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ABC TV congratulates SPA Award winners

Great Australian productions shine at the 15th annual Screen Producers Australia Awards

ABC TV congratulates their five recipients of Screen Producers Australia Awards announced in Melbourne last night, as part of the 30th Screen Forever conference.

Outstanding ABC TV productions across multiple genres, including drama, comedy, entertainment and children's were among the winners.

The Secret River, based on Kate Grenville's multi-award-winning bestselling novel, was awarded **Best Telemovie or Mini Series Production**, while political thriller ***The Code*** collected the gong for **Best Drama Television Production**.

Comedian Josh Thomas' critically acclaimed 'dramady' series ***Please Like Me*** was awarded **Best Comedy Television Production**, and Adam Zwar's ***Agony*** series took the award for **Best Light Entertainment Television Production**.

The action-packed adventure series for teens, ***Nowhere Boys***, was named **Best Children's Television Production**.

Richard Finlayson, Director of Television said: "The SPA Awards celebrate great Australian screen productions, and recognize outstanding skill and creativity within the industry. ABC TV is thrilled to be working with so many incredibly talented producers to tell compelling Australian stories on screen."

The awards acknowledge excellence in television, covering light entertainment, telemovie or mini-series, children's television, comedy, documentary television and reality, as well as feature film, feature film documentary and interactive productions (including games).

The ABC received 15 nominations in total across the 11 award categories. The full list of ABC nominees is:

TELEVISION

Telemovie or Mini Series Production

The Secret River, Ruby Entertainment (ABC)

Drama Television Production

The Code, Playmaker Media (ABC)

Glitch, Matchbox Pictures (ABC)

Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries S03, Every Cloud Productions (ABC)

Children's Television Production

Bushwhacked! S03, Mint Pictures (ABC3)
Nowhere Boys S02, Matchbox Pictures (ABC3)
Tashi, Flying Bark Productions (ABC3)

Comedy Television Production

8MMM Aboriginal Radio, Brindle Films & Princess Pictures (ABC)
Maximum Choppage, Matchbox Pictures (ABC2)
Please Like Me S02, Guesswork Television (ABC)

Light Entertainment Television Production

Agony, High Wire Films (ABC)
How Not To Behave, Screentime (ABC)

Documentary Television Production

Blood and Thunder: The Story of Alberts, Beyond Screen Production (ABC)
Brilliant Creatures, Mint Pictures (ABC)
Redesign My Brain S02, Mindful Media (ABC)

FEATURE FILM**Feature Documentary Production**

Between A Frock And A Hard Place, Jungleboys FTV (ABC)

INTERACTIVE**Interactive Production**

MY:24, Australian Children's Television Foundation/Essential Media and Entertainment (ABC3)

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