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Lucy Gaffy to shadow direct an episode of *Doctor Doctor*, season 2.

AACTA and ADG award winning short film director **Lucy Gaffy** has been selected by **Essential Media** to direct an episode of *Doctor Doctor* with **director Ian Watson** as part of the ongoing **Australian Directors' Guild's Shadow Directing program**.

Lucy's previous directing credits includes winner of the Best Short Fiction Film at 2016 AACTA Awards, *Dream Baby* and the Screen NSW Emerging Filmmakers' Funded, *The Gift*.

In 2016 Lucy received a **Directors' Attachment** with **director Mark Joffe** on Channel 9 production, *House of Bond*.

The Shadow Directing program was created by the ADG with funding from **Screen Australia's Gender Matters: Brilliant Careers** initiative to get more women directing Australian TV drama series and serials over the next two years.

"As an emerging filmmaker, that final leap into professional practice can feel impossible. However with the support of the ADG, the belief of the fabulous team at Essential Media and the generosity of Captain Ian Watson, the impossible is made real by this remarkable initiative. I am deeply grateful to all for this opportunity," said **Lucy Gaffy**

We are pleased that another of our talented female directors has been given an opportunity to work on this popular television drama production. The ADG wants to thank both Essential Media and Channel Nine for supporting this important directing program," said **Kingston Anderson, CEO of the Australian Directors' Guild**.

The Producers on *Doctor Doctor* - **Ian Collie, Claudia Karvan and Tony McNamara** - are thrilled to be working with the ADG and Lucy Gaffy on this ADG Shadow Directing program. They said:" Lucy is a rare talent and we are so happy she is directing her first hour of television drama with Essential. She has a bright future and we hope she remembers us. We couldn't have a better mentor than the super experienced, Ian Watson. It's crucial new directors are given meaningful opportunities and we are grateful to Nine for supporting this."

"Lucy Gaffy is an exciting new talent who shows exceptional promise so we are thrilled our partners at the Australian Directors' Guild, Essential Media and Nine have facilitated such a valuable learning opportunity for her," said **Sally Caplan, Head of Production at Screen Australia**. "With the assistance of Gender Matters: Brilliant Careers funding, the ADG's Shadow Directing program will continue to provide emerging female directors with this kind of hands-on experience, which is vital to their development as our country's next generation of filmmakers."

Earlier this year director Darlene Johnson completed the first Shadow Directing opportunity on Channel 7's Home and Away

Other Shadow Directing opportunities with **participating production companies** will be announced at various stages throughout the next year.

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