



The first year students mid-year movement assessment, **Something Spanish** was directed by newly wed **Warrick Fraser**. Congrats to all on a great performance!



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Industry News

ELEVEN OUT OF TEN development initiative for local production

This year's SPAA Conference announced the launch of an exciting new development initiative from the Ten Network: **ELEVEN OUT OF TEN**.

ELEVEN OUT OF TEN is open to anyone living in Australia who thinks they know what it takes to excite an audience. Network Ten is seeking proposals for either a television series or special.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 15 October 2010.

Eye of the Alumni: Jacqui Duncan



Out of The Shak and into the wild....

A month before graduating from The Workshop **Jacqui Duncan** landed a dream gig on Channel Nine's kids comedy / educational TV show **The Shak** playing animal loving environmentalist **Eco**. Jacqui spent 7 seasons on the hugely popular show and says there's no way she would have been able to work in the industry without her acting training. "I know there is a huge amount of luck involved but I truly believe I wouldn't have got my role on **The Shak** without the confidence my training gave me as an actor. Passion and natural talent obviously help actors in a big way but having a formula that you can use in acting, brings a uniqueness to the characters you play, instead of simply playing yourself in different circumstances. People see this professionalism and it brings a lot of respect when I work with them, which I sincerely appreciate having." Jacqui was recently **nominated for Best female Actor at The Queensland New Film-makers Awards** for her portrayal of **Evie** in the musical short film **You Tonight** which posed Jacqui the unique challenge of singing as well as acting. "The only time I had ever sung in public was in my voice class assessment at the Workshop – and that was just in front of my classmates. I was fortunate enough to have worked with both the Producer and Director on separate projects and they both thought I suited the role so after much persuasion I finally auditioned and found, to my surprise, that they actually liked my voice. It's actually driven me to look into getting professional singing lessons so I won't be so nervous next time. Acting through song was another new element for me but I thoroughly enjoyed the whole shoot." Interestingly, Jacqui has just been cast in a national ad requiring her to sing. She says she never would've had the courage to do it had she not sung for **You Tonight** - A little bit of synchronicity! We can't mention the name of the ad yet, but look out for it over summer. Jacqui's next move is a literal one – to Sydney "I've had some great opportunities in Brisbane over the past few years but I'm very excited to open myself to new opportunities down south. I gave some time for different projects after finishing **The Shak** so I'm itching to get back to work!" Her advice to newcomers is "...to get some training, learn as much about the craft as you can, and simply believe in yourself and give it a go!" We wish you the very best in Sydney Jacqui!

Best in Show

Second year students' turned heads (and wigs) in September with their

Restoration Theatre performance. Extravagant costumes were done justice with some



Karen Dinsdale

extraordinary performances.

The first year students' American Theatre assessments exhibited an array of comedic talents. Looking forward to seeing this class strength evolve!



David Mines and Ryan Veivers



Robyn Moore

Robyn Moore has been filming a feature film titled **18** with director **Shane Krause (K9, Acolytes, Bait)** who also wrote the script with **Shayne Armstrong**. Robyn plays the lead character - After her estranged father dies, **Victoria Marshall** returns to her family home to manage the deceased estate but soon discovers that a labyrinth of junk isn't all that her father might have left behind.

Friends of the Workshop

Frankie Oatway worked on the **Pauline Chan** directed feature **Mei Mei**, co-starring **Guy Pearce** and **Claudia Karvan** last month. Photo courtesy of www.frankieoatway.com



Frankie Oatway on set of Mei Mei

The Noticeboard

Maintenance class is back on again Tuesday nights from **6:30 to 10:30 beginning October 19th**. Take advantage of the set design and cinematography talents of **Mungo McKay**, who each week transforms the class into a world unknown! Believe it or

not the above shot of **David Waddington** in a scene from **Into the Wild** was taken inside the Workshop Blue Room! Unbelievable work Mungo...Lucky actors!

Congratulations to **Kelly Joyce** and **Warrick Fraser** who were wed at Mount Tamborine on Saturday September 25th.



In the Works

- * Since receiving rave reviews directing her first show **The Tavern of Coral Cove** for **The Brisbane Arts Theatre**, graduate **Tegan Devine** has been accepted to study at **The Ward Acting Studio** in New York, she left in September – best of luck Tegan!
- * Congratulations to past graduates **Alison Hart** and **Kurt Widderick** on the birth of their daughter **Lola Beth**.
- * **Kate Leahy** has just finished shooting her first short film **I Took a Fence** which she wrote & directed.
- * **Niki-J Witt** recently did some fight direction for **Miss Saigon** currently playing at the Schonell and also appears in an upcoming **Holden commercial**. She also plays merry wife **Alice Ford** in a full theatrical production of the **Merry Wives of Windsor** with 4MBS for the Bulimba/Sandgate Shakespeare Festivals from the 23rd of October - free performances!
- * **Georgina Symes** recently voiced **Mrs Rat** for the animated series of **Bananas in Pyjamas**. She also just returned from the **Melbourne Underground Film Festival** where her film **Bad Behaviour** - picked up 6 awards in the Feature Film category including: **Best Director, Best Screenplay** and **Runner up Best film**. As mentioned in our feature article last issue, ex-Workshopper **Kris Maric** produced. Congratulations ladies!
- * **Damien Power** has been working as a professional stand up comedian, doing shows several times a week. He is currently working on his one man show to be put on at the Brisbane comedy festival next year.
- * **Ellen Hardisty** last month performed at The Gold Coast Show in a production called **Phar Lap, Champion to a Nation**. The show was produced by **Mark Eady** at **Ozworks Australia**. This month Ellen will be performing the lead in **Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding**, at the Gold Coast Crowne Plaza.
- * **Conor Walshe's** film **Blood and Water**, the inaugural film project of his company **Dreams That You Dream Productions**, recently premiered at the **Action On Film International Film Festival** in Pasadena, California. The project is now being considered as a one hour drama by one of the major US networks and a feature film is also in the works. Visit Conor's website at: www.dreamsthatyoudream.com