



NEW PRODUCER JOINS GOALPOST PICTURES AUSTRALIA

Goalpost Pictures Australia announced today that Lauren Edwards has joined the company's team of producers.

Lauren is Associate Producer of the new Goalpost Pictures film, *The Sapphires*, which is currently in production, and in development for the feature film *Mixtape*, which she will produce. *Mixtape* will be directed by one of Australia's most exciting young directors Maia Horniak and written by Josh Wakely.

Lauren's credits as producer include the short film *Bear*, directed by Nash Edgerton and written by Nash Edgerton with *Animal Kingdom* writer/director David Michód. *Bear* was selected In Competition at the 2011 Cannes International Film Festival.

Goalpost Pictures Australia's, Rosemary Blight, welcomed Lauren Edwards to the company: "Goalpost is very committed to identifying, mentoring and working with the most dynamic and creative talent in the country – whether writers, directors, producers, actors or technicians. In Lauren we see an exceptional talent and we believe she will have a stellar career as a producer. We are delighted that she has joined the Goalpost team and very much look forward to working alongside her as her first feature film as Producer, *Mixtape*, becomes a reality."

Lauren describes *Mixtape* as a spirited and relatable rom-com that highlights the two things in our lives that will be forever connected - Love and Music.

The film will be Maia Horniak's feature film debut as director. Awarded the Outstanding Film Maker Award at HATCHFEST USA in 2006 after being chosen as 1 of 10 groundbreaking young filmmakers from around the world, Maia already has a successful career as a director of commercials, music videos and short film, including the short film *Loveless*, which was selected for the 60th Cannes International Film Festival, Cinema Des Antipodes. Most recently, Maia and her team won the Optus One80 Project to produce The Sellers television pilot for MTV Australia.

Goalpost Pictures is one of Australia's leading independent production companies. The company is currently in production of *The Sapphires*, produced by Rosemary Blight and Kylie du Fresne, directed by Wayne Blair, and starring Irish actor Chris O'Dowd (*Bridesmaids*), Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy, Shari Sebbens and Miranda Tapsell. Other credits include the Julien Temple-directed *The Eternity Man*, the 2007 Sundance Film Festival hit *Clubland*, starring Golden Globe winner Brenda Blethyn, the BAFTA nominated television series for the BBC and the Nine Network *Lockie Leonard* and the Cannes Film Festival Closing Night film (2010) *The Tree* (as Executive Producer), starring Charlotte Gainsbourg. The company also produced Wayne Blair's short films *The Djarns Djarns* and *Black Talk*, winner of the Dendy Award for Best Fiction under 15 Minutes at The Sydney Film Festival.

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