

SWANZ Finalists and Winners, by year

2017 SWANZ

South Pacific Pictures – Best Feature Film

The Inland Road – Jackie van Beek

Waru – Briar Grace-Smith, Casey Kaa, Ainsley Gardiner, Katie Wolfe, Chelsea Cohen, Renae Maihi, Paula Jones, Josephine Stewart-Te Whiu (WINNER)

Best Short Film

Mr Bernstein – Guy Hamling, Deb Filler (WINNER)

My Brother Mitchell – Todd Karehana

Shout at the Ground – Joe Lonie

The Pissy Tits Street Gang – Rosie Howells

Best Play

Magdalena of Mangere – Louise Tu’u

Te Puhi – Cian Elyse Waiti (WINNER)

Top This – Emilia Marriott

ATEED Best Episode TV Series – Drama

Dirty Laundry, Episode 12 – Jess Sayer

The Brokenwood Mysteries Series 3, Episode 4 – Tim Balme

The Cul de Sac, Series 2, Episode 6 – Stephen J Campbell

Shortland Street 25th Anniversary Special – Nick Malmholt, Harry McNaughton (WINNER)

Westside Series 2, Episode 10 – James Griffin

Best Web Episode

Auckland Love, Season 3, Episode 1 – Jess Sayer

Darryl. An Outward Bound Story, Episode 2 – Millen Baird, John Argall (WINNER)

Guess I’m Coming to Dinner – Roseanne Liang

The Cricket Bat – Mike Minogue

Best One-off TV Drama

Jean – Paula Boock, Donna Malane (WINNER)

Why Does Love? – Pip Hall, Philip Smith

Best New Writer

Cian Elyse Waiti (WINNER)

Jess Sayer

Mike Minogue

Rosie Howells

Todd Karehana

2017 Unproduced Script Competition

TV Pilot

Mountain View – Carl Smith

Saviour – Rene LeBas (WINNER)

The Wrong Side of the Grass – Rene LeBas

Feature Film

Daisy Chain – Shoshana McCallum, Natalie Medlock (WINNER)

Blind Eye – April Phillips

Bootblack – Richard Goodwin

2016 SWANZ

SOUTH PACIFIC PICTURES – BEST FEATURE FILM

Born To Dance, Steve Barr, Casey Whelan & Hone Kouka
Hunt for the Wilderpeople, Taika Waititi (WINNER)

BEST SHORT FILM

Every Moment, Gabriel Reid & Maile Daugherty (WINNER)
Judgement Tavern, Dean Hewison

BEST PLAY

Officer 27, Aroha Awarau
The Quiet Room, Renee Liang (WINNER)

BEST EPISODE TV SERIES – COMEDY

Step Dave Series 2 Episode 3, Shoshana McCallum (WINNER)
Step Dave Series 2, Episode 5, Kate McDermott

BEST EPISODE TV SERIES – DRAMA

800 Words, Episode 5, Tim Balme
The Brokenwood Mysteries Series 2, Episode 4, Tim Balme
Shortland Street, episode 5967, Libby Bird
Westside Series 2, Episode 1, James Griffin (WINNER)
Westside Series 2, Episode 8, Kate McDermott

BEST FACTUAL SCRIPT – FILM OR TV DOCUMENTARY

25 April, Leanne Pooley and Tim Woodhouse (WINNER)
Forensics: Operation Edgewater, Belinda McLeod and Damon Fepulea'i

2016 NZWG MENTORSHIP AWARD

Bill Manhire

NEW WRITER AWARD

Casey Whelan
Daisy Chain – Shoshana McCallum, Natalie Medlock (WINNER)
Unproduced Script Competition

2016 Unproduced Script Competition

TV PILOT

Burnt Spur, Shoshana McCallum
Firebug, David Mamea (WINNER)
True Blue, René Le Bas

USC – TV PILOT: HIGHLY COMMENDED

Best Friend Ever, Allan George
Wanted Men, Fiona Samuel

USC – FEATURE FILM

The Board, Kristi Barnett
Domebusters of Waihopai!, Rex Nicholson
The Floating World, Jacqueline Owens (WINNER)
Hongi, Simone Nathan
Where Babies Come From, Steven Gannaway

2015 SWANZ

BEST FEATURE FILM SCRIPT

Jason Howden, Deathgasm (WINNER)
Guy Pigden I Survived a Zombie Holocaust
Jeremy Wadzinski Shelby

BEST SHORT FILM SCRIPT

Guy McDouall Feeder
Emilia Robinson Mine
Matthew Saville Dive
Tim Worrall Tits on a Bull (WINNER)

BEST PLAY

Dave Armstrong, Central (WINNER)
Rochelle Bright -The Deliberate Disappearance of My Friend Jack Hartnett
Renee Liang - Under the Same Moon

NZ ON AIR – BEST TELEVISION COMEDY EPISODE

Dane Giraud Find Me a Maori Bride
Roseanne Liang Flat 3: The Game (WINNER)

NZ ON AIR – BEST TELEVISION DRAMA EPISODE

Tim Balme The Brokenwood Mysteries: Sour Grapes (WINNER)
James Griffin Westside: Episode 4
Paul Hagan Shortland Street: Episode 5819

2015 Unproduced Script Competition

Anna Nuria Francino & Siobhan Marshall Bara (WINNER)
Shreya Gejji Dubai Dreams
Brett Higginson Mill Town
Jeremy Wadzinski The Last Surrender (HONOURABLE MENTION)

BEST NEW WRITER

Jason Howden Deathgasm
Greg Johnson & John Leigh, Snowmen
Guy McDouall Feeder (WINNER)
Guy Pigden I Survived a Zombie Holocaust

NZWG MENTORSHIP AWARD

Renée

NZWG INDUSTRY CHAMPION

Steven Gannaway

2014 SWANZ

BEST FEATURE FILM SCRIPT

Max Currie – Everything We Loved

James Napier Robertson – The Dark Horse (WINNER)

Gerard Johnstone – Housebound

Sophie Henderson – Fantail

BEST SHORT FILM SCRIPT

Aroha Awarau – Home

Hamish Bennett – Ross and Beth

Charlie Bleakley and Cohen Holloway – Coconut

Gregory King – UFO (WINNER)

BEST PLAY

Simon Ward – Thumper

Aroha Awarau – Luncheon (WINNER)

Rochelle Bright – Daffodils

Pip Hall – Ache

BEST TELEVISION COMEDY EPISODE

Fiona Samuel – Agent Anna: Series 2 Episode 10.

Fiona Samuel & Natalie Medlock – Agent Anna: Series 2 Episode 7

Roseanne Liang – Flat 3: Episode 11

Millen Baird – Auckland Daze: Episode 1 (WINNER)

BEST TELEVISION DRAMA EPISODE

Fiona Samuel – Nothing Trivial: Season 3 Episode 2.

James Griffin – The Almighty Johnsons: Series 3 Episode 13

James Griffin – Step Dave: Episode 6 (WINNER)

Gaylene Preston and Dave Armstrong – Hope and Wire: Episode 5

BEST TELEVISION ONE-OFF DRAMA

Fiona Samuel – Consent: The Louise Nicholas Story (WINNER)

Donna Malane & Paula Boock – Field Punishment No.1

Donna Malane & Paula Boock – Pirates of the Airwaves

2014 Unproduced Script Competition

Gillian Ashurst – Gnats

Dianne Taylor – The Last Hippie Trail (WINNER)

Tania Wheeler – Umbrella Man

Richard Goodwin – Immortal Diamond

Jackie Owens – Three Gardens

NZWG Mentorship Award

Elizabeth O'Conner

NZWG Mentorship Award

Caterina De Nave

Best New Writer Award

Gerard Johnstone – Housebound

2013 SWANZ

Short Film Script

I'm Going to Mum's – Lauren Jackson (WINNER)
Blankets – Casey Whelan
Friday Tigers (Nga Taika o te Ramere) – Aidee Walker
Tuffy – Matthew Sunderland

Best TV Comedy Episode

Agent Anna Ep 2 – Maxine Fleming & Vanessa Alexander (WINNER)
Sunny Skies Ep 2 – Paul Yates, Sam Smith, Amanda Alison, Jamie Bowen, Dean Butler, Leon Wadham
The Factory Ep ep 2 – Michael Bennett
Flat 3 ep 2 – Roseanne Liang

Best TV Drama Episode

The Blue Rose Ep 13 – Rachel Lang
Harry Ep 2 – Oscar Kightley, Christopher Dudman (WINNER)
The Almighty Johnsons Ep 10 – Natalie Medlock & James Griffin
The Almighty Johnsons Ep 7 – James Griffin

Best Factual Script

He Toki Huna: NZ in Afghanistan – Annie Goldson
The Confessions of Prisoner T – Michael Bennett (WINNER)
Above NZ – James Heyward & Bruce Morrison

Best Play

Motel – April Phillips
The Guilt Sniffer – Mark Prebble & Marion Shortt
Horses and Other Farm Animals – Louise Tu'u
Goodbye My Feleni – David Mamea (WINNER)

Best Feature Film Script

White Lies – Dana Rotberg
Mt Zion – Tearepa Kahi
Weight of Elephants – Daniel Joseph Borgman
Mr Pip – Andrew Adamson (WINNER)

New Writer Award

Daniel Joseph Borgman

Mentorship Award

Hone Kouka

Best Unproduced Feature Film Script

Billy Bold – Mike Smith

2012 SWANZ

Best Feature Film Script

Existence by Jessica Charlton & Juliet Bergh

Best Short Film Script

Lambs by Sam Kelly

Best Play

Mike & Virginia by Nick Ward & Kathryn Burnett

Best Television Episode: Comedy Script

Auckland Daze, Episode 4 by Millen Baird

Best Television Episode: Drama Script

The Almighty Johnsons, Series 2, Episode 5 by James Griffin

Best One-off Television Drama

What Really Happened - Votes for Women by Gavin Strawhan

Unproduced Feature Film

Linda Niccol: 'Miss Adventure'

Mentorship Award

Gaylene Preston

Special Award: Shortland Street: 20 Years

Over 200 writers, 5125 episodes (around 36,387,500 words!)

2011 SWANZ

Best TV Comedy Script

Supercity, Episode 3 – Madeleine Sami and Thomas Sainsbury (WINNER)

Best TV Drama Script

Outrageous Fortune, Season 6, Episode 18 – James Griffin, Rachel Lang and Tim Balme

Go Girls, Season 3, Episode 9 – Rachel Lang

Nothing Trivial, Episode 1 – Gavin Strawhan and Rachel Lang (WINNER)

Best Short Film Script

Das Tub – Nick Ward

Hauraki – Dianne Taylor (WINNER)

Be Careful – Alan Brash

Best Play

Don't Mention Casablanca – Michelanne Forster

On the Upside Down of the World – Arthur Meek (WINNER)

Sheep – Arthur Meek

Best Feature Film Script

The Orator – Tusi Tamasese

Matariki – Michael Bennett and Gavin Strawhan (WINNER)

Pierre (Lovebirds) – Nick Ward

The Hopes and Dreams of Gazza Snell – Brendan Donovan and David Brechin-Smith

Best One-off Television Drama

Nights in the Gardens of Spain – Kate McDermott

Bliss – Fiona Samuel (WINNER)

Rage – Tom Scott and Grant O'Fee

Tangiwai – Donna Malane and Paula Boock

Best Documentary Script

Wild River Journeys, Episode: Rangitata – Craig Potton (WINNER)

Wild Coasts, Episode: East Coast Gems – Craig Potton

Brother Number One – Annie Goldson

Mentorship Award

Graeme Tetley

2010 SWANZ

Best TV Comedy Script

Go Girls: Series 2, Episode 9 – Kate McDermott

The Jaquie Brown Diaries: Episode 4 – Gerard Johnstone (WINNER)

Best TV Drama Script

Outrageous Fortune: series 5, episode 17 – Rachel Lang

Outrageous Fortune: series 5, Episode 16 – James Griffin

Bloodlines – Donna Malane and Paula Boock (WINNER)

Best Short Film Script

Manurewa – Sam Peacocke (WINNER)

Roof Rattling – James Blic

Choice Night – Paul Stanley Ward

Best Play

The 53rd Victim – Pip Hall

Christ Almighty! – Natalie Medlock and Dan Musgrove

Ghost Train – Fiona Samuel (WINNER)

Best Feature Film Script

Home By Christmas – Gaylene Preston

The Insatiable Moon – Mike Riddell

The Strength of Water – Briar Grace-Smith (WINNER)

Boy – Taika Waititi

New Writer Award

Manurewa – Sam Peacocke (WINNER)

Christ Almighty! – Natalie Medlock and Dan Musgrove

The Insatiable Moon – Mike Riddell