the global crisis in pain relief and the President of the International Union Against Cancer's mission to overcome the agendas of the United Nations, the pharmaceutical industry and governments to provide equitable access to the essential medicines that over 600 million people will need to avoid needless suffering.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Moonshine Agency Tel: 03 8689 9810
Sales Contact Whyte House Productions (Australia) Pty Ltd

Persons of Interest

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes History & Politics - Australian
Production Company Smart Street Films Pty Ltd
Producers Frank Haines, Gai Steele
Director Haydn Keenan
Writer Haydn Keenan
Duration 4 x 52 min
Synopsis High profile citizens show us through their previously secret intelligence files.
Status Post-Production
Location VIC, NSW
Production Company Smart Street Films Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9130 3434
Sales Contact Smart Street Films Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9130 3434

Railroad Man

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - International, Film & Media, History & Politics - International
Production Company Closer Productions
Producers Sophie Hyde, Caroline Man
Director Matthew Bate
Writers Matthew Bate, Matthew Bate
Cast : Zoe Bell, Geoff Mayer, John McGowan
Duration 27 min
Synopsis An epic rollercoaster love story set against the backdrop of the birth of cinema in Hollywood, Railroad Man tells the story of Jack McGowan and Helen Holmes's passion for one another and for making movies.
Status Production
Location SA, NSW
Production Company Closer Productions Tel: 08 8361 3933
Sales Contact Closer Productions Tel: 08 8361 3933

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Real Fight Club, The

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Mindful Media Pty Ltd

Producer Isabel Perez

Director Paul Scott

Writer Paul Scott

Duration 4 x 30 min

Synopsis Before television, tent boxing was a major form of entertainment in Australia, North America and the UK, with boxing troupes touring small towns so volunteers could fight for cash. Over the last four decades, tent boxing has been banned nearly everywhere for safety reasons. Queensland is now the only state where tent boxing is both legal and viable. Fred Brophy runs the last surviving tent boxing troupe in the world and in 2010 he will embark on his final boxing tour. Infamous for taking in drifters, ex-jailbirds and addicts and helping them get their lives back on track, we follow Fred and get inside this unique subculture to discover what drives rural Australian men and women to fight.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Mindful Media Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9810 4005

Fax: 02 9810 9120

Recipe For Murder

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes History & Politics - Australian, Social Issues & Community Welfare, Women

Production Company Jumping Dog Productions Pty Ltd

Producers Susan Lambert, Frank Haines

Director Sonia Bible

Writer Sonia Bible

Duration 55 min

Synopsis Sydney, the early fifties. All the ingredients for a murder epidemic were in place. What followed was a real-life crime wave that mirrored the cinematic style of film noir. The femme fatale was alive and killing. Between the years of 1947 and 1953, women were murdering their nearest and dearest with rat poison!

Status Production

Location NSW

Production Company Jumping Dog Productions Pty Ltd

Tel: 02 9365 3835

Fax: 02 9130 5449

Sales Contact ABC Commercial

Tel: 02 8333 3314

Fax: 02 8333 3169

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Rocket Compulsion

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Science/Technology, Action
Producer Marcus Gillezeau
Director Gregory J. Read
Writer Simon Nasht
Cast : David Mayman, Eric Scott, Nelson Tyler, William Suiter
Duration 46 min
Synopsis ROCKET COMPULSION is the story of tenacious Australian Jet Pilot David Mayman, as he strives to achieve his childhood dream of building and free-flying his own Rocket Belt, only to discover he face a nearly impossible task. Collaborating with the world's leading Rocket Belt engineers, David risks life and limb to become the world's next Rocketman. ROCKET COMPULSION will take the audience on a ride that shows point blank why less people have flown Rocket Belts than have walked on the moon.
Status Production
Location
Sales Contact Firelight Productions Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9360 0007

Scarlet Road

Category Short, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, Relationships & Sexuality, Social Issues & Community Welfare
Production Company Paradigm Pictures Pty Ltd
Producer Pat Fiske
Director Catherine Scott
Duration 52 min
Synopsis SCARLET ROAD follows the extraordinary work of Australian sex worker Rachel Wotton. Impassioned about freedom of sexual expression, she specialises in a new and emerging clientele – people with disability.
Status Production
Location
Production Company Paradigm Pictures Pty Ltd Tel: 02 9130 6456 Fax: 02 9130 6409
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Secret History of the Eurovision Song Contest, The

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes Cultures - International
Production Company Electric Pictures
Producers Andrew Ogilvie, Andrea Quesnelle
Director Stephen Oliver
Writer Stephen Oliver
Duration 2 x 52 min
Synopsis Some see it as an outdated, second-rate entertainment show. But as the Contest enters its second half century, this is an opportunity to take it seriously in a documentary series that mixes politics and pop music to tell the stories behind one of the great institutions of European broadcasting. The program will peer beyond the glitz to examine the Eurovision Song Contest and how it has tracked – and at times even influenced – the changing social and political life of Europe.
Status Pre-Production
Location
Production Company Electric Pictures Tel: 20 7636 1231 Fax: 20 7636 1675
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DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Sex: An Unnatural History

Category Series, Documentary
Subject/Themes Relationships & Sexuality
Production Company Matchbox Pictures
Producer Michaela Perske
Writer Mark O'Toole
Cast : Julia Zemiro
Duration 6 x 2426 min
Synopsis SEX: AN UNNATURAL HISTORY is a six part factual series hosted by Julia Zemiro that will explore the last fifty years of Australia's sexual landscape. A lively series using a blend of experts, philosophers, academics and ordinary people that poses the big questions about sex in the modern day.
Status Pre-Production
Location
Production Company Matchbox Pictures Tel: 02 9560 2968
Sales Contact Matchbox Pictures Tel: 02 9560 2968

Space Cowboy - The Magic of Thinking Big

Category Feature, Documentary
Subject/Themes Animation, Environment & Conservation, Science & Technology
Production Company Black Pearl Pictures
Producer Jon Doddemeade
Director Jon Doddemeade
Writer Ray Palmer
Cast : Ray Palmer, Dr David Blair, Jacinta Delahays, Paul Watson, Brent McInnes
Duration 90 min
Synopsis SPACE COWBOY is about Ray Palmer, a 36-year-old Deep Space photographer, who exhibits astro photos. Ray is not your common astronomer, he sticks out like a sore thumb within the astronomy community, the Steve Irwin of astronomy.
Status Post-Production
Location WA, WA
Production Company Black Pearl Pictures Tel: 08 9336 4471
Sales Contact Black Pearl Pictures Tel: 08 9336 4471

The Multicultural History Interactive Documentary

Category Interactive, Documentary
Subject/Themes
Production Company Chocolate Liberation Front
Producers Dan Fill, Frank Verheggen
Duration min
Synopsis
Status Production
Location
Production Company Chocolate Liberation Front

DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Who Do You Think You Are? series 3

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes

Production Company Artemis International Pty Ltd

Producer Celia Tait

Duration 6 x 52 min

Synopsis Well-known Australians go in search of their family history, revealing secrets from the past. With secrets uncovered and histories revealed, each individual discovers that their ancestors form an integral part of not only their own identity, but that of the nation. Combining personal journeys with big-picture history, the stories show how Australians have come to be today. Australia's multicultural background makes this a global story, with each celebrity tracing their ancestors around the world. They travel to the places where their forebears would have lived, loved and died, and learn about the hardships and hurdles their ancestors overcame. This is a fascinating chronicle of the social, ethnic and cultural evolution of Australia's national identity.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Artemis International Pty Ltd

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Sales Contact SBS Content Sales

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Who's Been Sleeping in My House?

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, History & Politics - Australian

Producer Jacqueline Willinge

Director Andrew Saw

Writers Daniel Brown, Andrew Saw

Cast : Adam Ford (Presenter)

Duration 8 x 30 min

Synopsis Presented by Melbourne-based archaeologist and cultural heritage expert Adam Ford, he takes the viewers on an investigative journey. We follow Adam as he zigzags his way through archives, family albums, interviews, databases, and home movies. Meeting social historians and relatives of past owners along the way, he pieces together a past that isn't recorded in the history books.

Status Pre-Production

Location

Wide Open Road

Category Series, Documentary

Subject/Themes Cultures - Australian, History & Politics - Australian

Production Company Bombora Film and Music Co Pty Ltd

Producer Penny Robins

Writers Paul Clarke, Nick Carroll

Duration 3 x 60 min

Synopsis An Australian social history of the Twentieth Century - viewed through the windscreen of the cars that we so cherished.

Status Production

Location

Production Company Bombora Film and Music Co Pty Ltd

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DOCUMENTARIES

Upcoming Productions as at 3/8/2010

Women Paying For It

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes History & Politics - International, Relationships & Sexuality, Women

Production Company Coalface Communications Pty Ltd

Producers Sally McKenzie, Larry Zetlin

Director Sally McKenzie

Writer Sally McKenzie

Cast Heidi Fleiss

Duration 55 min

Synopsis WOMEN PAYING FOR IT traces the history of women buying sex and takes us on a worldwide brothel tour to look at brothel-practices through the ages. Peeping into the secret lives of escorts, prostitutes and their clients, we uncover how women pay for sex and why they do it. We also explore the different ways women and men respond to sexual stimuli. Will women be able to pay for sex in a purpose-built brothel, the way men have since at least 594 B.C.?

Status Production

Location

Production Company Coalface Communications Pty Ltd

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Worm Hunters, The

Category Short, Documentary

Subject/Themes Environment & Conservation, Science & Technology, Wildlife & Natural History

Production Company Gulliver Media Australia Pty Ltd

Producer Larry Zetlin

Director Randall Wood

Writer Randall Wood

Duration 55 min

Synopsis Evolutionist, Charles Darwin was passionate about them, vermitologists are obsessed with them, they're used for human waste treatment, anti cancer medicine, and have even been discovered in edible burger mix...From three-metre long Gippsland worms, iridescent Blue Squirter worms, Football Sock worms and cannibalistic Flat worms, earthworms are one of science's next big discoveries. THE WORM HUNTERS tells the story of this quiet, little known animal that loves eating, procreating and living in dark slimy places. But there is more...Earthworms are about to make big business billions of dollars and potentially save the world from a huge environmental dilemma.(Also available in a 90-minute version.)

Status Production

Location

Production Company Gulliver Media Australia Pty Ltd

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