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SCREENWORKS REGIONAL SCREEN IN LA ANIMAL LOGIC ENTERTAINMENT INTERNSHIP FOR A RECENT GRADUATE IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA



Pictured: 2019 Regional Screen In LA Program recipient Joshua Tyler, with Screenworks CEO Ken Crouch, AiF Executive Director Peter Ritchie, Chairman of AiF Simonne Overend and Australian Consul General LA Chelsey Martin

Screenworks and Australians In Film (AiF) today announced that the second year of the **SCREENWORKS REGIONAL SCREEN IN LA PROGRAM** will be the **ANIMAL LOGIC ENTERTAINMENT INTERNSHIP**, giving unparalleled opportunities to an undergraduate or recent graduate living in Regional Australia who wishes to pursue a career as a development executive or producer.

AiF internship programs have been running at Animal Logic Entertainment (ALE) for the past five years and recipients have gone on to successful careers in the Australian and international screen industries, including Melanie Jayne (HBO), Sleena Wilson (Black Bear Pictures) and Lauren Brown (Ludo Pictures).

This exciting opportunity to work with the team of passionate storytellers in the Los Angeles offices of ALE (*Peter Rabbit, Peter Rabbit 2*) and subsidiary live-action production company, Truant Pictures, is open to any undergraduates or recent graduates who demonstrate significant potential and passion in their screen industry-related course of study and area of expertise. The two-month internship will involve all aspects of international feature film development, acquisitions, packaging and production.

"Internships are integral to launching the careers of aspiring filmmakers and we are thrilled to be partnering this year with Screenworks to recognise storytellers from regional areas," said Animal Logic CEO Zareh Nalbandian. "These unique voices are important to upholding diversity in Hollywood and we are proud to support the next generation of regional Australian talent."

"Screenworks is delighted to be partnering with Australians in Film and Animal Logic Entertainment for the second year of its Regional Screen In LA Program," explained Screenworks CEO, Ken Crouch. "We work in an industry where young people living in regional Australia simply do not have the same opportunities as their colleagues living in the metropolitan centres. This internship will provide an invaluable pathway for a recent graduate to get international experience, make international connections and fast-track an international career which otherwise wouldn't be possible and will also benefit our industry."

"Over the past five years, we have been working with Animal Logic Entertainment on this career-defining opportunity and we are enormously proud to watch all the previous recipients go on to successful careers in the screen industry. This new generation of executives have all benefited from this incredible opportunity and we are excited to be partnering with Screenworks this year to support the career development of a recipient from Regional Australia," Executive Director of AiF Peter Ritchie said.

The successful recipient will receive USD\$10,000 to contribute towards rent and living costs while in Los Angeles for 2 months, in addition to receiving return flights from Australia to Los Angeles, and industry support and US networking opportunities from AiF. All visa processing fees are covered in the program. The recipient will be based out of ALE and Truant Pictures' offices at Rideback Ranch in Los Angeles.

Applications are now open and will close on 9th December 2019 for an internship which will take place in 2020.

For details on how to apply, visit <u>www.screenworks.com.au</u>. All talented filmmakers are encouraged to apply regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability status. Deadline for applications is 5pm (AEDT) on Monday 9th December 2019.

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About Screenworks

Screenworks is a registered charity that provides support, leadership and vision for the regional screen industries in Australia. The principal object of Screenworks is to promote and advance the screen industry in regional, rural and remote Australia, with a focus on the industry cluster in the Northern Rivers region of NSW.

Our principal activities provide screen-related development and networking opportunities, programs and initiatives specifically designed to support people living in regional, rural and remote Australia.

We are a home-grown not-for-profit, membership based association managed by a board of volunteer directors that provide industry, management and screen industry knowledge and experience.

About Animal Logic Group

Animal Logic is recognised as one of the world's leading independent creative digital studios, producing award winning design, visual effects and animation for over 25 years. Animal Logic has animation studios in Sydney, Australia and Vancouver, Canada.

With a focus in the four-quadrant family space, Animal Logic Entertainment (ALE) collaborates with world-class filmmakers to develop and produce compelling stories with universal appeal. Truant Pictures works with both emerging and established talent to develop and produce thought-provoking genre films with a unique point of view. ALE and Truant have offices in Sydney, Australia and Los Angeles, USA.

About Australians In Film

Founded in 2001, Australians in Film is a Los Angeles based non-profit screen organization that supports its members and partners with career development and education programs including the prestigious Heath Ledger Scholarship, Mentor LA, Animal Logic Entertainment Internship, Screenworks Regional Screen in LA program, Amazon Studios Hollywood Sessions, Gateway LA and The Writers Room.

AiF is based at Charlie's, a shared workspace at the historic Raleigh Studios in Hollywood. Charlie's is a bespoke hub for business, collaboration and networking for the Australian screen community in Los Angeles and it is where AiF holds its industry education programs.

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