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Back to Back Theatre – A TV Internship Program

NDIS – ILC Economic Participation of People with
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📷 Sonia Teuben and Simon Laherty star in *Oddlands*, which will premiere on ABC TV Sunday night.
Picture: Georgina Savage

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Back to Back Theatre to hit small screen with sci-fi black comedy show *Oddlands*

Greg Dundas, Geelong Advertiser
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GEELONG'S groundbreaking Back To Back Theatre company will go from treading the boards to the small screen with the TV debut of homemade short film *Oddlands* this weekend.

at Geelong's Village Cinemas last year, and is now being touted as a pilot for a six-part TV series.

With financial backing from the ABC, writer/director Bruce Gladwin is presently working on episodes two and three.

He said the foray into TV was a first for Back To Back, which started in Geelong almost 30 years ago as a company for disabled actors and their stories.

"We've got high hopes with the series," he said. "If we can get it up then we would try, as much as possible, to employ people with disabilities in the crew and creative positions beyond just acting."

As Back To Back's artistic director, Mr Gladwin said the company empowered people with disabilities and backed the quality of its work.

"I think in society we're moving away from putting people in boxes," he said.

"Our aim is just to make the best theatre or TV we can, and advocacy for people with disabilities is a by-product from that.

"Our actors have just been doing it for quite a long time. They're professional and slick at what they do, and for me, as an artist and director, it's just an incredible asset to be working with them because they're very good at what they do."

See *Oddlands* 10pm Sunday on ABC TV, catch-up on iview or watch the trailer at

<https://vimeo.com/231972995>

Screen Australia Media Release, February



Screen Australia announces over \$300,000 in development funding

Monday 4 February 2019: Screen Australia has announced Story Development funding for six feature films, four television dramas and two online series, totalling over \$300,000.

The slate includes feature film *Memoir of a Snail* from Academy Award®-winning animator Adam Elliot; *Aleph*, a science-fiction series about a mother who faces the unthinkable decision of saving her daughter or humanity; and online dark comedy *Plushed*, which explores mental illness through the eyes of a toy.

Head of Development at Screen Australia **Nerida Moore**, said: "One of the aims of the guideline changes was to encourage a more platform-agnostic approach from creative teams - we wanted creators to think about their story and audience first, and then what medium would be best suited to tell it on. We're beginning to see more of that thinking and I'm pleased that there is also a real mix of compelling stories from emerging writers coming through."

Recently Screen Australia has made clarifications to the guidelines to improve the application process. Changes include:

- Increasing the pitch video length to up to four minutes.
- Adding budget level limits to more clearly differentiate the Generate and Premium funds.
- Adding an opportunity to provide a paragraph synopsis to a Proof of Concept.

Screen Australia development staff will continue to monitor and review the guidelines to ensure creative teams are being given the best opportunity to highlight the strength of their projects and eligibility for funding.

Among the projects funded for development are:

- ***Aleph***: An eight-part series from Porchlight Films created, written and directed by Miranda Nation whose credits include critically acclaimed feature *Undertow*. The all-female creative team includes producer Liz Watts (*Mary Magdalene*) with writers Tamara Asmar (*On The Ropes*), Anya Beyersdorf (*How the Light Gets In*) and Porchlight Development Executive Coeli Cutcliffe. The series follows a woman who is faced with the choice between saving her daughter or saving a humanity teetering on the brink of extinction.
- ***Chen PM 3010***: A 10-part online comedy series set in the distant future, when Australia has collapsed and the pressure to save the country falls on the extremely underqualified but very nice young man, Aaron Chen. This series is written and produced by comedian Aaron Chen (*Back in Very Small Business*), with Béatrice Barbeau-Scuria (*Suburban Wildlife*) producing and Alexei Totiopoulos (ABC's *Finding Drago*) writing and directing.
- ***Girls In Hotels***: A film from Dollhouse Pictures, with Gracie Otto (*The Last Impresario*) directing and producing her first narrative feature. The story follows six women, in different time zones and hotels, each going through a definitive moment in their life. An all-female creative team will aim to bring these contemporary experiences of womanhood to the screen, with producer **Jessica Carrera**, executive producer Robyn Kershaw (*Bran Nue Dae*), and renowned journalist and novelist Lee Tulloch attached as writer.
- ***Memoir of a Snail***: A stop-motion feature film from Academy Award®-winning writer and director Adam Elliot (*Mary and Max*). Using his signature blobs of clay, Adam and his team of animators will bring to life the bittersweet remembrance of a melancholic woman addicted to sausage-rolls and romance novels. The project from Chunky Wonky Films will be produced by Liz Kearney (*Paper Planes*) and Adam Elliot.



- ***Oddlands***: A six-part science-fiction series about cleaners Des and Tam whose lives take an unexpected turn when they come into contact with The Animal, and they go from model citizens to renegade members of The Resistance. *Oddlands* picks up from the [short film of the same name](#), which won Best Short Film at Adelaide Film Festival in 2017. It will be written and directed by Bruce Gladwin and produced by Alice Nash from Back to Back Theatre, a company known for its ensemble of actors with disabilities. Gladwin and Nash will again collaborate with producer Stephen Corvini (*Safe Harbour*) from Matchbox Productions and are joined by writers Chris Anastasiades (*Yolngu Boy*), Stuart Page (*The Secret Daughter*), Dannika Horvat (*The Summer of ABC Burns*) and Tim Williams.
- ***Plushed***: An eight-part online series that follows a plush toy T-Rex, Alan, who is assigned to care for a 27-year-old OCD sufferer. Exploring mental illness through dark comedy, the series brings a personal perspective from writer and creator Simon Taylor. It will be produced by Sam Weingott.
- ***Seconds***: A darkly comic horror from Headspace Entertainment set in Western Australia in the 1970's, about a regular family who are vegetarians except for their yearly tradition of ritualised cannibalism. The six-part series will be directed by Tony Rogers, director and co-creator of AFI Award-winning comedy series *Witfired*. Rogers is joined by executive producers Georgia Mappin (*Kid vs Kid*) and Darren McFarlane (*Bruce*) and writers Jaime Browne (*The Mule*) and Jub Clerc (*Mystery Road*).
- ***Time Trap***: A science-fiction adventure film about an intergalactic traveller who becomes stranded on the long-abandoned Earth, and must join forces with a teenage girl also lost in time, as they both try to return home. This is the first feature from writer and director Michael Shanks who has built success online with impressive productions like *The Wizards of Aus*. The producers are Andrew Mason and Troy Lum from Hopscotch Features (the team behind *The Water Diviner* and most recently *Nekrotronic*) together with Maeva Gatineau.

The full list of development funding approvals for feature films are listed [here](#).

The full list of development funding approvals for television and online are listed [here](#).

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ALL: MY LIFE WITH CHIMPANZEES
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 10.10pm, ABC

Bruce Gladwin's short film with Geelong's Back to Back Theatre, a professional ensemble with actors with disabilities at its core, is like nothing else on television. Produced by the prolific Debbie Lee and Julie Eckersley, it is an unnerving look at a futuristic corporate dystopia, in which people are controlled by categorisation and fear. Simon Laherty and Sonia Tueben are mesmerising as cleaners dispatched to a ghost town.



CHRIS & JULIA'S SUNDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 7.30pm, Ten

This brash giveaway panto is a bit of fun. Julia Morris & Chris Brown have the repartee and flexibility to run the organised chaos and the warm-up guy is clearly doing sterling job of whipping that crowd into a malleable frenzy. Tonight, *The Bold and the Beautiful's* Ronn Moss is a guest announcer, and *Bachelor* success story, Tim Robards' Anna Heinrich play "choose the right wedding planner".



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