

The Wizards of Aus

LateNite Films' 'The Wizards of Aus' Picked Up by SBS 2 for Broadcast in 2016

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voice of 'Terry the Shark'*

Directed, Written & Starring Michael Shanks

LateNite Films' 'The Wizards of Aus' has been picked up by local Australian broadcaster SBS 2 to premiere over three nights from Tuesday January 19 2016 at 8.30pm AEDT. The entire series will also be available via SBS On Demand immediately following its premiere night.

Featuring Guy Pearce, Bruce Spence, Samuel Johnson, Mark Mitchell, Mark Samuel Bonanno and Menik Gooneratne, 'The Wizards of Aus' is a live-action comedy about cultural dissonance.

As the lead role of Jack the Wizard, Michael Shanks (known globally for his You Tube channel – Timtimfed) also directed and co-wrote the series. He is also credited as music composer and co-visual effects specialist on the live-action comedy.

Earlier this year 'The Wizards of Aus' was one of seven recipients of Screen Australia's Multiplatform Drama program's grants and was originally slated for an online release prior to SBS 2's commitment to broadcast the 3 x 30 minute series.

"When we initially dreamt up 'The Wizards of Aus' it was scheduled to release online as a 6 x 10-15 minute series so we are absolutely thrilled to have the support of a national prime-time broadcast with SBS 2. Combining the acting talents of Guy, Bruce and with Samuel Johnson as the voice of 'Terry the Shark' along with the directing, writing, acting and music composition prowess of Michael as well as epic in-house created visual effects, we hope the series will be enjoyed by audiences right across Australia" said Series Producer, Chris Hocking.

Fed up with the Magical Realm's obsession with large-scale fantasy warfare, Jack the Wizard decides to migrate to the sanest place he can think of: Melbourne's Western suburbs.

After accidentally causing a magical catastrophe, his existence (and that of his fellow magical immigrants) is revealed to the Australian public. Fearing a backlash against himself and his kind, Jack swears off using magic in a bid to better assimilate into human life.

But of course, fitting in was never going to be easy when people tend to get a bit 'explode-y' whenever you sneeze...

'The Wizards of Aus' was co-written by Nicholas Issell, Chris Hocking was the series producer, editor and co-visual effects specialist and produced by Nicholas Colla and Sumah Hurley.

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The ultimate mission of LateNite Films is to continue to fuel the new era of independent filmmaking in Australia. We want to bring together the most talented and inspiring people in the industry and provide them with the tools they need to produce quality and financially sustainable entertainment for a global audience. We simply want to make incredible content that inspires the next generation of filmmakers to do what we all love.