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Create NSW and ABC announce Half Hour Drama masterclass attendees and Cli-Fi projects for development

Ten NSW-based filmmaker teams have been selected to attend an expert masterclass as part of the *Half Hour Drama* development partnership between Create NSW and the ABC, which will see character-driven 30-minute drama series' with 'heart and humour' go into development.

Following the international masterclass from key creators and showrunners of successful local and international productions in mid-2018, up to four projects will be selected to share \$100,000 in funding from Create NSW and the ABC to further develop their half hour drama projects.

At the same time, Create NSW, ABC TV and production company Jungle Entertainment have also announced eight new screen projects selected for development under the banner of *Cli-Fi*, the emerging genre that deals with climate change and global warming.

The eight projects span a variety of themes including mysteries, drama, thrillers and comedies, with leading NSW writers finding inventive narratives to tell compelling climate stories.

Grainne Brunson, Acting Executive Director of Create NSW said, "The call for Half Hour Drama pitches received a phenomenal level of interest and it was extremely difficult in selecting our masterclass teams. However, combined with our strong and creative final Cli-Fi projects, we are very excited about the fantastic mix of diverse stories we are taking forward for further development.

"It's particularly thrilling that the projects announced today encompass both experienced writers, directors and producers as well as new voices in our industry."

Sally Riley, Head of Scripted (Drama, Comedy and Indigenous) at the ABC said "Distinctive Australian stories are core business for the ABC and these two partnerships with Create NSW present an exciting opportunity to unearth new talent and authentic voices. We are looking forward to working with the selected creators."

Chloe Rickard, Jungle COO said "Investigating the topic of climate science from a position of fictional drama has been an extremely revealing way to get people thinking laterally about such a critical issue. Jungle Entertainment are extremely excited by the breadth of talented writers and range of genres we've been able to unite under our Cli-Fi theme."

Half Hour Drama Masterclass attendee projects/teams are:

Amy is a liar

Writer: Monica Zanetti

Producer: Nicole Coventry

Director: Natalie van den Dungen

Attempts

Writer/Director: Brooke Nora Goldfinch

Writer/Director: Corrie Chen

The Disappearance

Writer: Paula Abood

Writer: Randa Abdel-Fattah

Producer Alissar Gazal

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Double Identity

Writer: Charlotte McConaghy

Writer: Cyrus Bezyan

Producer: Kris Wyld

Producer: Antony Ginnane

Immortal

Producer: Lucy Rennick

Producer: Joel Hagen

Director/Writer: David Burrowes

Maelstrom

Writer: Stuart Page

Writer/Producer: Jane Allen

Director: Catriona McKenzie

Perfect

Co-Creator/Co-Producer/Writer: Alice Bell

Co-Creator/Co-Producer: Imogen Banks

Positive

Writer: Romina Accurso

The S-word

Writer: Brooke Wilson

Writer: Hamilton Budd

You Fucking People

Writer: Rebekah Holt

Producer: Linda Micsko

Director: Jonathan Brough

The Cli-Fi projects are:

Captain Barry – Space Explorer

Writers: Bjorn Stewart and Kodie Bedford

Anthology series (seven projects):

- *Equilibrium*
Writer: Matthew Dabner
- *Exit the Dragon*
Writer: Damien Power
- *Lepers*
Writer: Dr Anita Campbell
- *Look for the Helpers*
Writers: Anya Beyersdorf and Natasha Pincus
- *Offset*
Writer: Alana Valentine
- *The Doomsday Machine or Haley's Choice*
Writers: Bryan Cockerill and Robert Adams
- *The World Without Us*
Writers: Blake Ayshford and Mireille Juchau

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