



AFI AWARD WINNER DAVID WENHAM RETURNS TO JUDGE THE 2012 OPTUS ONE80PROJECT

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Sydney, Australia, Friday 6 January, 2012: Optus and MTV Networks Australia are pleased to welcome back internationally acclaimed, award winning actor, **David Wenham** to the judging panel for the **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT**, now in its sixth year of competition. A joint venture between **Optus** and **MTV Networks Australia**, in association with **Event Cinemas**, the **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT** is the only competition of its kind in the country, which offers aspiring TV makers the means to jumpstart their career with the opportunity to see their big idea brought to life as a professionally produced one-hour television pilot

Returning as a judge for a second time, Foxtel's *Killing Time* star, **David Wenham**, will join **Lincoln Lewis** on the judging panel for this year's **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT**. Having starred in a long list of local and international blockbusters including *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*, *The Boys*, *Australia*, *300*, *Van Helsing* and *Moulin Rouge*, **Wenham's** distinguished 15 year professional career has cemented him as one of Australia's most well respected actors.

David Wenham says, "Initiatives like the OPTUS ONE80PROJECT are incredibly important to the development of the Australian film and television industries, so I am really excited to be returning as a judge. The OPTUS ONE80PROJECT is a perfect way to discover and nurture the abundance of untapped talent in Australia."

For a shot at the \$180,000 production budget and a share in the \$30,000 cash prize pool – including a cool \$10,000 for the winner of the Public Vote Award – entrants are invited to submit a 180-second pilot and treatment by 14 January, 2012. In an Optus One80Project first, this year's competition is also offering a \$5,000 cash prize for the best pilot filmed on a mobile phone.

The top 10 entries will be short-listed and judged in the Judges' Choice category by **David Wenham**, **Lincoln Lewis** and a soon-to-be-announced industry judge. Previous **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT** judges

include **Sam Neill**, Twilight's **Xavier Samuel**, **Kat Stewart**, **Abbie Cornish**, **Emily Barclay**, **Teresa Palmer**, **Alex Dimitriadis** and **Sophie Lowe**.

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