**ABC ME in line for three BAFTA awards**

ABC ME has made its mark on the international stage by bagging three BAFTA award nominations celebrating the world’s best programs for young audiences.

The finalists for the [2018 British Academy Children’s Awards](http://www.bafta.org/children/awards/childrens-awards-nominations-2018#INTERNATIONAL%20LIVE%20ACTION) feature ABC ME series *Nowhere Boys: Two Moons Rising* (nominated for the International Live Action Award) and underwater adventure [*The Deep*](https://iview.abc.net.au/collection/the-deep) (International Animation Award). ABC ME enhanced acquisition [*So Awkward*](https://iview.abc.net.au/show/so-awkward)is a contender for Best Comedy program.

ABC Children’s Head Libbie Doherty said: “Congratulations to the teams behind *Nowhere Boys, The Deep* and *So Awkward* for setting the high-water mark for quality and distinctive programming that resonates with primary school-age children around the world.

“ABC ME reflects and celebrates the diverse lives, interests and joys of children across genres such as drama, animation and comedy. The BAFTA award nominations continue a golden run of recognition for ABC Children’s content, including this month’s win by *First Day* at the MIPCOM Diversity TV Excellence Awards.”

The Emmy Award-winning drama *Nowhere Boys* is a Matchbox Pictures production for the ABC, with the support of Screen Australia and Film Victoria. *The Deep*  is produced by A Stark Production and DHX Media for the ABC and Britain’s CBBC.

The winners of the BAFTA Children’s Awards will be announced on 25 November.

ABC Children’s awards and nominations this month include:

* [*First Day* won the inaugural prize for outstanding children’s programming](http://about.abc.net.au/press-releases/abc-childrens-first-day-wins-international-award-celebrating-diversity-and-inclusion/) across all genres at the MIPCOM Diversify TV Excellence Awards.
* [Two International Emmy Kids Awards nominations](https://tv.press.abc.net.au/abc-childrens-scores-two-international-emmy-nominations) for *Mustangs FC* (Best Kids Series) and *Secret Life of Boys* (Best Kids Digital).
* Three nominations for the [2018 Screen Music Awards](http://apraamcos.com.au/awards/2018-awards/screen-music-awards/full-list-of-nominees/), with *Grace Beside Me* and *The Justine Clarke Show* in line for Best Original Song Composed for Screen and *The Deep: The Missing* for Best Music for Children’s Television.
* Four nominations for Best Children’s Television Program at the [2018 ATOM Awards,](http://atomawards.org/2018-tertiary-industry-category/best-childrens-television-program/) celebrating the best Australian and New Zealand screen content from the education sector and screen industry: *A Field Guide to Being a 12-Year-Old Girl; Grace Beside Me; Teenage Boss;* and the ABC Education animated series *Minibeast Heroes.*

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