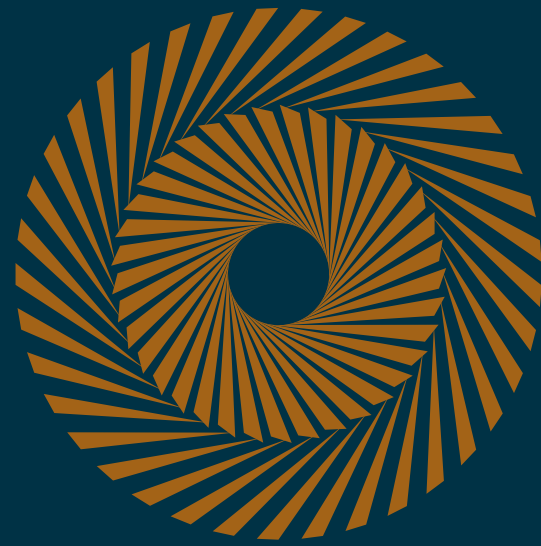




2026 Spada Independent Producer of the Year Award

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This Award celebrates individuals who have made an outstanding contribution as an independent producer in the last calendar year, and who are a current Spada member. The term 'outstanding contribution' may describe a single action, activity or achievement within the last calendar year.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

The judges evaluation will consider, but will not be limited to, the following guidelines:

- Outstanding contribution as an independent producer in the last calendar year
- Achievement is likely to be, but does not have to be, related to production of out-standing television programme(s)/project(s)/film(s)
- Contribution to the industry e.g. mentoring of younger producers/Executive Producer may be taken into account
- Achievement may involve bringing together particularly innovative, ground-breaking work and/or projects.

AWARD ALUMNI INCLUDES

Trevor Haysom, Elizabeth Mitchell, Dame Julie Christie, Phil Smith and Rachel Gardner, Melanie Rakena and Jane Andrews, Richard Fletcher, Ainsley Gardiner (MNZM) and Cliff Curtis, Catherine Fitzgerald (ONZM), Peter Young, Matthew Metcalfe (ONZM), Taika Waititi (ONZM) and Chelsea Winstanley (ONZM), Philly de Lacey, Carthew Neal, Kerry Warkia and Kiel McNaughton, Desray Armstrong, Orlando Stewart, Julian Arahanga, Georgina Conder, Fiona Copland, Angela Cudd, and Dan Higgins.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5:00PM THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

The 2026 Independent Producer of the Year Award, proudly sponsored by Gallagher Insurance, will be announced at the 28th Annual Spada Screen Industry Awards, to be held at 6:00PM on Thursday, 29 October 2026, at The Maritime Room, Auckland.

2026 Spada Independent Producer of the Year Award Nomination Form



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY – The nominee must be a current Spada member (for a minimum of 12 months) and a New Zealand resident.

DEADLINE – Receipt of nominations must be on or before 5:00PM, Thursday 24 September 2026. Please send through to the Spada Office, PO Box 9567, Marion Square, Wellington 6141 or email sandy@spada.co.nz by 5:00PM.

NOMINATIONS – Nominations must be in writing (up to 500 words) and include contact details for both the nominator and nominee.

JUDGES – The Independent Producer of the Year Award will be judged by the 2026 Spada Executive.

JUDGING PROCESS – Spada will confirm your nomination and eligibility by email no later than Friday, 2 October 2026.

JUDGES' DECISION – The Award recipient will be announced at the 28th Annual Spada Screen Industry Awards on Thursday, 29 October 2026, 6:00-6:30PM, at The Maritime Room, Auckland. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

NOMINEE

Name	
Company	
Address	
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NOMINATOR

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CONTRIBUTION OUTLINE (500 WORDS MAX)

Tell us how the nominee exemplifies the 2026 Independent Producer of the Year criteria.

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