

AFI AWARD WINNERS TELEVISION CATEGORIES 1986-2007

BEST MINI SERIES (Awarded to Producer/s)

1986	THE DUNERA BOYS	Bob Weis (Network Ten)
1987	THE GREAT BOOKIE ROBBERY	Ian Bradley (Network Ten)
1988	THE TRUE BELIEVERS	Sandra Levy & Matt Carroll (ABC TV)
1989	EDENS LOST	Margaret Fink (ABC TV)

In 1990, the name of this award changed to 'Best Television Mini Series or Telefeature'.

BEST TELEFEATURE (Awarded to Producer/s)

1986	THE PERFECTIONIST	Pat Lovell (Network Ten)
1987	TWO FRIENDS	Jan Chapman (ABC TV)
1988	MATTER OF CONVENIENCE	Noel Price (ABC TV)
1989	POLICE STATE	Rod Allan (Southern Star Sullivan/ABC TV)

In 1990, the name of this award changed to 'Best Television Mini Series or Telefeature'.

BEST TELEVISION MINI SERIES OR TELEFEATURE (Awarded to Producer/s)

1990	COME IN SPINNER	Jan Chapman
1991	THE PAPER MAN	Sue Masters, Greg Ricketson
1992	BRIDES OF CHRIST	Sue Masters
1993	THE LEAVING OF LIVERPOOL	Steve Knapman
1994	UNDER THE SKIN : THE LONG RIDE	Franco di Chiera
1995	HALIFAX f.p. : THE FEEDING	Roger Le Mesurier, Roger Simpson
1996	BLUE MURDER	Rod Allan
1997	GOOD GUYS BAD GUYS	Roger Le Mesurier, Roger Simpson, Ros Tatarka
1998	WILDSIDE (MINI-SERIES)	Steve Knapman
1999	THE DAY OF THE ROSES	Simone North, Tony Cavanaugh
2000	ON THE BEACH	John Edwards, Errol Sullivan, Jeff Hayes, GregCoote
2001	MY BROTHER JACK	Sue Milliken, Andrew Wiseman, Richard Keddie



BEST TELEVISION MINI SERIES OR TELEFEATURE (cont.)

2002	THE ROAD FROM COORAIN	Penny Chapman
2003	AFTER THE DELUGE	Richard Keddie, Andrew Knight, Andrew Wiseman
2004	MARKING TIME	John Edwards
2005	THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF MARY BRYANT	Andrew Benson, Greg Haddrick
2006	RAN	Penny Chapman
2007	THE KING	Jason Stephens

BEST TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY (Awarded to Producer/s)

1990	IN SEARCH OF DR MABUSE	Varcha Sidwell
1991	GUNS AND ROSES	John Moore, Helen Bowman
1992	COP IT SWEET	Jennifer Brockie
1993	WHO KILLED MALCOLM SMITH?	Nicholas Adler, Caroline Sherwood
1994	SO HELP ME GOD	Jenny Brockie
1995	UNTOLD DESIRES	Eva Orner, Sarah Stevens
1996	THE HILLMEN	Tony Wright
1997	DHUWAY	Lew Griffiths, Noel Pearson

See Non-feature list for 'Best Documentary' and 'Best Direction in a Documentary'

BEST EPISODE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA, SERIES OR SERIAL (Awarded to Producer/s)

1991	EMBASSY : A HUMAN DIMENSION	Alan Hardy (ABC TV/Grundy Motion Pictures)
1992	PHOENIX : HARD BALL	Bill Hughes (ABC TV)

In 1993, this award split into 'Best Episode in a Television Drama Series' and 'Best Episode in a Television Drama Serial'.

BEST EPISODE IN A TV DRAMA SERIES (Awarded to Producer/s)

1993	PHOENIX : UNDER SIEGE	Bill Hughes
1994	THE DAMNATION OF HARVEY McHUGH : H HEARTLAND : EPISODE 7	IEY, ST JUDE Sue Masters Bruce Best
1995	FRONTLINE : THE SIEGE	Rob Sitch, Santo Cilauro, Jane Kennedy, Tom Gleisner
1996	FRONTLINE : KEEPING UP APPEARANCES	Rob Sitch, Santo Cilauro, Jane Kennedy, Tom Gleisner



BEST EPISODE IN A TV DRAMA SERIES (cont.)

1997	FRONTLINE: EPITAPH	Michael Hirsh, Debra Choate
1998	WILDSIDE: EPISODE 17	Steve Knapman
1999	WILDSIDE: EPISODE 59	Steve Knapman
2000	GRASS ROOTS: THE WHOLE YEAR	John Eastway

2001 SEACHANGE: I NAME THEE BAY OF PEARLS Sally Ayre-Smith

BEST EPISODE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA SERIAL (Awarded to Producer/s)

1993	HOME AND AWAY: EPISODE 1222	Andrew Howie

- **1994** Not awarded
- **1995** HOME AND AWAY: EPISODE 1705 John Holmes, Russell Webb

1996 HOME AND AWAY: SHANE PARRISH'S DEATH Russell Webb

- **1997** *NEIGHBOURS: EPISODE 2842* Peter Dodds
- **1998** HOME AND AWAY: EPISODE 2413 Russell Webb

In 1999, the name of this award was changed to 'Best Episode in a Television Drama Series (Long)'.

BEST EPISODE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES (LONG) (Awarded to Producer/s)

1999	ALL SAINTS: HEAD TO HEAD	Jo Porte	er
2000	ALL SAINTS: VALLEY OF THE SHADOW (PART 1)	Jo Porte	er
2001	SOMETHING IN THE AIR 'THAT ONE DEFINING MOMEN		Roger Le Mesurier, Roger Simpson, Alan Hardy

In 2002, both Drama Series awards were combined as 'Best Television Drama Series'.

BEST TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES (Awarded to Producer/s)

2002	KATH & KIM	Mark Ruse
2003	MDA	Denny Lawrence
2004	STINGERS	Roger Le Mesurier, Roger Simpson, John Wild
2005	LOVE MY WAY	John Edwards, Claudia Karvan
2006	LOVE MY WAY	John Edwards, Claudia Karvan, Jacquelin Perske
2007	LOVE MY WAY	John Edwards, Claudia Karvan



BEST CHILDREN'S TELEVISION DRAMA (Awarded to Producer/s)

1991	ROUND THE TWIST: WUNDERPANTS	Antonia Barnard
1992	LIFT OFF: SOMETHING TELLS ME	Patricia Edgar
1993	ROUND THE TWIST: LITTLE SQUIRT	Patricia Edgar, Antonia Barnard
1994	SKY TRACKERS: SKATING THE DISH	Patricia Edgar, Margot McDonald
1995	THE FERALS: RATTY RATTY BANG BANG	Wendy Gray
1996	SPELLBINDER: EPISODE 11	Noel Price
1997	THE WAYNE MANIFESTO: AMY PASTAMI L	DAY Alan Hardy
1998	BLABBERMOUTH AND STICKYBEAK	Ann Darrouzet
1999	SEE HOW THEY RUN: EPISODE 1	Josephine Ward
2000	EUGENIE SANDLER P.I: EPISODE 2	Margot McDonald
2001	CYBERGIRL: EPISODE 1	Jonathan M Shiff, Daniel Scharf
2002	SHORT CUTS	Margot McDonald
2003	OUT THERE	Michael Bourchier
2004	WICKED SCIENCE	Jonathan M Shiff, Daniel Scharf
2005	HOLLY'S HEROES	Ann Darrouzet, Dave Gibson, Jenni Tosi
2006	MORTIFIED	Phillip Bowman, Bernadette O'Mahony
2007	LOCKIE LEONARD	Kylie du Fresne
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BEST COMEDY SERIES – SITCOM OR SKETCH (Awarded to Producer/s)

2003	JOHN SAFRAN'S MUSIC JAMBOREE	Selin Yaman, John Safran
2004	DOUBLE THE FIST	Megan Harding

BEST TELEVISION COMEDY SERIES (Awarded to Producer/s)

2005	JOHN SAFRAN VS GOD	Selin Yaman, John Safran
2006	THE CHASER'S WAR ON EVERYTHING	Mark Fitzgerald, Julian Morrow, Andy Nehl
2007	WILFRED	Jenny Livingston



BEST LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT SERIES (Awarded to Producer/s)

DEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DIDECTION IN A MINI SEDIES		
2007	ROCKWIZ	Brian Nankervis, Ken Connor, Peter Bain-Hogg & Joe Connor
2006	ENOUGH ROPE WITH ANDREW DENTON	Anita Jacoby, Andrew Denton
2005	THE GLASS HOUSE	Ted Robinson
2004	ENOUGH ROPE WITH ANDREW DENTON	Andrew Denton, Anita Jacoby
2003	ENOUGH ROPE WITH ANDREW DENTON	Andrew Denton, Anita Jacoby

BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTION IN A MINI SERIES

1986	THE DUNERA BOYS	Ben Lewin
1987	THE GREAT BOOKIE ROBBERY	Marcus Cole, Mark Joffe
1988	THE TRUE BELIEVERS	Peter Fisk
1989	EDENS LOST	Neil Armfield

In 1990, this award was merged with 'Best Direction in a Telefeature' to become 'Best Direction in a Telefeature or Mini Series', which in 1991 was renamed 'Best Achievement in Direction in a Television Drama'.

In 2004, this award became 'Best Direction in Television'.

BEST DIRECTION IN A TELEFEATURE

1986	DISPLACED PERSONS	Geoffrey Nottage
1987	TWO FRIENDS	Jane Campion
1988	MATTER OF CONVENIENCE	Ben Lewin
1989	RESCUE	Peter Fisk

BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTION IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

1990	COME IN SPINNER	Robert Marchand
1991	EMBASSY : A HUMAN DIMENSION	Mark Callan
1992	BRIDES OF CHRIST	Ken Cameron
1993	POLICE RESCUE : WHIRLWIND	Michael Carson
1994	HEARTLAND : EPISODE 7	Julian Pringle
1995	FRONTLINE : THE SIEGE	Rob Sitch, Santo Cilauro, Jane Kennedy, Tom Gleisner
1996	BLUE MURDER	Michael Jenkins

1997 GOOD GUYS BAD GUYS: 1.8 MILLION REASONS TO CHANGE YOUR NAME (PT 2) Brendan Maher



BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTION IN A TELEVISION DRAMA (cont.)

1998	WILDSIDE: EPISODE 17	Peter Andrikidis
1999	THE DAY OF THE ROSES	Peter Fisk
2000	GRASS ROOTS: THE WHOLE YEAR	Peter Andrikidis
2001	MY HUSBAND MY KILLER	Peter Andrikidis
2002	THE ROAD FROM COORAIN	Brendan Maher
2003	AFTER THE DELUGE	Brendan Maher

BEST DIRECTION IN TELEVISION

2004	MARKING TIME	Cherie Nowlan
2005	LOVE MY WAY	Jessica Hobbs
2006	ANSWERED BY FIRE	Jessica Hobbs
2007	THE KING	Matthew Saville

BEST MINI SERIES SCREENPLAY

1986	THE DUNERA BOYS	Ben Lewin
1987	IN BETWEEN	Maureen McCarthy, Shane Brennan
1988	Not awarded	
1989	BODYSURFER EDENS LOST	Suzanne Hawley, Chris Lee, Denis Whitburn Michael Gow

In 1990, this award was merged with the screenplay award for Telefeatures to become 'Best Screenplay in a Mini Series or Telefeature', which in 1991 was renamed 'Best Screenplay in a Television Drama'.

In 2004, this award became 'Best Screenplay in Television'.

BEST SCREENPLAY IN A TELEFEATURE

1986	NATURAL CAUSES	John Misto
1987	TWO FRIENDS	Helen Garner
1988	Not awarded	
1989	POLICE STATE	Ian David & Francine Finnane

BEST SCREENPLAY IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

1990	THE MAGISTRATE	Chris Warner
1991	POLICE RESCUE : ANGEL AFTER HOURS	Peter Schreck



BEST SCREENPLAY IN A TELEVISION DRAMA (cont.)

1992	BRIDES OF CHRIST	John Alsop, Sue Smith
1993	THE LEAVING OF LIVERPOOL	Sue Smith, John Alsop
1994	THE DAMNATION OF HARVEY MCHUGH: H	IEY, ST JUDE John Misto
1995	FRONTLINE: THE SIEGE	Rob Sitch, Santo Cilauro, Jane Kennedy, Tom Gleisner
1996	BLUE MURDER	Ian David
1997	FRONTLINE: THE SIMPLE LIFE	Rob Sitch, Santo Cilauro, Jane Kennedy, Tom Gleisner
1998	WILDSIDE: EPISODE 17	Tim Pye
1999	THE DAY OF THE ROSES	John Misto
2000	GRASS ROOTS: THE WHOLE YEAR	Geoffrey Atherton
2001	THE GAMES 'SOLAR'	John Clarke & Ross Stevenson
2002	KATH & KIM ('WEDDING')	Gina Riley, Jane Turner
2003	GRASS ROOTS ('BY ELECTION')	Geoffrey Atherden
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BEST SCREENPLAY IN TELEVISION

2004	MARKING TIME	John Doyle
2005	LOVE MY WAY (EP 9)	Jacquelin Perske
2006	RAN (EP. 5)	Sue Smith
2007	BASTARD BOYS	Sue Smith

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A MINI SERIES

1986	THE DUNERA BOYS	Simon Chilvers
1987	VIETNAM	Nicholas Eadie
1988	THE TRUE BELIEVERS	Ed Devereaux
1989	BODYSURFER	Peter Kowitz

In 1990, this award was merged with the acting award for Telefeatures to become the 'Best Actor in a Leading Role in a Telefeature or Mini Series', the name of which was changed in 1991 to 'Best Actor in a Leading Role in a Television Drama'. In 2000, the Telefeature or Mini Series award was re-introduced as a separate category. All awards combined again in 2002 under the title, 'Best Actor in a Leading Role in a Television Drama'. Drama'.

In 2004, this award became 'Best Actor in a Leading Role in a Television Drama or Comedy'.



In 2006, this award became 'Best Lead Actor in Television Drama' – as a separate comedy performance Award was introduced.

BEST LEAD ACTOR IN A TELEFEATURE

1986	THE LONG WAY HOME	Peter Kowitz
1987	A SINGLE LIFE	Steven Jacob
1988	A WALTZ THROUGH THE HILLS	Ernie Dingo
1989	POLICE STATE	Bill HUnter

BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TELEFEATURE OR MINISERIES

1990	POLICE CROP	Frankie J Holden
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BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

1991	POLICE RESCUE : MATES	Gary Sweet
1992	POLICE RESCUE II : OFF THE TRACK	Gary Sweet
1993	GP : EXPOSED	Peter Phelps
1994	THE DAMNATION OF HARVEY McHUGH : SPAY MISTY FOR ME	Aaron Blabey
1995	HALIFAX f.p. : HARD CORPS HALIFAX f.p. : HARD CORPS	Colin Friels Steve Vidler
1996	BLUE MURDER	Tony Martin
1997	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR'S BABIES	David Wenham
1998	KINGS IN GRASS CASTLES	Stephen Dillane
1999	AFTERSHOCKS	Jeremy Sims
2000	GRASS ROOTS: THE WHOLE YEAR	Geoff Morrell
2001	THE SECRET LIFE OF US	Samuel Johnson
2002	THE SECRET LIFE OF US	Joel Edgerton
2003	MDA	Shane Bourne

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A TELEFEATURE OR MINI SERIES

2000 HALIFAX f.p: A PERSON OF INTEREST Andy Anderson

2001 MY HUSBAND MY KILLER David Field



BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA OR COMEDY

2004	MARKING TIME	Abe Forsythe
2005	MDA	Shane Bourne
BEST L	EAD ACTOR IN TELEVISION DRAMA	
2006	ANSWERED BY FIRE	David Wenham
2007	THE KING	Stephen Curry

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A MINI SERIES

1986	THE DUNERA BOYS	Deidre Rubenstein
1987	VIETNAM	Nicole Kidman
1988	POOR MAN'S ORANGE	Anne Phelan
1989	EDENS LOST	Julia Blake

In 1990, this award was merged with the acting award for Telefeatures to become 'Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Telefeature or Mini Series', the name of which was changed in 1991 to 'Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Television Drama'. In 2000, the Telefeature or Mini Series award was re-introduced as a separate category. All awards combined again in 2002 under the title, 'Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Television Drama'.

In 2004, both awards merged to become 'Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Television Drama or Comedy'.

In 2006, this award became 'Best Lead Actress in Television Drama'– as a separate comedy performance Award was introduced.

BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN A TELEFEATURE

1986	BREAKING UP	Candy Raymond
1987	THE FISH ARE SAFE	Michele Fawdon
1988	OLIVE	Kerry McGuire
1989	MALPRACTICE	Pat Thomson

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TELEFEATURE OR MINI SERIES

1990 COME IN SPINNER Rebecca Gibney

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

1991	POLICE RESCUE : BY THE BOOK	Sonia Todd
1992	BRIDES OF CHRIST	Lisa Hensley
1993	GP : ALONE	Denise Roberts



BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA (cont.)

1994	THE DAMNATION OF HARVEY MCHUGH : MY BRILLIANT CHOREA	Monica Maughan	
1995	HALIFAX fp : LIES OF THE MIND	Jacqueline McKenzie	
1996	GP : SING ME A LULLABY	Claudia Karvan	
1997	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR'S BABIES: EP 3	Anne Looby	
1998	WILDSIDE: EPISODE 20	, Rachael Blake	
1999	SEACHANGE: MANNA FROM HEAVEN	Jill Forster	
2000	SOMETHING IN THE AIR: WE WILL REME		
2001	SEACHANGE	Kerry Armstrong	
2002	THE ROAD FROM COORAIN	Juliet Stevenson	
2002	MDA	Angie Milliken	
2005	MDA	Angle Millken	
BEST	PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A TE	ELEFEATURE OR MINI SERIES	
2000	WAITING AT THE ROYAL	Noni Hazlehurst	
2001	MY BROTHER JACK	Angie Milliken	
BEST	ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE IN A TEL	EVISION DRAMA OR COMEDY	
2004	MARKING TIME	Bojana Novakovic	
2005	LOVE MY WAY	Claudia Karvan	
BEST LEAD ACTRESS IN TELEVISION DRAMA			
2006	RAN	Susie Porter	
2007	LOVE MY WAY	Claudia Karvan	
BEST	PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A GUF	ST ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES	

2000 *STINGERS: MEN IN THE DARK* Chris Haywood

2001 BLUE HEELERS 'PART TWO- THE POISONED FRUIT' Gary Day

In 2002, this category was changed to 'Best Actor in a Supporting or Guest Role in a Television Drama', which in 2004 became 'Best Actor in a Supporting or Guest Role in a Television Drama or Comedy'. In 2006, the Award became 'Best Guest or Supporting Actor in Television Drama' – as a separate comedy performance Award was introduced.



BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING OR GUEST ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

- **2002** ALWAYS GREENER Clayton Watson
- 2003 GRASS ROOTS 'BY-ELECTION' John Clayton

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING OR GUEST ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA OR COMEDY

- **2004** MARKING TIME Matt Le Nevez
- 2005 LOVE MY WAY (EP 8) Max Cullen

BEST GUEST OR SUPPORTING ACTOR IN TELEVISION DRAMA

2006BLUE HEELERSMarcus Graham2007THE CIRCUITDavid Ngoombujarra

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A GUEST ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

2000	GRASS ROOTS: LATE SEPTEMBER	Lois Ramsey
2001	THE SECRET LIFE OF US 'LOVE SUCKS'	Catherine McClements

In 2002, this category was changed to 'Best Actress in a Supporting or Guest Role in a Television Drama', which in 2004 became 'Best Actress in a Supporting or Guest Role in a Television Drama or Comedy'. In 2006, the Award became 'Best Guest or Supporting Actress in Television Drama' – as a separate comedy performance Award was introduced.

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING OR GUEST ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

2002	KATH & KIM `WEDDING'	Magda Szubanski
2003	AFTER THE DELUGE	Essie Davis

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING OR GUEST ROLE IN A TELEVISION DRAMA

- **2004** MARKING TIME Katie Wall
- **2005** *MDA (EP 6)* Anita Hegh

BEST GUEST OR SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN TELEVISION DRAMA

2006BLUE HEELERSSaskia Burmeister2007CALL ME MUMVicki Saylor

BEST PERFORMANCE IN TELEVISION COMEDY (introduced in 2006)

2006THE CHASER'S WAR ON EVERYTHINGAndrew Hansen2007WILFREDAdam Zwar



OPEN CRAFT AWARD IN TELEVISION DRAMA

2000	ON THE BEACH	Sally Shepherd, Roger Ford (Set Design)
2001	DO OR DIE	Shawn Seet (Editing)
2002	THE ROAD FROM COORAIN	Jo Ford (Production Design)
2003	JOHN SAFRAN'S MUSIC JAMBOREE	John Safran (Original and Innovative Programme Concept)

In 2004, this award became 'Outstanding Achievement in Craft in Television'.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CRAFT IN TELEVISION

2004	KATH & KIM	Kitty Stuckey (Costume Design)
2005	JOHN SAFRAN VS GOD	John Safran (Original Concept)

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN TELEVISION SCREEN CRAFT

2006	THE FOREST	Joseph H. Pickering (Cinematography)
2007	BASTARD BOYS, CALL ME MUM & THE KING	Paddy Reardon (Production Design)