

# BROKEN HILL

For Immediate Release

## Another Aussie Actor set to take on Hollywood

**Melbourne, Australia, 24<sup>th</sup> August:** With his first feature film an Award Winning success at the recent Giffoni International Film Festival, *Broken Hill*, Australian actor Luke Arnold is set to shoot to stardom, making him hot property on and off our shores.

*Broken Hill* swept the Giffoni Film Festival, Europe's largest youth film festival, receiving three major awards including Best Film in the thirteen plus category, in its first film festival entrance. The young jury and audiences likened Arnold to the two iconic Australian stars, Heath Ledger and a young Mel Gibson, comparisons the 25-year-old brushes off modestly.

"They're both two big favourite actors of mine, and legends and people I look up to, so while comparisons are great and flattering really it's about the work you do," said Arnold, who trained at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Luke's first television roles include *The Elephant Princess*, Channel 9's *McLeod's Daughters* and *The Strip*, and Steven Spielberg's *Band of Brothers: Pacific*, one of the most expensive mini series ever made.

Luke continued working in theatre securing the lead role in the production *Like Stars in my Hand*, then in early 2008 was offered the chance to audition for Tommy McAlpine in the Australian film *Broken Hill* and landed the role a week later.

*Broken Hill* was filmed in South Australia and offered Luke the chance to act beside American stars Alexa Vega and Academy Award winner Timothy Hutton, and along with fellow Australian Rhys Wakefield.

He has now returned to his own projects, writing and directing his first short film *Chicken 'n' Chippis*. In February 2009 he played the lead role in Colm O'Murchu's *A Day in the Life* and has scored a guest role in Channel 9's upcoming series *Rescue: Special Ops*.

Luke is now preparing for the upcoming release of both films, and a trip to LA to further his career.

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