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DRAMATIC VAMPIRE FILM GREEN-LIT FOR PRODUCTION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Screen Australia and the South Australian Film Corporation announced today that production funding has been granted for ***In The Blood***, a high-concept vampire film to shoot in late 2017.

Produced by **Trevor Blainey** (*Noise, Cut Snake*) and written by the multi-award winning short film writer/director **Nigel Karikari**, ***In The Blood*** is at its core a story of family, both of blood and clan, about a mother's redemption and the coming of age transformation of the son she once abandoned.

Selina, a lethal self-serving vampire, returns to a remote farmstead to destroy the last vestiges of her own troubling humanity, her long abandoned now teenage human son. Unable to go through with it and pursued by a ruthless band of hunters she finds herself on the run with him, forced to make choices that will put her on a bloody journey back to her own humanity and ultimately her own redemption.

Directing duties will be taken on by first time feature filmmaker **Victoria Cocks**, who wrote and directed the internet cult hit series *Wastelander Panda*.

"Genre is what I love and what I feel most passionate about as a director. Finding a script that is able to combine that with both a great dramatic premise and great characters you genuinely care about in equal measure is something I will never say no to taking on", said Victoria Cocks.

"***In The Blood*** is a terrific script written by Nigel Karikari that I'm sure will make a compelling film. It's a great opportunity for me to work with a talented new director Victoria Cocks who I know is ready to make her mark with this film", said producer Trevor Blainey.

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Screen Australia's CEO **Graeme Mason**, said: "For both Victoria Cocks and Nigel Karikari's feature debut, this is a fantastic calling card. They are exciting new talents and *In The Blood* will provide them and producer Trevor Blainey with the opportunity to work on a project that we hope will have broad appeal not only here, but internationally."

South Australian Film Corporation's CEO **Annabelle Sheehan** said: "Victoria Cocks is a truly innovative filmmaker. Her success with the online drama series *Wastelander Panda* established her as a director with a unique vision. We celebrate her launching her feature film career with *In The Blood*, and are proud to be supporting a South Australian director. Creating screen content brings together skilled practitioners from all aspects of the arts and securing this feature film for both production and post-production in South Australia will provide jobs for an estimated 150 SA Crew and Cast. Some of the very best Australian genre films have come out of South Australia, and *In The Blood* is sure to join them.

In The Blood will commence pre-production in August 2017 with delivery in mid-2018.

Produced by Retro Active Films with major production investment from Screen Australia in association with the SAFC. Distribution in Australia and New Zealand will be by Umbrella with international sales being handled by Embankment.

Trevor Blainey, Nigel Karikari and Victoria Cocks are available for comment.

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