



## **Million Dollar Babies Feature Film Development Workshop**

### **Call for Applications**

Madman Production Company and Epic Films are seeking applications for Million Dollar Babies, a low budget feature film development workshop for writers and writer/directors. Million Dollar Babies will focus on developing projects that have the potential to find audiences both here and internationally, and extend the careers of their writers and directors.

The Million Dollar babies workshop will take place over 4 days and take an innovative, lean and intensive approach to hothousing story ideas whilst providing practical insight into the commercial realities of production and distribution. At least one project from the workshop will be contracted for funded development with Epic Films and Madman Production Company. All participants will depart with a focused development plan and a clear market pathway for their project.

Shortlisted participants will have the opportunity to discuss their projects with Madman and Epic Films before the workshop, so that mentors and workshop subjects can be tailored to the development needs of the successful applicants.

### **Eligibility**

South Australian writers and writer/directors with a concept for a feature film that can be realised on a budget of approximately \$AUD 1 million. Writers and directors of all levels of experience in film, television, theatre and published work are invited to apply.

Applications are encouraged from South Australian writers or writer/directors of any background, including film, television, theatre and published work. Drama, documentary and hybrid drama/documentary concepts will be considered. Whilst the preference is for South Australian residents, exceptions may be granted for one member of a team if discussed with us prior to submission.

South Australian residents are defined as individuals who meet all of the following:

- their principal place of abode is in South Australia;
- they are professionally based in and carry on their business in South Australia;
- they are registered on the state electoral roll

## **Selection Process**

Up to six writers, writer/directors or writer/director teams will participate in the Million Dollar Babies workshop, along with guest speakers, Madman Production Company and Epic Films staff. Assessment will be based on the talent of the applicant/s, the project's commercial potential and suitability for the Madman and Epic Films slate.

Projects can be drama, documentary or hybrid drama/documentary feature films aimed at commercial release in Australia, and internationally.

Successful applicants will be contacted, then announced on the Epic Films and South Australian Film Corporation websites following the Stage Two deadline. Due to volume, we will be unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.

## **Cost**

There will be no cost to successful applicants to attend the workshop. The workshop may be residential, in which case accommodation and meals will be provided.

## **Application Materials**

### **Stage One**

- Application form (can be downloaded [HERE](#))
- One page concept document

### **Stage Two (for shortlisted applicants)**

- Phone interview with Madman & Epic
- Examples of previous writing and/or directing work
- Extended concept document
- Chain of Title documents

## **Key Dates – 2016**

- Stage One applications due **5pm Monday January 11th**
- Shortlisted applicants notified by **Friday January 29th**
- Phone interviews with shortlisted applicants – **February 1<sup>st</sup> to 5th**
- Stage Two applications due **5pm Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Workshop participants notified by **Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Workshop – to take place the **week of March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Applications should be sent via email to [epic@epicfilms.com.au](mailto:epic@epicfilms.com.au) by the deadline.

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