



A MAJOR NEW AUSTRALIAN FILM SEARCHING FOR “THE SAPPHIRES”

Goalpost Pictures Australia has announced that casting is underway for a major new Australian film, *The Sapphires*, based on the smash-hit play which is currently wowing audiences at its return season in Sydney.

The Sapphires is to be directed by acclaimed director and actor Wayne Blair, from a screenplay by Tony Briggs (playwright of the stage production) and Keith Thompson (*Clubland*), and produced by Goalpost’s Rosemary Blight and Kylie Du Fresne (*Clubland*, *The Eternity Man*, *Lockie Leonard*, *Scorched*, *Closed for Winter*).

The production is searching around the country for four young Indigenous women, aged 16 – 28, to play the leading roles of the four members of The Sapphires who, in the chaos of 1968, are plucked from the obscurity of a remote Aboriginal mission, branded as Australia’s answer to The Supremes, and - grasping the chance of a lifetime - dropped into the jungles of Vietnam to entertain the troops.

Based on a remarkable true story, *The Sapphires* is a triumphant celebration of youthful emotion, family and music.

“This is an incredible opportunity for young Indigenous women with talent. It’s an open casting call so we’re inviting anyone who is interested and who has a special talent to audition for us. We’ve set up a special website so that people can tape their audition and post on-line,” Wayne Blair said.

“The Sapphires will be a film with heart, soul and integrity. It’s going to be hard work and lot of fun. We are after four young black women who want to follow their dreams just like the original ladies did back in 1968. ”

This open call requires that taped auditions be submitted on line by July 1, 2010. Detailed instructions and song choices are available at www.sapphiresopencall.com.

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