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## **FINALISTS IN TELEVISION CATEGORIES FOR QANTAS FILM AND TELEVISION AWARDS 2009 ANNOUNCED**

The finalists in 41 general television, news and current affairs, and documentary categories for this year's Qantas Film and Television Awards were announced today.

New Zealand Television Broadcasters' Council chief executive and awards organising committee co-chair Rick Friesen congratulated all the finalists.

"There were 515 entries for the television categories, and it was an extremely tough and time-consuming job for the judges to select 123 finalists."

Mr Friesen says the standard and number of entries in this year's awards was very high, and reflected the quality of New Zealand's television industry.

"Our television industry continues to punch well above its weight, and those who work in it can be justifiably proud of their endeavours."

The Qantas Film and Television Awards programme is jointly organised by the Screen Directors Guild of New Zealand and the New Zealand Television Broadcasters' Council.

The finalists in the film categories were announced on Wednesday 5 August.

The Qantas Film and Television Craft Awards will be announced during an awards lunch at the Civic Theatre in Auckland on Friday 4 September. The Qantas Film and Television Awards (including highlights from the Craft Awards) will be presented at an evening ceremony at the Civic Theatre on Saturday 5 September.

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### **News and Current Affairs Categories**

#### **Qantas Best News**

3 News (TV3)  
One News (TV One)  
Tonight (TV One)

#### **Best News or Current Affairs Presenter**

Paul Henry – Breakfast (TV One)  
Kevin Milne – Fair Go (TV One)  
Andrew Saville – One News (TV One)

#### **Best News Reporting**

Guyon Espiner – One News, Ele Peters (TV One)  
Duncan Garner – 3 News, Secret Tapes (TV3)  
Amanda Gillies – 3 News, Victoria Bush Fires (TV3)

### **Best Current Affairs Reporting for a weekly programme or one off current affairs special**

Pete Cronshaw, Cara Darvill – 20/20, Baby Business (TV2)

John Hudson, Stephen Butler, Leander Scott-Donelan, Portia Mao – Sunday, Bad Milk (TV One)

Mike McRoberts, John Stephenson – 60 Minutes, Bread Basket/Basket Case (TV3)

### **Best Current Affairs Reporting for a daily programme**

Robyn Janes, Louisa Cleave, Corinne Ambler, Mike Hosking – Close Up, Schools (TV One)

Donna-Marie Lever – Close Up, Family: The Gunman's Mum (TV One)

Kate McCallum, Louisa Cleave, Michael Holland, Mike Valentine – Close Up, Rest Home (TV One)

### **Best Current Affairs Series**

Native Affairs, Hikoi, Episode 9 (Maori Television)

Q+A, Episode 3 (TV One)

Sunday, Episode 14 (TV One)

### **Investigation of the Year**

John Hudson, Stephen Butler, Leander Scott-Donelan, Portia Mao – Sunday, Bad Milk (TV One)

Kate McCallum, Louisa Cleave, Michael Holland, Mike Valentine – Close Up, Rest Home (TV One)

Ian Sinclair, Dale Owens – Sunday, Dr Disaster 2 (TV One)

### **Best News Camera**

James Marshall – Breakfast, Skifield Prepares to Open (TV One)

Jared Mason – One News, US Election: McCain Campaign (TV One)

Cameron Williams – 3 News, Anzac Day in Tinui and Chatham Islands (TV3)

### **Best Current Affairs Camera**

Scott Behrnes – Campbell Live, Merino (TV3)

Christopher Brown – 20/20, The Amazing Race (TV2)

Patrice Hutchinson – Native Affairs, Tini Whetu I Te Rangi (Maori Television)

### **Best News Editing**

Kirsten Bolam – One News, Ironwoman (TV One)

Tony Clark – One News, National Party candidates in South Auckland (TV One)

Rebecca O'Sullivan – Sunrise/Nightline, Jetboat, Queenstown Artist and Retronude exhibit (TV3)

### **Best Current Affairs Editing**

Paul Enticott – 60 Minutes, No Fixed Abode (TV3)

Will Kong – Sunday, 17 Hours (TV One)

Paul Sparkes – Close Up, Rock School (TV One)

## **General Television Categories**

### **Images & Sound Best Drama Programme**

Outrageous Fortune – John Laing, South Pacific Pictures (TV3)

Piece Of My Heart – Michele Fantl, MF Films Ltd (TV One)

Until Proven Innocent – Paula Boock, Donna Malane; Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)

### **NZ On Air Best Comedy Programme**

The Jaquie Brown Diaries – Jaquie Brown, Gerard Johnstone; Young, Gifted & Brown (TV3)  
The Millen Baird Show – Rachel Gardner, Great Southern Television (TV3)  
The Pretender – Rachel Gardner, Great Southern Television (TV One)

### **Maori Language Commission Best Maori Language Programme**

Ka Haku Au – Maramena Roderick, Ngahua Wade; Maramena Ltd (Maori Television)  
Ko Tawa – Jeni-Leigh Walker, Maori Television (Maori Television)  
Maumahara – Hinewehi Mohi, Raukatauri Productions Ltd (Maori Television)

### **Qantas Best Children's/Youth Programme**

Let's Get Inventin' – Luke Nola, Television Spaceman Ltd (TV2)  
Play It Strange 2008 – Rachel Jean, Isola Productions Ltd (C4)  
Polyfest '09 – Lisa Taouma, TVNZ (TV2)

### **Best Information/Lifestyle Programme**

Fair Go – Graeme Muir, TVNZ (TV One)  
Hunger For The Wild – Peter Young, Fisheye Films Ltd (TV One)  
What's Really In Our Food – Vincent Burke, Laurie Clarke; Top Shelf Productions Ltd (TV3)

### **Best Entertainment Programme**

Dancing With The Stars – Debra Kelleher, TVNZ (TV One)  
Eating Media Lunch – Paul Casserly, Great Southern Television (TV2)  
Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? – Tony Holden, Steve Gilbert; Great Southern Television (TV One)

### **Best Sports Broadcast**

Heineken Open Tennis Finals – Steve Jamieson, TVNZ (TV One)  
International Netball Series 2008 – Barbara Mitchell, TVNZ (TV One)  
Powerbuilt Tools Motorsport – David Turner, TVNZ (TV One)

### **Kordia Group Ltd Best Event Coverage**

C4 goes to Vodafone Homegrown – Satellite Media/C4 (C4)  
One News Special: Election '08 – Darryl Walker, TVNZ (TV One)  
Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards – Arwen O'Connor, Satellite Media (C4)

### **Best Observational Reality Series**

Piha Rescue – Eric Derks, South Pacific Video Productions Ltd (TV One)  
Rescue 1 – Martin Cleave, Great Southern Television (TV2)  
The Zoo – Sharon Bennett for Greenstone Pictures, Greenstone Pictures (TV2)

### **Best Constructed Reality Series**

Missing Pieces – David Lomas, Eyeworks New Zealand (TV3)  
New Zealand's Next Top Model – Anna Lynch, TV3 (TV3)  
Sensing Murder – David Harry Baldock, Geoff Husson, Cinna Smith; Ninox Television (TV2)

### **Best Performance by an Actress – General Television**

Emily Barclay – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)  
Sarah Peirse – Aftershock, Gibson Group (TV3)  
Annie Whittle – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)

### **Best Performance by a Supporting Actress – General Television**

Bronwyn Bradley – Go Girls, South Pacific Pictures (TV2)  
Keisha Castle-Hughes – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)  
Siobhan Marshall – Outrageous Fortune, South Pacific Pictures (TV3)

### **Best Performance by an Actor – General Television**

Cohen Holloway – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)  
Bob McLaren – The Pretender, Great Southern Television (TV One)  
Anthony Starr – Outrageous Fortune, South Pacific Pictures (TV3)

### **Best Performance by a Supporting Actor – General Television**

Owen Black – Shortland Street, South Pacific Pictures (TV2)  
Peter Elliott – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)  
Andre King – The Pretender, Great Southern Television (TV One)

### **Best Presenter Entertainment/Factual Programme**

Petra Bagust – What's Really In Our Food, Top Shelf Productions Ltd (TV3)  
Jason Gunn – Dancing With The Stars, TVNZ (TV One)  
Te Radar – Off The Radar, JAM TV (TV One)

### **Atomic Coffee Roasters Ltd Best Script – Drama/Comedy Programme**

James Griffin, Rachel Lang – Outrageous Fortune, South Pacific Pictures (TV3)  
Paula Boock, Donna Malane – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)  
Fiona Samuel – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)

### **Images & Sound Best Director – Drama/Comedy Programme**

Peter Burger – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)  
Brendon Donovan – Aftershock, Gibson Group (TV3)  
Fiona Samuel – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)

### **Best Director – Factual/Entertainment Programme**

Jane Andrew – Off The Radar, JAM TV (TV One)  
Paul Casserly – Eating Media Lunch, Great Southern Television (TV2)  
Paul Murphy – Sensing Murder, Ninex Television (TV2)

### **Best Multi Camera Direction in General Television**

Mitchell Hawkes – Vodafone NZ Music Awards, Satellite Media (C4)  
Steve Jamieson – IRB World Sevens Series Wellington, TVNZ (TV One)  
Mark Owers – Dancing With The Stars, TVNZ (TV One)

### **Best Camera Work – Drama/Comedy Programme**

Simon Baumfield – Aftershock, Gibson Group (TV3)  
David Paul – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)  
Martin Smith – Outrageous Fortune, South Pacific Pictures (TV3)

### **Images & Sound Best Editing – Drama/Comedy Programme**

Margot Francis – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)  
Bryan Shaw – Outrageous Fortune, South Pacific Pictures (TV3)  
Paul Sutorius – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)

### **Best Original Music in General Television**

Jonathan Bree – Go Girls, South Pacific Pictures (TV2)  
David Ironside – Lost In Libya, Pacific Screen (TV One)  
Conrad Wedde, Luke Buda – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)

### **Best Sound Design in General Television**

Phil Burton, Don Paulin, Chris Hiles – Aftershock, Gibson Group (TV3)  
Tom Miskin, Steve Finnigan – Amazing Extraordinary Friends, Images & Sound (TV2)  
Carl Smith, Steve Finnigan – Outrageous Fortune, Images & Sound (TV3)

### **Best Production Design in General Television**

Flux Animation Studios – Buzzy Bee And Friends, Lion Rock Ventures Ltd (TV2)  
Tracey Collins – Piece Of My Heart, MF Films Ltd (TV One)  
John Harding – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)

### **Best Contribution to Design in General Television**

Aftershock Effects Team – Aftershock, Gibson Group (TV3)  
Lesley Burkes-Harding – Until Proven Innocent, Lippy Pictures Ltd (TV One)  
Claire Palmer – Dancing With The Stars, TVNZ (TV One)

### **Documentary Categories**

#### **Best Popular Documentary**

A Good Way To Die? – Octopus Pictures (TV3)  
Life, Death And A Lung Transplant – Rachel Jean, Isola Productions Ltd (TV3)  
Mika Haka Kids – Mika, Patangaroa Entertainment Ltd (Maori Television)

#### **Best Arts/Festival/Feature Documentary**

Assume Nothing – Kirsty MacDonald, Girl on a Bike Films  
Kapiti Art Project – Summer Agnew, Curious Film (TVNZ6)  
The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins – Pietra Brett Kelly

#### **Best Director – Documentary**

Summer Agnew – Kapiti Art Project, Curious Film (TVNZ6)  
Pietra Brett Kelly – The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins  
Gerard Smyth – Barefoot Cinema: The Life And Art Of Cinematographer Alun Bollinger, Frank Film (TV One)

#### **Best Camerawork – Documentary/Factual Programme**

Tony Barnes, Obi Kenobi – Million Dollar Catch, Great Southern Television (TV3)  
Jacob Bryant – The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins  
Peter Young – Hunger For The Wild, Fisheye Films Ltd (TV One)

#### **Best Editing – Documentary/Factual Programme**

Irena Dol – The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins  
Tim Woodhouse – TOKI Does New York, Octopus Pictures (TV One)

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### **About the Qantas Film and Television Awards 2009**

It is the second year the Awards have been held, following last year's successful inaugural event. They are the amalgamation of the former New Zealand Screen Awards and the New Zealand Television Awards.

For a full list of categories, and information about the awards, please visit the official Qantas Film and Television Awards website: [www.qantasfilmandtvawards.co.nz](http://www.qantasfilmandtvawards.co.nz).

Tickets to the awards ceremonies are on sale now and can be purchased from [www.qantasfilmandtvawards.co.nz](http://www.qantasfilmandtvawards.co.nz).

The Qantas Film and Television Awards is delighted to have **Qantas** as a significant partner and naming rights sponsor of the Awards.

The Awards would not be possible without the financial assistance of the **New Zealand Film Commission**.

The Qantas Film and Television Awards committee gratefully acknowledges the support from sponsors:

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- **Atomic Coffee Roasters**
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#### **About the Screen Directors Guild of New Zealand**

The Screen Directors Guild of New Zealand (SDGNZ) represents New Zealand directors and editors. The guild creates a forum where creatives can define, defend and further their professional industry. The SDGNZ is dedicated to the artistic excellence, employment opportunities and economic wellbeing of its members.

#### **About the New Zealand Television Broadcasters' Council**

The New Zealand Television Broadcasters' Council is an industry organisation representing the non-competitive interests of free-to-air television broadcasters in New Zealand. The members are MediaWorks TV, Television New Zealand and Maori Television.