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Drum roll please... presenting the 2008 EnhanceTV ATOM Award winners!

MELBOURNE – Monday 27, 2007 – The winners of the 2008 EnhanceTV ATOM Awards were announced on Friday 24 October at a 'big screen extravaganza' held at Melbourne's Regent Theatre.

"We were astounded by the truly inspirational array of productions – across a wide variety of forms – from both students and industry which we received this year as part of the program. To have been ranked as a winner or as a finalist this year was again something of which everyone should rightly have been very proud," commented Julie-Anne Smith, Executive Officer, ATOM Awards.

Each year, the ATOM Awards recognise excellence in over thirty categories of Film, Television, Animation and Multimedia and celebrate the very best of Australian and New Zealand production.

The 2008 *EnhanceTV* ATOM Awards program was open to the education and industry sectors, students, production companies, independent filmmakers, educational bodies and educational producers in both countries.

"We encouraged anyone who had produced a short film, documentary, animation, electronic game, educational resource, television program or innovative new media work over the past twelve months to enter. The number of entries was again exceptional, making the judges' jobs difficult as always. Accolades to everyone for a fabulous display of media," she concluded.

The 2008 *EnhanceTV* ATOM Awards were presented at a gala presentation ceremony, held in the Plaza Ballroom, Regent Theatre, Melbourne on Friday 24 October, 2008. The evening's proceedings will commence at 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

The 2008 *EnhanceTV* ATOM Awards program was sponsored by Avid, Adobe Asia Pacific, Victorian Government through the Department of Planning and Community Development, Madman Entertainment, Deakin University, Monash University Faculty of Arts, Encore Magazine, Metro Magazine, Metroscreen, Open Channel, Qpix, SBS, 2Camels, Netagi, Digistore Solutions, Scotch College Melbourne and Overnewton Anglican Community College.

The 2008 *EnhanceTV* ATOM Awards were funded by Screen Australia, South Australian Film Corporation, the New South Wales Film and Television Office and Film Victoria.

The call for 2009 entries opens on December 1, 2008 – visit www.atomawards.org for more information>

...and this year's winners are:

Best Animation

Father

Sebastian Danta

Second Sight Productions

(NSW)

Best Children's Television Production

Animalia – Ep 18 'What's the Good Word?'

Ewan Burnett & Murray Pope

Animalia Productions Pty Ltd in association with Porchlight Entertainment
(Vic)

Best Documentary General

Maverick Mother

Janet Merewether

Screen Culture Pty Ltd
(NSW)

Best Documentary Human Story

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Janet Merewether

Screen Culture Pty Ltd
(NSW)

Best Documentary Science, Technology & The Environment

Seed Hunter

Sally Ingleton

360 Degree Films
(VIC)

Best Documentary Short Form (<30 mins)

Casualties Of War

Jeni Lee

Carousel Media
(SA)

Best Documentary Social & Political Issues

Hope

Steve Thomas and Sue Brooks

Flying Carpet Films
(VIC)

Best Educational Multimodal Production

Australian Women In War

Ryebuck Media and Department of Veterans' Affairs
(VIC)

Best Experimental

The Eternity Man

Rosemary Blight, John Wyver and Alex Fleetwood (producers)

Goalpost Pictures
(NSW)

Best Indigenous Resource

Watuwal Malangur Ga Nhina (Living With Dogs)

Gregory Stehle

ARDS Inc.
(NT)

Best Instructional / Training Resource

'OHS Risk Management - for the film, television and commercial production industry'

Cathy Miller, Marguerite Grey, Jenny Barltrop and Peter Wasson

SPAA, SAVV-E Team Effort
(NSW)

Best Tertiary Interactive/Video Game

Mayhem Intergalactic

Chris Pelling
Inventive Dingo
(ACT)

Best Middle School (7-10) Multimedia Production

Beast

Sarah Lang
St Catherine's School
(VIC)

Best Middle School (7-10) Video Production

Dropped In

Alyce Burnett
Immanuel Lutheran College
(QLD)

Best Multimedia

Immersion

Angela Barnett, Andrew Buchanan, Darren Ballingall,
Christian Rubino and Chris MacKellar
(VIC)

Best Multimedia Learning Resource

Rollermache

Hugh Davies
ABC Multiplatform Kids
Australian Broadcasting Corporation
(VIC)

Best Multimodal Production

The Oasis

Shark Island Productions
(NSW)

Best Primary Education Resource

Eureka Multimedia English Tutor – Spelling

EurekaMultimedia
(NSW)

Best Primary Film Video Production

Remote

Nera Skripic-Vuckovic
Mayfield State School
(QLD)

Best Primary Multimedia Production

My Life As A Rain Drop

Isabella Horrigan
Methodist Ladies College
(VIC)

Best Secondary Animation

Culture Shock

Mei-Lynn Wilkinson
Narrabundah College
(ACT)

Best Secondary Documentary

UnAustralian

Ben Sale
Sandringham College
(VIC)

Best Secondary Education Resource

Lockie Leonard

Bernadette O'Mahony
Australian Children's Television Foundation
(VIC)

Best Secondary Fiction

Creative Creatures

Guy Verge Wallace
(NSW)

Best Secondary Music Video

Enough - Faker

Frazer Bull-Clark, Daniel Matthews-Hunter & Jake Allan
Narrabundah College
(ACT)

Best Senior (11-12) Multimedia Production

Zest For Life Fitness

Sarah McConnell
Firbank Grammar School
(VIC)

Best Short Fiction

Nice Shootin' Cowboy

Ben Phelps and John Maynard
(NSW)

Best Tertiary Animation

Animal Instincts

Cameron Edser
Bond University
GooRoo Animation
(SA)

Best Tertiary Documentary

Undressing Vanessa

Matthew Pond
AFTRS
(NSW)

Best Tertiary Education Resource

The Oasis

Shark Island Productions
(NSW)

Best Tertiary Experimental

Theory Of The Game

Jasper Montana
(VIC)



Best Tertiary Interactive/Video Game

Mayhem Intergalactic

Chris Pelling
Inventive Dingo
(ACT)

Best Tertiary Multimedia

Remembering Bogle Chandler

Rebecca Young
RMIT University
(VIC)

Best Tertiary Short Fiction

Close Distance

Richard Vilensky
AFTRS
(NSW)

Images of Age Sub-category

In Her Father's Eyes

Belinda Hawkins, Elena Christie and Mara Blazic
ABC TV Australian Story
(VIC)

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About the ATOM Awards

The ATOM Awards were established in 1982 by the Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) - an independent, non-profit association promoting media education and screen literacy in primary, secondary and tertiary education and the broader community.

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Using the ATOM Awards, ATOM publications and ATOM Professional Development Victoria, ATOM is actively engaged in the promotion of Australian product into the education and industry market. As such, the ATOM Awards are unique in their incorporation of the educational market with the broader industry.

The combination of student and professional awards not only allows the ATOM Awards to provide all-important early career exposure and experience for emerging professionals, but also provides promotional opportunities for winners and finalists.

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