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SKIT BOX in production on *WHAM BAM THANK YOU MA'AM* for ABC's FRESH BLOOD.

Fresh off the back of worldwide viral sensation *Activewear*, Sydney based Skit Box have passed the halfway mark filming their Fresh Blood series *Wham Bam Thank You Ma'am*. This 6x30 minute sketch series has been commissioned thanks to a partnership between Screen Australia, ABC TV and NBCUniversal's ad-free comedy streaming channel Seeso.

The series is written, directed and stars Adele Vuko (*Soul Mates*, *This Is Littleton*), Greta Lee Jackson (*Crazy Bastards*, *In a Woman's World*) and Sarah Bishop (*Red Christmas*, *Crushed*).

Skit Box is well positioned to deliver comedy from a uniquely female perspective; as well as the three Creator / Writer / Directors, the Executive Producer, Producer, Cinematographer, Production Designer, Hair, Makeup and Costume Designers are all women. Erin White, Nikos Andronicos and Kacie Anning also guest direct.

Wham Bam Thank You Ma'am features a range of sketch formats with recurring characters and storylines, as well as unique one-off content in each episode. Special guests include David Collins (*Umbilical Brothers*), Triple J's Matt Okine and Christiaan Van Vuuren (*Bondi Hipsters*). Fellow Fresh Blood initiative recipients Aunty Donna, Henry Stone, Paul Ayre and Veronica Milsom complete a lineup of established and emerging Australian comedians.

"It's great that we get to make a show that dissects modern sexism whilst also watching guys in our crew carry lots of heavy stuff for us," said Sarah.

"We were really excited to create a show with Screen Australia, ABC, Seeso and Screen NSW, they are all such a wealth of support and are so pragmatic about fostering new and creative show ideas," said Adele.

"Have you ever noticed that Donald Duck walks around without pants, but when he loses his shirt, he covers his lower half? What's up with that?" asked Greta.

Screen Australia and ABC's Fresh Blood initiative has been kickstarting the careers of young comedy writers, directors and performers since 2013. With Seeso now coming on board the series will also be available in the US, helping to grow the profile of Australia's best new comedy creators.

"Watching these talented women grow over the past two years has been a privilege. I am so grateful to our backers for Fresh Blood, giving emerging talent like Skit Box a breakthrough into the industry," said producer Michelle Hardy.

Head of ABC Entertainment Jon Casimir said, "The team behind *Wham Bam* are the best kind of troublemakers: smart, funny, charming and full of bite. We're lucky to know them and even luckier to be launching their debut comedy series on the world."

"It has been extremely rewarding to see Skit Box progress through the ranks of Fresh Blood, moving from their hilarious gender-bending sketches, to a confident and popular pilot capable of attracting international finance for this full series. We're sure Adele, Sarah & Greta will make a blistering debut season," said Mike Cowap, Screen Australia's Investment Manager.

Seeso's Kelsey Balance said: "It's a dream come true to work with such a talented team of strong, comedic women. Their hilarious and poignant sketches have already made an impact in the zeitgeist in an international way and we can't wait to share this show with our US audience."

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Additional Notes:

Skit Box have achieved over 30 million hits worldwide and have been featured internationally on The New York Times, BuzzFeed, NBC's The Today Show, InStyle, Glamour, Perez Hilton, The Huffington Post, Cosmopolitan and many more. They were recently named on Mamamia's list of Australia's Top 10 Female Comedians.

As well as *Wham Bam Thank You Ma'am*, Skit Box have several upcoming high profile projects including their award winning live comedy stage show Skit Box Presents, and a feature film *The Retreat* which is in development with Screen Australia.

Seeso is a new digital comedy streaming channel from NBCUniversal and have already picked up several other Australian ABC comedies including *Soul Mates* and *Fancy Boy*.

Credits:

Written, Directed and Starring: Adele Vuko, Greta Lee Jackson, Sarah Bishop. Guest Directors: Erin White, Nikos Andonikos and Kacie Anning. Produced by Michelle Hardy of Hardy White Pictures, Executive Produced by Donna Andrews of Sticky Pictures. For the ABC: Rick Kalowski (ABC Head of Comedy), Jon Casimir (ABC Head of Entertainment) and Richard Huddleston (ABC Supervising EP Entertainment & Development).