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Week 23 Highlights



Ronny Chieng: International Student
Series Premieres Wednesday 7 June 9.00pm

DAVID STRATTON'S STORIES OF AUSTRALIAN CINEMA



David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema
Series Premieres Tuesday 6 June 8.30pm



Ronny Chieng: International Student

Meet Ronny Chieng. He's a Malaysian student who's come to Australia to study law. He's smart, driven and competitive, which would make him the perfect law student, if he actually wanted to be a lawyer.

Blunt, barbed and not afraid to cut through the B.S, it's not long before Ronny is at odds with most people on campus. As a genuine outsider, Ronny is suspicious of any group that wants him as a member, be it the beer-drinking Australians, the Mah-jong playing Asians or the pompous blazer-wearing... idiots.

Ronny is caught between his old life and his new life, between the international students and the local students, and between his Mum's expectations and his own dreams, whatever the hell they may be.

Written by and starring comedian Ronny Chieng, a regular on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, *Ronny Chieng: International Student* was one of six comedy pilots which aired last year on ABC TV as part of a joint initiative with Screen Australia, *Comedy Showroom*, and becomes the first to be green lit to full series.

You can also catchup on the Pilot episode anytime on iview.

#InternationalStudent

Short synopsis

As Ronny settles into university life, the quiet atmosphere at International House is obliterated by the arrival of a brash, bombastic American exchange student, who transforms the dorm into a 24-hour frat party.

Production details

A Sticky Pictures production, with funding from ABC TV, Screen Australia, Film Victoria and Comedy Central (US)

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David Stratton's Stories of Australian Cinema

"When I started championing Australian cinema at the Sydney Film Festival I couldn't have imagined the richness of movies that would follow," says David. "These are the stories of the films that changed the way the world saw us and how we saw ourselves ... a story of how the films and those who made them broke through the status quo."

In this special three-part series, revered critic David Stratton tells the glorious story of Australian cinema. David is superbly qualified for this task: while he adapted to a new country and turned his passion for cinema into a profession as a film festival director and film critic, a growing band of courageous Australians turned their enthusiasm for storytelling into an extraordinary body of work.

Some of Australia's movie greats help tell this story, including actors Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, Geoffrey Rush, Judy Davis, Hugo Weaving, Sam Neill, Rachel Griffiths, Eric Bana and Jacki Weaver, and directors Gillian Armstrong, George Miller, Fred Schepisi, Bruce Beresford, David Michôd, Rachel Perkins and Warwick Thornton.

David has played a pivotal role nurturing filmmakers and helping them find audiences for their films locally and internationally. Margaret Pomeranz was at his side for a lot of that time as his television co-host of 28 years, most recently on *At The Movies* on ABC.

Episode one: Game Changers. Filmmakers gained confidence with: the boldness of *Picnic at Hanging Rock* and *Mad Max*; the global success of *Crocodile Dundee* and *Shine*; the flamboyance of *Strictly Ballroom*; the substance and style of *Samson & Delilah*.

Extras from *David Stratton's Stories of Australian Cinema* will be staggered on iview from May 30th, along with a 'Celebration of Australian Film' featuring: *Walkabout*, *They're a Weird Mob*, *My Brilliant Career*, *Newsfront*, *Careful He Might Hear You*, *Lantana*, and *Wake in Fright* from June 6.

Short synopsis

Revered critic David Stratton tells the glorious story of Australian cinema, focusing in on the films that capture the nation's true nature with such candour, emotion and humour that they still knock us for a six.

Production details

A Stranger Than Fiction Production with ABC, Screen Australia, and Screen NSW in association with the Adelaide Film Festival. Writer/Director Sally Aitken; Producers Jo-anne McGowan, Jennifer Peedom.

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★Top Pick

For the whole month of June



Arts Always On iview

ABC Arts iview presents three documentary series as part of the *Arts Always On* program.

Art Makers features cutting-edge Australian contemporary artists preparing their work for The National - a major new exhibition partnership between the Art Gallery of NSW, Carriageworks and The Museum of Contemporary Art. **Off the Page** is an ABC Arts original iview series examining the art of words, while **Curators** lifts the lid on the secretive world of exhibition making.

Short synopsis

ABC iview Arts presents three documentary series - *Art Makers*, *Off the Page* and *Curators* as part of the *Arts Always On* program.

Production details

An ABC Production

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Janet King

With ties to other key suspects in the betting network, and the man who forced Clay (Don Hany) to kill himself, Janet's (Marta Dusseldorp) father Graham (John Bach), falls under heavy suspicion, throwing Janet into dangerous ethical territory. Tony (Peter Kowitz) instructs Janet to remain at arm's length from the investigation, trusting her integrity to guide her, but what ensues is a battle between the heart and the mind. Her burning desire to know if her father is the mastermind behind a criminal betting syndicate is made even more difficult once Graham declares he wants a relationship with his grandchildren.

Meanwhile, Nate Baldwin's (Adam Demos) manslaughter charge is committed to trial. While Richard (Hamish Michael) urges Nate to plead guilty, he refuses, forcing Richard to try and find the substance Tyler Perati (Julian Maroun) was taking - which may prove to be the leading cause of death - not Nate's punch. But with the Northern Devils' management and Tyler's sister both proving uncooperative, Richard is facing an uphill battle with his career on the line.

As evidence mounts on Graham, the NCC starts to posit him as the major profit-taker. Janet comes to realise there is another explanation for his actions. She knows her father, knows his principles, and he would never involve himself in match fixing. What Janet does discover is Graham's involvement in a salary cap rort involving the Northern Devils' star player, Nate Baldwin. But is that all Graham is hiding?

#JanetKing

Short synopsis

When Janet's father becomes the NCC's main suspect, she's torn between compromising the entire investigation and the need to pursue the truth about him. But as evidence against him grows, is a daughter's heart overruling a lawyer's head? CAST: Marta Dusseldorp.

Production details

Screentime, a Banijay Group Company, production with the ABC and Screen NSW; Executive Producers Greg Haddrick, Sally Riley Kym Goldsworthy; Series Producer Karl Zwicky; Producer Lisa Scott.

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Sunday 4 June

First on iView in the morning, then 7.40pm on ABC TV & ABC ME



Doctor Who

Travelling through time and space, the eighth episode will screen on ABC iView on Sunday May 28, immediately following the UK broadcast.

If you plan to sleep in on Sunday, or want to relive all the action, then tune into ABC or ABC ME that night at 7.40pm as the channels simulcast the eighth episode.

Doctor Who, series 10, sees Peter Capaldi embark on his thrilling final chapter as the Twelfth Doctor as well as the introduction of brand new companion Pearl Mackie as Bill Potts and the return of Matt Lucas as Nardole.

During this new series, fantastic adventures and terrifying monsters await the team of heroes as they journey through space and time in this latest instalment of the globally-renowned drama. Expect laughter, danger and exhilarating escapades in this final series under the helm of lead writer and executive producer Steven Moffat.

Series 10 also sees the return of the original Mondasian Cybermen, much-feared classic foe. The Mondasian Cybermen – the original version of the Doctor's deadly enemies – hail from the planet Mondas and have not been seen in Doctor Who for over fifty years.

Peter Capaldi first stepped into the TARDIS in 2013, and will leave the iconic role in the 2017 Christmas Special after three incredible series of the BBC's global hit sci-fi drama. Peter Capaldi's final series also marks writer and executive producer Steven Moffat's last so promises to be unmissable event television.

#DoctorWho

Short synopsis

Fantastic adventures and terrifying monsters await the Doctor and his new companion Bill Potts as they journey through space and time in this latest instalment of the globally-renowned drama. CAST: Peter Capaldi

Production details

A BBC Production

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Grantchester

Fast-tracked from the UK, the final episode of Season 3 of Grantchester.

A missing child strikes fear into the heart of the village, and it's up to Sidney (James Norton) to rally the community in its time of greatest need.

But he's facing his own personal crisis, forced to finally choose between duty and love...

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Production details

Grantchester is a Kudos and MASTERPIECE co-production for ITV; Executive Producer: Diederick Santer; Series Producer: Emma Kingsman-Lloyd; Lead Writer/Executive Producer: Daisy Coulam; Writers: John Jackson, Oliver Frampton, Jess Williams; Directors: Tim Fywell, Rebecca Gatward, Rob Evans and Ed Bennett; Associate Producer: James Runcie; Rebecca Eaton will executive produce on behalf of PBS/MASTERPIECE.

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Whovians

Following the ABC and ABC ME broadcast of *Doctor Who* switch over to ABC2 to geek out with Rove and his team of superfans during **Whovians**.

Rove McManus, along with other self-confessed *Doctor Who* superfans, Tegan Higginbotham, Adam Richard and Steven 'Bajo' O'Donnell, as well as a roster of celebrity guests, dissect, delve into and delight in the world of *Doctor Who*.

As well as unpacking the most recent episode, Rove and the team will open the doors of the TARDIS and go back through the annals of time to lovingly analyze, critique, and unravel the mysteries of this much loved globally renowned series.

Tonight Rove, Adam, Bajo, Tegan and guests will dissect episode eight of *Doctor Who*.

This is a show by Whovians but one that won't exclude the rest of humanity.

So get ready to get on board.

#WhoviansAU

Short Synopsis

Join the Doctor Who after party where superfans Rove McManus, Tegan Higginbotham, Adam Richard & Steven O'Donnell discuss the latest episodes, answer your questions and basically geek out about Doctor Who.

Production details

Whovians is an ABC Production.

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Ask The Doctor

Ask the Doctor is an innovative, fun, and exploratory factual series that addresses the state of the nation's health, the latest in medical treatments and the future of healthcare as we know it.

Our trio of accomplished Aussie doctors, Dr. Shalin Naik, Dr. Renee Lim, and Dr. Sandro Demaio, travel the country to tackle our big health questions, bust medical myths and uncover the wonders of the human body. Here to answer Australians' health questions from how to treat the common cold to how much alcohol to drink, our medical experts deliver reliable, up-to-date medical advice to help people live healthy lives.

Each episode features a different theme ranging from diet, to pain, to sexual health to allergies. From the bedroom to the science laboratory, the dinner table to the operating table, we take a peek behind the medical curtain and explore both the most common and the most uncommon health concerns. We learn what the leading experts in their fields are discovering and witness firsthand the advances they're making in medical technology and treatments.

Join the doctors each Tuesday at 8pm, as they answer the health questions of the Australian public and deliver the latest in medical advice in a relatable, entertaining, and factual way.

This week we discover why pain is one of the most common reasons we visit the doctor and see how recent research is shaking up our understanding of how it works. Dr Shalin gets his head around the complex and fascinating process of what makes us feel pain. Dr Sandro is exposed to some discomfort as he learns how our brain and personality can change when we endure long-term pain. Dr Renee hits the road in country Victoria with a group of researchers armed with a bus full of visual tricks searching for alternative ways to treat pain. She meets chronic pain sufferer Dave who has benefited from some of these methods.

#AskTheDoctor

Short synopsis

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Production Details

A WTFN production, developed and produced in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and produced with the assistance of Film Victoria. Executive Producer: Ariel White, Series Producer: Ged Wood. ABC Commissioning Editor: Julie Hanna, ABC Head of Factual: Steve Bibb.

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Sammy J's Democratic Party

When he was thirteen, Sammy J visited Canberra on a school excursion. There, in the Great Hall of Parliament, he had a vision of a weekly, bite-sized satirical comedy show in which he would star.

Twenty years later, that vision finally comes true. If you like your politics sharp, shiny, and with a healthy dose of craft activities, this is one party you don't want to miss.

Each episode will include a new *Sammy J's Playground Politics* sketch - the hit of the 2016 election campaign. There'll be lots of fun to be had turning opinions into facts, building a nuclear bomb out of paddle pop sticks, and having a picnic with Corey Bearnardi in the political wilderness.

But once the kids are in bed, it'll be time to get this party started ...

Sammy J's Democratic Party is the panacea we need to get us through another winter of Australian politics. From low level thugs enforcing federal laws in *Constitutional Cops*, to the excitement of the brand new game show *Get Them to the Frontbench*, there'll be something for everyone in this weekly smorgasbord. Unless that person is Malcolm Turnbull.

Along the way, Sammy J grapples with the problems faced by everyday Australians. How would he feel if a mosque was built on his street? Does he really want to know where his food comes from? And why won't Robert Menzies answer any of his questions?

So pour yourself a drink, invite your local MP around and get ready to party like it's 2017 - because democracy has never tasted sweeter.

Short synopsis

A brand new weekly bite-sized sketch show in which Sammy J plays, acts, and sings his lungs out for the enjoyment of taxpayers across the nation.

Production details

Buxstock Entertainment

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Anh's Brush With Fame: Tina Arena

Beloved comedian, author and artist Anh Do returns with a second instalment of the hugely popular series *Anh's Brush with Fame*, getting up close and personal with an exciting new line-up of popular Australian celebrities to paint their portrait. As Anh paints his guests, he chats to them to discover their history and what makes them tick, shaping the way he represents them.

#AnhsBrushWithFame

Short synopsis

Anh's guest this week is household name and acclaimed performer Tina Arena who shares with him her journey from child star to international success, and the challenges and sacrifices that have shaped her.

Production details

A Screentime Production. Executive Producer Johnny Lowry. Head of Factual Steve Bibb

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Binge On The Best Aussie Drama

Settle into winter and enjoy ABC iview's annual event - Binge on The Best Australian Drama. All throughout June, the complete series of some of our most popular and engaging dramas will be available to watch in their entirety, wherever and whenever you like. Dramas that will keep you guessing, make you cry, laugh and have you on the edge of your seats. Titles include:

- Jack Irish series 1
- Janet King series 1 and 2
- Newton's Law
- Seven Types of Ambiguity
- The Warriors
- Barracuda
- The Secret River
- Redfern Now
- Cleverman series 1

With such a fantastic array of titles, ABC iview is the place for perfect winter viewing.

Short synopsis

Settle into winter with ABC iview's annual Binge on The Best Australian Drama and watch some of ABC best dramas in their entirety. Some titles include; The Secret River, Cleverman, Barracuda, Redfern Now and Jack Irish.

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Comedy Up Late

Direct from the 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, ABC brings the boldest comedy names along with the madness of the festival and delivers them straight to our television screens.

Now in its 5th year, this hilarious 10-part series features some of the best and brightest up and coming new talent. This year's hosts include Ivan Aristeguieta, Nath Valvo, Mel Buttle, Sam Taunton and DeAnne Smith (CAN/USA), as well as sets from side-splitting local and international comedians like Susie Youssef, Daniel Townes, Guy Montgomery (NZ), Tom Walker, Janelle James (USA), Matt Stewart, Fortune Feimster (USA), Laura Davis, Neeti Palta (India), Dane Simpson, Emma Sidi (UK) and many more.

Up tonight Mel Buttle brings you some of the best acts of the 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival! Becky Lucas, a rising star of the Australian comedy scene, likes to cry in different places around the world, while Janelle James, visiting from the US, talks about adapting to suburban life. From the UK, Lloyd Langford's face is too big for his head, and *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Australia star Tom Walker does an impression of a kettle.

Cast: MC: Mel Buttle, Becky Lucas Janelle James (USA) Lloyd Langford (UK) Tom Walker

Short synopsis

Mel Buttle brings you some of the best acts of the 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, including Becky Lucas, Janelle James, Lloyd Langford, and Tom Walker. #ComedyUpLate

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Unforgotten

When the body of a young man is discovered in a derelict building, DCI Cassie Stuart (Nicola Walker) – one of the Met's smartest detectives – is called in to investigate with her partner, DI Sunil Khan (Sanjeev Bhaskar).

Jimmy Sullivan was a homeless boy, murdered in 1976 when the building was a hostel. His diary implicates four suspects: Clergyman Robert Greaves (Bernard Hill), a devoted husband and father; Sir Phillip Cross (Trevor Eve), an eminent entrepreneur, and business tsar to the government; Lizzie Wilton (Ruth Sheen) a middle-aged woman who, alongside her husband Ray, works with disadvantaged black kids; and wheel chairbound Eric Slater (Tom Courtney), who is carer to his wife Claire (Gemma Jones), who's in the early stages of dementia.

Each of them has something to hide. As their lies unravel, the people they love most begin to wonder what else they might be capable of.

The more layers of deception that Cassie peels back, the more she realises that nothing in this case is black and white. Can you ever really know the people closest to you? What secrets have they buried?

Short synopsis

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Production details

A Mainstreet Pictures production for ITV; Writer Chris Lang; Director Andy Wilson; Producer Tim Bradley; Executive Producers Sally Haynes, Laura Mackie, Chris Lang

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Father Brown

Father Brown (Mark Williams) cycles back on screen to solve more mysteries in the sleepy Cotswold village of Kembleford in this charming series based on the short stories by G K Chesterton.

Each episode sees Father Brown investigate a crime in his own particular way, using intuition and psychology. Once again, the enigmatic priest is aided by his no-nonsense parish secretary Mrs McCarthy, glamorous socialite Lady Felicia Montague and her chauffeur Sid Carter.

An intruder enters Lady Felicia's (Nancy Carroll) bedroom, turning on the light reveals it's her niece Bunty (Emer Kenny). She's gone on the run after being photographed with a married man – can she stay with her favourite aunt? Felicia asks Father Brown and Mrs McCarthy (Sorcha Cusack) to look after Bunty while she attends business in London. They visit Davina, Lady Malmort (Frances Barber) to see how wayward girl Ruby (Caitlin Drabble) is faring as the new maid. Davina's son Bobby (Ed Cooper Clarke) is thrilled to see Bunty, insisting she stay for dinner. That night Bunty finds Ruby in her room trying on a stole, which Bunty gives her. The next morning Bunty discovers Ruby's crumpled body outside and when Bunty's blood-stained stole is found, Inspector Mallory (Jack Deam) arrests her as the prime suspect.

Short synopsis

Father Brown is asked to look after Lady Felicia's wayward niece Bunty, who soon finds herself suspected of murder. CAST: Mark Williams.

Production details

Producer: Caroline Slater. Executive Producer: Will Trotter. A BBC Drama production in association with BBC Worldwide.

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Delicious

Sam faces a fraud investigation after the family discover that Leo had concealed huge financial debts. Having learnt that the Penrose has been placed in Gina's name, Gina and Teresa move into the Penrose. When Teresa tells Gina that she had an abortion Gina is shocked, confronts Rosa and cancels her wedding at the Penrose to spite her. When Gina learns that the Penrose is losing money, and that Rosa's wedding was their financial lifeline, Gina must work with Sam to get the wedding back on track. With the Penrose under threat, can Sam and Gina put their differences aside to pull off a perfect Cornish wedding? Teresa and Michael try to work through their complicated feelings for each other, which is made even more complicated when Michael begins to suspect that Leo committed suicide.

Short synopsis

Gina returns to the Penrose and reminisces about her relationship with Leo. Later, Gina has a run-in with Rosa and throws her wedding plans into turmoil. CAST: Dawn French, Iain Glen, Emilia Fox and Sheila Hancock.

Production details

A Sky Original Production. Written by Dan Sefton.

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