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TERRITORY SCREEN TALENTS SHINE AT MEDIA AWARDS

NT Film Office Director Penelope McDonald today congratulated all the Territory finalists for this year's 25th Australian ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Awards.

The Awards recognise excellence over thirty categories of Film, Television, Animation and Multimedia.

"The line up of finalists is a testament to the talents and skills of Territorians," Ms McDonald said.

Double Trouble, the CAAMA produced series is a finalist for Best Children's Animation.

Ms McDonald said Ronja Moss's *The Beast* is a finalist for Best Secondary Fiction, and Charles Darwin University teacher Ronny Reinhard is a finalist for the Teachers' Award.

"Ronny Reinhard really deserves special recognition for his excellence in teaching, and particularly working with young people," Ms McDonald said.

"One of his students won an award for Best Screenplay at the 2005 ATOM'S and he continues to inspire his students and others to tell their stories through the screen."

Crocodile Dreaming, which was filmed in the Territory and stars David Gulpilil and Tom E Lewis, is a finalist for Best Short Fiction.

"This short film was directed by Darlene Johnson, and co-written with David Gulpilil for Sue Milliken's Samson Productions," Ms McDonald said.

"The NT Film Office congratulates all the finalists on the national recognition of the high standard of their work. "

The Awards will be announced at a star studded night in Melbourne on Friday, 19 October 2007.

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