

ACTF 2023

Program Catalogue



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Built To Survive

Wildlife Adventure Factual Series | 10 x 30 min
Butter Media

Phil Breslin gets up close to the world's most unique creatures to reveal the ultimate survivors of Australia's most extreme habitats. In each episode, Phil will bring the audience along with him on a rare and unusual journey, where they will encounter three iconic animal species, revealing their unique survival characteristics to the camera. The inhospitable nature and vast differences of each environment will be lived by audiences as Phil creates immersive experiences of Australia's rugged and unique landscapes.

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Hardball

Series 1 & 2 - 23 x 24 min
Northern Pictures

When Mikey moves from New Zealand to Western Sydney, he finds himself in the thick of the ultra-competitive, schoolyard game of handball.

After saving a kid on the playground from a wayward ball and finding he has the most powerful strike in the world, Mikey is befriended by Jerry and Salwa, who join forces to train him to become a weapon of precision and skill – equipped to topple resident king of the court, Tiffany, and take home the Western Suburbs handball crown – if only he could make the ball land in the right suburb!

Can Mikey go from zero to hero in the quest to be the best in the west?

Winner of Prix Jeunesse, International Emmy Kids Award, NHK Japan Prize, Banff World Media Festival Rockie Awards.



The Inbestigators

Series 1 & 2 - 40 x 15 min or 30 min
Gristmill

After Maudie, a ten-year-old puzzle prodigy, solves a crime on her first day at school with her new classmates Ezra, Ava and Kyle, the future is obvious: the four children must form a detective agency together. Operating out of the granny flat in Ezra's backyard, these funny and mismatched kids from Grade Five are on call to solve any puzzle that crops up at school or in the neighbourhood. This team of savvy sleuths love nothing more than a mystery. No case is too big nor too small, whether it is finding missing deliveries, recovering stolen assignments, or working out why all the neighbourhood car alarms have stopped working. Not only are these five kid detectives making the neighbourhood a safer place, they are having the best time doing it!

Also available as 30 min format.



Are You Tougher Than Your Ancestors

10 x 30 min

Flying Kite Pictures and Sticky Pictures

Are You Tougher than Your Ancestors? takes today's kids on a wild ride back through time, that pits the skills of today's kids against the exploits of children from Australia's past to find out how they measure up!

Fun and fast paced, we challenge modern kids to walk in the shoes of a child from another era. Each episode is built around a fresh and exciting story you won't find in the history books! The series explores ten incredible tales of children's exploits from the past. But while visiting familiar eras and events, each episode looks at them from a brand new historical viewpoint: through the eyes of the children who were there. Diving into new worlds, they learn as much about themselves as they do about history... and unearth some unexpected skills in the process!



First Day

4 x 24 min & 1 x 17 min

Epic Films

It's Hannah Bradford's first year of high school. It's also the first day she'll wear a girl's school uniform and go by her chosen name instead of the boy's name she was given at birth. As a 12-year old transgender girl, Hannah not only has to navigate the challenges that come with starting a new school, but find the courage to live as her most authentic self.

Winner of International Emmy Kids Award, Kidscreen Award, Banff World Media Festival Rockie Awards and runner up NHK Japan Prize.



Little Lunch

26 x 12 min or 13 x 24 min, 2 x 24 min specials

Gristmill

Little Lunch is a comedy series where every episode takes place during that highly-anticipated school day break – morning snack time! Filmed in a mockumentary style, each self-contained episode revolves around, and is told by, six diverse and distinctly identifiable children. This little comedy with heart tackles the big issues in the playground. Who gets to go on the monkey bars? Who gets to join whose club? Who gets their teacher, Mrs Gonska, off the top of the slide pole when she gets stuck? Little Lunch tells stories that may seem small to adults, but loom large for kids. Little Lunch is an eminently relatable universal comedy for 6 – 12-year olds.

The original cast returns for two x half hour special episodes: The Halloween Horror Story and The Nightmare Before Graduation.

Winner of Prix Jeunesse, Chicago International Children's Film Festival, Finalist – Banff, Rockie Awards, and NHK Japan Prize.



You're Skitting Me

Series 1, 2 & 3 - 26 x 24 min and 26 x 12 min

Jigsaw Entertainment

You're Skitting Me is an edgy sketch comedy.

The show stars an ensemble cast of six teenagers and features a random mix of characters, parodies and animations. The sketches are made up of zombies, cavemen and scary girl guides, parodies of Twilight, Dr. Who, Masterchef and Gollum, new twists on fairy tales and talent shows, as well as some offbeat animations that will delight kids and parents alike.

This comedy series is aimed at children aged from 8 to 14, but will be sure to provide a laugh for everyone. Nothing is too absurd!



Ready For This

1 x 42 min and 12 x 24 min or 13 x 24 min

Werner Film Productions & Blackfella Films

Set in inner-city Sydney, Ready For This is the story of six teenagers, all elite within their own field, each with a different agenda and different dreams.

They have come together to live at Arcadia House. For some, it's the opportunity of a lifetime, for others it's a last chance. In order to survive the year, the six strangers must find a path through new challenges and adventures. A long way from home, the last thing they expect to find is family.

Ready For This tells the story of what it's like to be thrown together in a big city to pursue your dreams, while dealing with all the trials of growing up.



Worst Year Of My Life Again!

13 x 24 min

ACTF & Reflective Pictures

They tell you school days are the best years of your life. But what if they weren't? And what if you woke up one morning to discover you had to relive the most excruciating year of high school all over again?

Alex King has had a horrible year - humiliated by his teachers, targeted by bullies and embarrassed by attempts to impress the most popular girl in school. When he wakes on his birthday to discover that time has reset itself, he can't believe he must relive every miserable moment of the past year once more. That's until his friends, Simon and Maddy, convince him he's being offered a second chance and maybe this time around, he can get it right.



Mal.com

13 x 12 min

Animazing Productions Pty Ltd.

Living with a robot will blow your circuits!

Three teens stumble on a massive mechanical secret – Malcom Mann, everyone's favourite TV superstar, is actually a Male Artificial Lifeform.

In exchange for keeping quiet, Jake, Daisy and the Kid move in to Mal's glamorous celebrity home and pretend to be his kids. But they quickly realise that living with a robot isn't just about getting an Artificial Intelligence to do your homework. These kids have got a lot to teach Mal about being human and together, they've got a lot to learn about becoming a family.



My Place

Series 1 & 2, 26 x 24 min

Matchbox Pictures Pty Ltd

Based on the Nadia Wheatley & Donna Rawlins picture book, My Place is the award-winning story of one spot in Australia told by the children who lived there over 220 years, starting in 2008 to before European settlement.

The series follows 26 children, all with a talent for some kind of trouble. Each living in the very same spot, each hiding up the very same fig tree, each with an adventure to tell.



Lockie Leonard

Series 1 & 2, 52 x 24 min

Goalpost Pictures

What chance have you got when your dad's a cop, your mum's a frighteningly understanding parent, your brother wets the bed, your best friend's a heavy metal devotee and then you fall in love. It can only mean trouble, worry, mega-embarrassment and some wild, wild times.

Through the eyes of Lockie Leonard we view the truly mixed-up, yet very normal life of Lockie, his family and friends.

Lockie Leonard is based on the award-winning novels by 2002 Booker nominated author, Tim Winton.



Double Trouble

13 x 24 min

CAAMA

16-year old Yuma lives with her wealthy father and step family in Sydney. Kyanna, also 16, lives in a community in the central Australian desert with her mother and extended family.

Separated at birth, these twin girls are completely unaware that the other exists, until a twist of fate sees them meet in Alice Springs.

When the pair discover their connection, and decide they want to meet the parent they don't know, they agree to swap lives – just for a day. Little do they know what will go wrong. When each twin becomes stranded in the other's world, the fun really starts.



Mortified

26 x 24 min

ACTF & Enjoy Entertainment

Taylor Fry is a confused pre-teen doing her best to understand herself and her place in the world. A girl's got a lot to deal with on the brink of adolescence: a changing body, a flood of hormones, relentless judgement by her peers, even perhaps the stirrings of a first unrequited crush. Taylor is confronted by the lot!

Being a lively, smart-lipped kid with plenty of courage and attitude, Taylor feels she's an outsider within her own wacky family. She's a black sheep at school and a misfit amongst her seemingly perfect neighbours. Mortified taps into the awkward 12-year old in all of us.



Noah & Saskia

13 x 24 min

ACTF

Two teenagers find each other from opposite sides of the globe and change each other's lives. By projecting their ideal selves in a virtual world, they get a little closer to reaching their ideals in the real one. A mixture of live action, animation and visual FX, the series is set in Melbourne (Australia), London (England) and Webweave (Cyberspace).



Worst Best Friends

13 x 24 min

CoxKnight Productions Pty Ltd

What happens when your two best friends are worst enemies? When the rough and tumble Dusting turns up uninvited to be Roger Thesaurus' best friend, Thesaurus is in trouble – he already has a best friend, the bossy Millicent. Whenever Millicent and Dusting vie for Thesaurus' attention, sparks begin to fly!

Celebrating the absurdities of childhood, Worst Best Friends charts Thesaurus' course through the minefield of playground politics and family issues.



Legacy Of The Silver Shadow

13 x 24 min

ACTF

Josh, Alex, Campbell and Gretel are thrown together when they discover the underground headquarters of the Silver Shadow, a long-forgotten dead superhero. Although defeated in the 1950s by his arch enemy, the Crab, the Silver Shadow lives on as a digital recording in an old computer.

Reactivated, he convinces the unlikely team to take up his battle against evil and injustice. Meanwhile, in a retirement home across town, the elderly Crab has begun training his granddaughter Fiona to take over the family business.



Crash Zone

Series 1 & 2 - 26 x 24 min

ACTF

Mike, Pi, Marcello, Bec and Ram are smart, creative but radically different kids who have just scored part-time jobs testing prototype computer games. It's a blast, but it's not just computer programs that are being tested - loyalties, friendships and values are also on the line in the funny, compelling world that is the Crash Zone.



Round The Twist

Series 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 52 x 24 min

ACTF

When the Twist kids – Pete, Linda and Bronson – and their Dad leave the city for a quiet life in the coastal town of Port Niranda, they get more than they bargained for. The lighthouse the Twists have moved into is haunted, and Port Niranda is a town where the weird and unexpected regularly occurs. Ghosts, Vikings, magical underpants, runaway shadows... Round The Twist is an offbeat comedy series that will enchant the entire family.



Spellbinder

26 x 25 min

Film Australia/Telewizjca Polska

A freak accident transports suburban teenager Paul to a parallel world!

Here, the Industrial Revolution never happened and a powerful group called Spellbinders control the people by exploiting their fear and ignorance. Helped by a young girl, Riana and Paul must gather help from both worlds at the same time – or be marooned forever.

Paul escapes, but in the process Riana becomes trapped in his complex, industrial world. When an evil Spellbinder also discovers how to break through to Paul's world, he and Riana must use their wits and imagination to prevent her gaining access to unimaginable technology and power. Spellbinder is an exciting mix of adventure, fantasy and fun.



Spellbinder – Land Of The Dragon Lord

26 x 25 min

Film Australia/Telewizjca Polska/Shanghai Film Studios/Nine Network

While on a camping trip, suburban teenager Kathy meets Mek, a traveller between parallel worlds, and accidentally sends herself to the world of the Spellbinders. Ashka, the ruthless and power-hungry Spellbinder, tricks them into taking her to Mek's world: the Land of the Dragon Lord. It is an advanced world where the computer was invented 400 years ago, and all is ruled by a spoilt 10-year old boy. When Ashka attempts to take control of Mek's world, Kathy and Mek must race against time and across the boundaries of many dangerous and exciting parallel worlds to rescue Kathy's family and save the Land of the Dragon Lord.



The Valley Between

6 x 48 min or 12 x 25 min

Film Australia

Bruno Gunther is a 14-year old boy from a German immigrant family, growing up in a small Australian farming town in the 1930s. While his father preaches the virtues of hard work on the farm, Bruno finds all sorts of opportunities for mischief and adventure as he explores the world around him. Through his adventures, Bruno comes to appreciate and understand more about himself and his community.

A gentle family drama based on the beloved children's books of award-winning novelist, Colin Thiele.



The Genie From Down Under

Series 1 & 2 - 26 x 24 min

ACTF

When upper-class English girl Penelope finds a magic opal containing two Australian genies, Bruce and his son Baz, she thinks all of her problems are over. But Bruce has other ideas. He and Baz trick Penelope into wishing her family to Australia at every opportunity. Penelope hates Australia and is constantly trying to get back to England. It's a comedic battle of wills and a clash of cultures, as Penelope learns that there is a difference between power and wisdom.



Escape From Jupiter

13 x 25 min

Film Australia/NHK

When a volcanic eruption destroys the mining colony on Jupiter's moon Io, Michael, Kumiko, Kingston, Anna, Gerard and their parents must flee their crumbling world.

They convert a derelict space station into a makeshift spacecraft and start a desperate attempt to reach Earth. Together they share the hazards of existence on board the unlikely craft, and develop a close bond of friendship as they make their perilous journey.



Return To Jupiter

13 x 25 min

Film Australia/NHK

Michael, Kumiko, Gerard and Anna, last seen in *Escape From Jupiter*, are reunited on the *Icarus*, a solar cruiser that will take them back to their parents on one of Jupiter's moons. But the journey is far from a smooth one. Danger and excitement wait around every turn, as the children face a crash landing on Mars, hitch a ride on an asteroid, and race against two villains whose evil plan jeopardises the *Icarus* and its crew. *Return To Jupiter* is more than a science fiction adventure – it combines excitement with humour as the children learn to overcome adversity with courage and imagination.



The Girl From Tomorrow

Series 1 & 2 - 24 x 24 min

Film Australia

Alana, a 13-year old girl from the year 3000, is thrown back to our "strange and primitive" modern day world when a time travel experiment goes wrong. Silverthorn, a fugitive warlord thrown back in time with Alana, steals the time capsule which is Alana's only hope of returning home. Alana, with the help of only her personal wrist computer P.J. and her new friends Jenny and Petey, must battle Silverthorn for control of the capsule, or be stranded forever – a thousand years from home.



Sky Trackers

26 x 24 min

ACTF

Mike and Nikki are both scientists' children, living beneath the massive dishes of a space tracking station in the heart of the Australian outback.

Nikki is 13 and into science – her dream is to be the first person on Mars. Mike is 14 and into rock music – he thinks science sucks. Mike's horse and guitar are the only things that make his life at the station bearable – until he falls for Nikki, that is...

Lively action, strong emotions, lots of fun and the cutting edge of science are all combined in an exciting series about children, their parents and the universe around them.



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Whale Bay Adventures

26 x 12 min

MWP-RDB Thongs Pty Ltd.

Whale Bay is home to the disaster-prone Thong family and to Australia's least visited tourist attraction, the Giant Thong. But that may be about to change, because it's home to Holden Thong, a kid with a wild imagination who constructs gadgets from recycled scrap. Holden's father, Trevor, is determined to put Whale Bay on the map. Trevor's hare-brained, tourist-attracting schemes and Holden's ill-conceived contraptions ensure Whale Bay is perpetually about to be wiped off the map (before it's even on one). Holden's sister Narelle desperately wants to get out of Whale Bay, and his mother, Brenda, just wants things to be normal. Given Holden's best friend, Rerp, is a cane toad in a school uniform, there's little chance of that!



Flea-bitten!

52 eps x 12 min or 26 eps x 24 min

Moody Street Kids

When Flea-bag, a naive young pooch, finds himself lost and alone in the big city, he knows he needs a friend – any friend; even one who freeloards and makes him itchy all day and night. Enter Itch. E Flea – a fast-talking parasite who knows the city like the back of his six hands – and has he got a deal for Flea-bag; it'll only be a matter of time before they find Flea-bag's family! In return for his expert advice, all Itch. E asks for is free food and lodging – in Flea-bag's ear! But it's just for the journey... and Flea-bag is determined to find his way home, except the voice in his head keeps butting in.



Lift Off! – Animated Segments

65 x 3 min and 13 x 1 min

ACTF

Lift Off! is an innovative program based on current theories of child development, that educates while it entertains. Each episode features self-contained animated segments, which may be licensed separately.

Using the stories of Australia's leading children's writers, these delightful films include:

- **Murgatroyd's Garden**
Something must be done about the very strange garden that grows in Murgatroyd's unwashed hair.
- **Hunting The Not Fair**
Billy Blair makes a trap to catch that dreadful creature who's always troubling him – the "Not Fair".
- **Dancing Pants**
Everyone wants to dance when they wear Mandy's magical second-hand pants.



Li'l Elvis Jones And The Truckstoppers

26 x 24 min

ACTF, Viskatoons & France Animation

Li'l Elvis has a gift for music, a talent for trouble and a desire for only one thing – to find out who he really is and be a normal kid again.

He was left on the steps of Grace and Len's roadhouse as a baby, wrapped in a rhinestone-studded blanket inside an old guitar case. Now he's a local legend, entertaining truck drivers at the roadhouse by playing Elvis Presley songs. But Li'l Elvis is sick of the music and sick of being "the King" reborn. With his friends Lionel and Janet, he creates his own sound – Didgibilli Rock. When greedy millionaire WC Moore hears the band play, his entrepreneurial vision changes the town forever.



Greatest Tune On Earth

4 x 24 min

ACTF

The world is in crisis: a music drought has struck. No matter how hard they pluck, bow or blow, musicians cannot make any sound emerge from their instruments. A meeting of the World Council of Music is called to decide what should be done.

Much to the disgust of the evil Maestro Maltropo, everyone agrees that Professor Eric Quavery is the best person to solve the mystery. There is no one who knows more about music than the Professor.

As Professor Quavery rediscovers the basic concepts of music and works toward ending the world music drought, Maestro Maltropo attempts to hamper the Professor's work and bring the glory of rediscovering music upon himself.

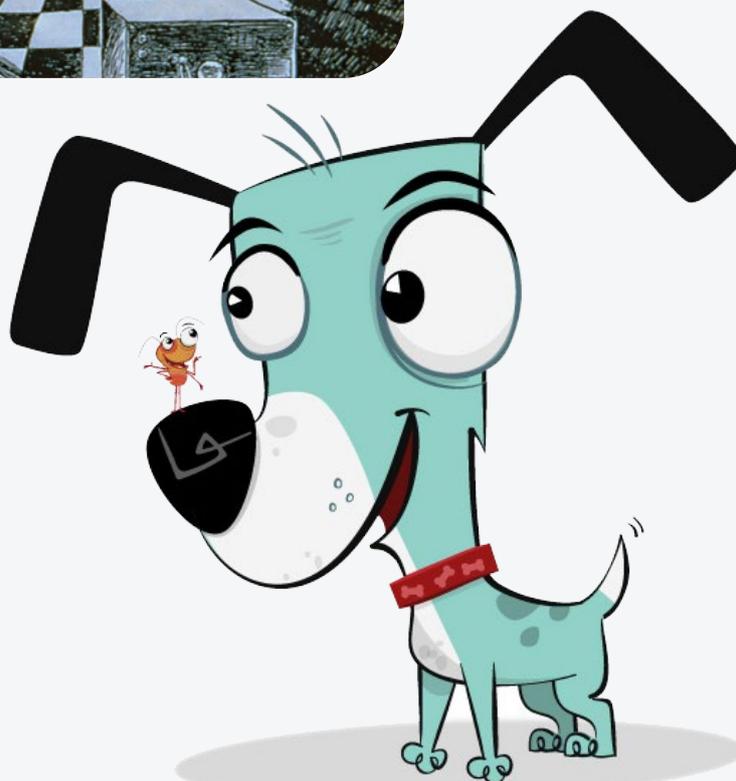


Kaboodle

Series 1 & 2 - 19 x 24 min

ACTF

Kaboodle is an anthology series of short stories designed to impart a love of storytelling and develop specific understandings about literature. Each episode includes both live action and animated stories, varying in length from a few minutes up to 24 minutes. Some stories are adaptations of popular children's books. Many of the stories are suitable for early childhood.





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Balloon Barnyard

26 x 7 min

Like A Photon Creative

Join Pip and Streak, as these everyday donkeys with superhero ambitions find fun and adventure around the farm.

Always looking for someone to help or a mystery to solve, they will do whatever it takes to help out their friends, and while it may involve a bit of trial and error, by working together they always manage to save the day.

A colourful and entertaining animated series for 2 – 4-year olds, narrated by 8-year old Patrick and 9-year old Cleo, Balloon Barnyard will delight and engage young viewers.



Hoopla Doopla

52 x 12 min

Beyond International

In the town of Hoopla live six extraordinary characters, each with their own amazing physical skill: Mimi runs the café in town while juggling muffins and milkshakes; Ziggy, the shop keeper, does magic tricks which go in surprising directions; Zap, the town messenger, delivers packages in the most acrobatic manner possible; Bop, Mr Fix-It is able to lift almost anything; flexible Squidgie looks after the town garden and can often be found inside a pot-plant, finally Jango, the street sweeper, is always playing tricks and causing mischief.

Inspired by circus performers and commedia dell'arte, they tumble, juggle, leap and somersault in and out of trouble. But whenever anything goes wrong – and it usually does – they always have each other to fall back on.



Waabiny Time

Series 1 & 2 - 21 x 26 min

L'unica Productions

Waabiny Time is a landmark in Australian TV; a kids' variety program that uses Noongar Language. Presenters Kylie Farmer and Lee West take children from the ages of 3 to 6 on an educational and entertaining adventure, guiding young viewers through 21 half-hour episodes of stories, songs and activities that are authentically Indigenous and encourage participation.



Lift Off!

Series 1 & 2 - 23 x 48 min or 39 x 48 min

ACTF

A group of young children who live in an apartment building share a world of fun and imagination. Their stories reflect the joys and occasional sorrows of growing up, and emphasise the wonder of new experiences.

The live action storyline is interspersed with short animation, puppetry and documentary segments. Lift Off! stimulates children on many levels, with songs, stories, word games, play and fantasy in each episode. It features a cast of funny and enchanting characters, such as EC, the magical rag doll; Rocky, the frilled-necked lizard explorer; LOTIS, an intelligent elevator; and Mr. Fish, the building caretaker, obsessed with rules and regulations.

Lift Off! never underestimates the young child's capacity to think, imagine, understand, question and learn.



Kaboodle

Series 1 & 2 - 19 x 24 min

ACTF

Kaboodle is an anthology series of short stories designed to impart a love of storytelling and develop specific understandings about literature. Each episode comprises multiple self-contained segments, ranging from drama to comedy, adventure, and fantasy with a mix of live action and animated stories, varying in length from a few minutes up to 24 minutes. Some stories are adaptations of popular children's books. Many of the stories are suitable for early childhood.



Built To Survive

Wildlife Adventure Factual Series | 10 x 30 min

Butter Media

Phil Breslin gets up close to the world's most unique creatures to reveal the ultimate survivors of Australia's most extreme habitats. In each episode, Phil will bring the audience along with him on a rare and unusual journey, where they will encounter three iconic animal species, revealing their unique survival characteristics to the camera. The inhospitable nature and vast differences of each environment will be lived by audiences as Phil creates immersive experiences of Australia's rugged and unique landscapes.

At the end of each episode, Phil will consider and choose the animal he believes to be, without a doubt, Built to Survive each environment. Which one will you choose?



Woven Threads

8 x 5 min

Benchmark Media & Entertainment

Woven Threads is an 8 x 4 to 5-minute series, which through beautiful and powerful animations presents many varied and moving stories of refugees.

The animations are designed to elicit empathy and understanding so it is the human and not the refugee experience that is central.

By finding this common ground, maybe, for a few minutes, the debates, disputes and fears surrounding migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers might be suspended and replaced by empathy.



Wacky World Beaters

20 x 24 min

Active TV

Wacky World Beaters is a kids' factual series featuring two highly competitive, slightly zany hosts who set off on a global discovery tour of wacky competitions.

Their mission? To find the world's ultimate wacky sport! In this hilarious, action-packed series, Amberley and Gilly compete against the world's best - and each other - while uncovering amazing people, culture and history wherever they go.



MY:24

26 x 12 min or 13 x 30 min

Essential Media and Entertainment

26 young people from around Australia tell their story about the day that changed their lives forever, and how the events of 24 hours can fundamentally change attitudes and aspirations.

The highly aspirational stories are told by 11 – 21 year olds, expressed in their own words and using their own images.

In an upbeat, visual feast of social media inspired storytelling, each 24 minute episode features two individual stories that are interwoven, with participants taking us on a personal journey to relive their 'MY:24' event and the transformational impact it's had on their lives.

In each episode, the young person is the driver in the telling of their own story in their own words, with content created specifically for the series.



World Animal Championships (WAC)

52 x 26 min

Blacklab Entertainment

Hold on to your whiskers, WAC is here!

Animals of the world battle it out for wildlife supremacy. Located centre stage in the WAC-Arena, a menagerie of creatures do battle in eccentric categories.

Who is WAC's strongest animal of them all? Smartest? Grossest? And even most romantic? These burning questions and many more will finally be answered in this fast-paced, fact-packed show for inquisitive kids.

Hosted by Amberley Lobo and Scott Tweedie, each episode offers a wild mix of archive footage, crazy studio experiments, hilarious animations and infectious fun from the hyperactive hosts. Each and every episode is crammed full of the most amazing animal facts and figures. WAC...let the fur fly!



Bushwhacked!

Series 1, 2 & 3 - 39 x 24 min

Mint Pictures

Bushwhacked! – weaves adventure, travel, food, wildlife, history and culture as Kayne Tremills goes on the adventure of a lifetime with Indigenous co-hosts Brandon Walters in Series 1 and Kamil Ellis in Series 2 & 3.

Chasing down dangerous spiders, killer sharks and venomous snakes, as well as friendly penguins, loveable turtles, and other rare and endangered native Australian animals, the boys are constantly kept on their toes. Adventure is always calling as they challenge each other to death-defying experiences by rock climbing, skydiving or hurtling down a steep sand dune on a board to get to their mission.

Travelling to stunning locations, from the Ningaloo Reef and Fitzroy River in Western Australia to Uluru and Kings Canyon in the Northern Territory, and to the tropical beauty of Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef, Bushwhacked! is a high-octane, adventure-fuelled wildlife-based series for the whole family.



Dancing Down Under

10 x 24 min

Wild Fury

Dancing Down Under is an observational series that follows the amazing adventures of a group of young Australians as they vie for winner's trophies in the extraordinary world of competitive Irish dancing.

The series begins with four main characters - Ceili, Thommy, Brent and Carina as they compete at the Australian National Irish Dancing Championships. Their shared dream is to qualify to compete in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin, Ireland. Despite a dramatic series of triumphs and disappointments, all four dancers travel to Ireland and dance on the world stage. What happens to them, their families and teachers along the way is dramatic, funny and tragic as they dance against the best of the best in the world.



First Day

1 x 55 min or 1 x 75 min

ACTF

First Day follows 11 young Australians as they launch themselves into their first day of school. We follow the children and their families in the weeks leading up to the first day and observe the variety of ways in which family cultures and contexts affect the preparation of each child for school.

When the first day arrives, we follow the children waking up, getting ready, going to school and their reactions to being there. From tears to jubilation, this documentary captures every precious and painful moment of the all-important first day.



Songs of Innocence

1 x 60 min

ACTF

For children, family life has changed dramatically in recent years. Parents are older. Children are fewer. Often both parents work. One third of Australian marriages end in divorce.

Songs of Innocence features 13 children from 9 families, talking candidly about the often painful business of growing up in diverse family structures. It shows the complications that children face as they sort things out on their path to adulthood, as well as the importance of the parents' role and of communication in families.



Handball Heroes

20 x 5 min

Carbon Media

Slide on your sweatbands, grab some chalk and join our Handball Heroes, Joel and Alannah as they take off on an action-packed quest to find the best handball moves from 20 quirky, fun kids from Sydney, right up to the Torres Strait at the very top of Queensland and everywhere in between.

We meet with their family and friends, see their hobbies and hear about their heroes in the 'Hero Package'. After Alannah and Joel have worn themselves out chasing after our energetic handballers, it's time for their signature move... a move that combines each individual child's unique influences, hobbies or aspects from their community. Each move is then 'booked' in the 'Handball Heroes Handbook' for the rest of handball history!



Desdemona

10 x 60 sec

Zac Toons

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Casa de Evil

10 x 60 sec

Kapow Pictures

Recharge your batteries at Casa De Evil – the secret island resort especially for super villains! Casa De Evil is a series of mock advertisements for the ultimate super-villain holiday destination. Each short live action/animation hybrid episode sees our villains trying to unwind and use the resort's facilities, but their true nature is never far away.



Black Knight White Witch

10 x 30 sec

3-D Films

Once upon a time, a White Witch moved into the neighbourhood of a Black Knight (which doesn't make for happy neighbours). While she makes tea, he throws axes. This short comedic series features two characters straight out of a fractured fairytale, who are destined to be together.



Mega Bites

10 x 60 sec

Blue Rocket

Mega Bites presents factual information in a fun way about animals that have exceptional bite power.



Monster Chef

10 x 60 sec

Viskatoons Animation

Monster Chef is a spoof on popular reality cooking shows. In an array of cooking challenges, the Monster contestants strive to create dishes that are impossible for human judges Mutt Pressedham and Gorge Chuckabarfis to stomach.



My Strange Pet

10 x 45 sec

3-D Films

Nine-year old Henry has three strange pets, a long-necked turtle, a scruffy haired dog and a giant Quonka called Basil, who is more of a woolly monster than a domesticated pet. Believing Basil to be a very rare Australian marsupial, Henry treats him like any of his other regular pets.

However, Basil is anything but normal with six legs and four ears. In this short 'mockumentary' series, the mayhem increases as Henry learns that he has a very strange pet indeed.





Yolngu Boy

1 x 83 min

Yolngu Boy Pty Ltd

Lorrpu, Botj and Milika are three Aboriginal teenagers caught between the modern world and the oldest living culture on Earth. The boys once shared a childhood dream of becoming great hunters, but things have changed and their paths are diverging. When Botj finds himself on the wrong side of both black and white law, Lorrpu and Milika risk their own future to save their friend. Leaving behind their community, the boys trek through the unforgiving wilderness to Darwin to argue Botj's case with their tribal leader. To survive, they must draw on the ancient bush knowledge they were taught as boys and, most importantly, on their bonds of friendship.



Escape from Jupiter

1 x 120 min

Film Australia/NHK

When a volcanic eruption destroys the mining colony on Jupiter's moon Io, Michael, Kumiko, Kingston, Anna, Gerard and their parents must flee their crumbling world.

They convert a derelict space station into a makeshift spacecraft and start a desperate attempt to reach Earth. Together they share the hazards of existence on board the unlikely craft, and develop a close bond of friendship as they make their perilous journey.



Let The Balloon Go

1 x 78 min

Film Australia

A warm, enthralling film about a boy and his family, living in a small Australian country town during the First World War.

John is physically handicapped, and his over-anxious mother is afraid to let him play games and climb trees like other children. While his brothers fight in the war overseas, John fights a much more personal battle for his own freedom.

Based on the popular novel by world-renowned Australian author, Ivan Southall.



The Girl From Tomorrow - Tomorrow's End

1 x 118 min

Film Australia

When Alana's friend, Jenny, is injured in a battle with the evil Silverthorn, Alana takes her to the future to be healed.

There, they find that the time travel experiments being conducted by Alana's people are changing history. Alana takes Jenny home to her own time, but when she returns to the 31st Century, she finds time has changed and the planet is completely devastated.



Winners

8 x 48 min (titles also available individually),
ACTF

Winners is an award-winning series of eight telemovies featuring comedy, science fiction, historical drama, adventure, fantasy and social realism. Winners combines some of Australia's best writers and directors to develop a series filled with interesting characters and situations.

- Room to Move
- Just Friends
- Quest Beyond Time
- The Paper Boy
- The Other Facts of Life
- Top Kid
- On Loan
- Tarflowers



More Winners

6 x 48 min (titles also available individually),
ACTF

More Winners includes six action-packed telemovies featuring fantasy, fun, mystery, historical drama and suspense. The one-hour dramas deal with challenging contemporary stories for children.

- Second Childhood
- Mr Edmund
- The Big Wish
- Boy Soldiers
- His Master's Ghost
- The Journey



Touch The Sun

6 x 95 min (titles also available individually)

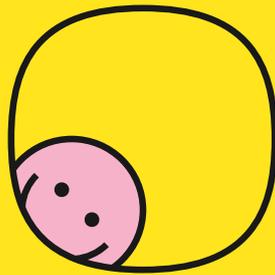
ACTF

Touch The Sun, the winner of an international Emmy Award, is a series of four telemovies of 95 minutes each.

The telemovies feature mystery, comedy, pathos and fantasy; and encourage young viewers to explore issues such as growing up, being different, resolving conflict and fears, seeking identity and working out values.

- Captain Johnno
- Princess Kate
- Devils Hill
- Peter & Pompey
- The Gift
- Top Enders





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