



ANIMAL LOGIC ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES SCREENPLAY COMPETITION WINNER AND RUNNERS-UP

Los Angeles, California, 20 March 2023 – Animal Logic Entertainment (ALE) is pleased to announce the winner and two runner-up finalists of their inaugural Screenplay Competition.

Amongst hundreds of entries from across Australia, it was family feature GRANDPA’S UFO, from writers Justin Evans and Steve Mitchell that abducted the top prize. Set in rural Australia, a Grandfather and Grandson enter a hotly contested vertical flight competition with their homemade flying saucer, dubbed *Grandpa’s UFO*.

Evans and Mitchell said, *“We’re thrilled to win this competition because of Animal Logic Entertainment’s outstanding pedigree in the family film market, which aligns perfectly with our goal of creating an Australian film that will inspire and entertain audiences all over the world. We feel that young people need a hopeful message more than ever, to aim higher and dream bigger. We believe ‘Grandpa’s UFO’ is the perfect “vehicle” to deliver that message.”*

Evans and Mitchell will receive a prize package of AU\$5,000 as well as professional guidance and feedback from Executive Vice President’s Jonathan Hludzinski and Felicity Staunton.

The two runner-up finalists, Melissa Gravitis with SHADOWREALM and Joshua Heaton with SANTA’S LITTLE HELPER both receive AU\$1,000 and professional feedback to support them along the way.

Felicity Staunton said, *“The entrants sent us a very strong message – a desire for joyful storytelling has returned! The level of commercial, inspiring and comedic concepts that we had the pleasure of reading reminded us just how much our Aussie creatives punch above their weight. All of the winners put entertainment first, and we are excited to have uncovered yet another batch of exciting creative minds.”*

The Animal Logic Entertainment Screenplay Competition was launched in August 2020 to unearth new Australian voices in the family animated and family hybrid (live action/animation) space.

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