



## GET READY TO VOTE AS THE OPTUS ONE80PROJECT ANNOUNCE TOP 10 FINALISTS

### 2010 WINNER MAIA HORNIK JOINS THE 2012 OPTUS ONE80PROJECT JUDGING PANEL

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**Sydney, Australia, Tuesday 24 January 2012** – Optus and MTV Networks Australia are pleased to announce the Top 10 entries for this year's OPTUS ONE80PROJECT with finalists hailing from cities right across the nation including Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. Voting is now open for the public vote award, and all winning entries, including the major award with a cash prize of a \$180,000 production budget, will be announced at a live festival event in Sydney at Centennial Park's Moonlight Cinema on March 18, 2012. In further news, past competition winner, director **Maia Hornik** will join the judging panel for the **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT** - now in its sixth year of competition.

The **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT** is an opportunity for aspiring TV makers to turn their ideas into a big shot at the small screen. From a long list of high calibre entries the Top 10 finalists, as selected by representatives from Optus and MTV, include:

#### 2012 OPTUS ONE80PROJECT TOP 10 ENTRIES

TITLE	ENTRANT	STATE	URL
STARFISH	HANNAH MOON	VIC	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Starfish">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Starfish</a>
FRACTURE	AARON SINGFIELD & LIESL HINDE	QLD	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Fracture-228">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Fracture-228</a>

<b>ROUTES</b>	ISABELLA SCHULENBURG, JOHN SCARPIAS, LUCI KUMAR SHARMA, PAIGE TURNER, DANIEL PAGE, GEORGIE DOTHANH	NSW	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Routes">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Routes</a>
<b>KING</b>	LUKE GOODALL & SAM PETERSON	VIC	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/KING">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/KING</a>
<b>DEADBEAT DADS</b>	BEN MATHEWS, KENT PEARSON & SHELLEY MCLAREN	NSW	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Deadbeat-Dads-305">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Deadbeat-Dads-305</a>
<b>SWINDLE</b>	NATE CHARLES & JACK JAMES	SA	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Swindle-287">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Swindle-287</a>
<b>THE SCHOOL</b>	STORM ASHWOOD & TESSA LITTLE	NSW	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/The-School">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/The-School</a>
<b>SEED</b>	LACHLAN CLARKE	VIC	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Seed-344">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Seed-344</a>
<b>CHASING A MARTINGALE</b>	CLAIRE SHEARWOOD & STEPHANIE MARKS	WA	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Chasing-a-Martingale-258">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Chasing-a-Martingale-258</a>
<b>TRAINERZ</b>	STEEN RASKOPOULOS & SHAWN PEACH	NSW	<a href="http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Trainerz">http://www.one80project.com.au/page/Top-Ten-finalists/Trainerz</a>

Announced as the final judge for this year's **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT**, Director Maia Horniak joins Logie Award winner **Lincoln Lewis** and internationally acclaimed, award-winning *Killing Time* star **David Wenham** on the judging panel.

After wrapping up production on the **OPTUS ONE80PROJECT's** 2010 winning one hour TV-drama, **The Sellers**, Maia's career has continued to go from strength to strength. Maia will be directing her debut feature film **MixTape** with Goalpost Pictures Australia, the same production company that produced **The Sellers**. Reinforcing her success and cementing her status in Australia's local

film and TV industry, Maia has joined the prestigious production company, *Otto Empire*, as Sydney director.

**Maia Horniak** said, "After having been through the process myself, I am delighted to be returning as a judge for this year's Optus One80Project. The opportunity was invaluable to my career and it is so great to see past winners making serious headway in the industry; it's an excellent break for television and film content makers."

From the Top 10, the judges will pick a **Judges' Choice** winning entry which will be made into a one hour drama broadcast on MTV Australia and New Zealand with a production budget of \$180,000. A second winner, the **Public Vote Award**, will be selected by the public who can view the top 10 entries online and on their mobile by visiting [www.one80project.com.au](http://www.one80project.com.au) from **Tuesday, January 24, 2012** until **Sunday, March 4, 2012**. In an **Optus One80Project** first, this year's competition is also offering a \$5000 cash prize for the best pilot filmed on a mobile phone.

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OPTUS ONE80PROJECT AND HOW TO VOTE GO TO**  
[www.one80project.com.au](http://www.one80project.com.au)

**VOTING CLOSSES SUNDAY 4 MARCH, 2012**

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