

TVNZ Local Drama Wins at 2011 Film and Television Awards

TV ONE's *This Is Not My Life* has won three entertainment trophies at the 2011 Aotearoa Film and Television Awards (formerly Qantas Film and Television Awards), including the much-coveted Best Drama Programme prize.

The show, which follows a man who wakes up in 2020 unable to recognise his wife and children, was written by multiple-award winners Gavin Strawhan and Rachel Lang (*Go Girls*, *Nothing Trivial*, *Shortland Street*, *Outrageous Fortune*) and also picked up trophies for Best Production Design (Tracey Collins) and Best Original Music (Don McGlashen).

Other big winners at the awards were TV ONE's *MasterChef New Zealand*, which claimed Best Entertainment/Factual Entertainment Programme, as well as Best Multi-camera Direction (Darryl McEwen), and TV ONE's *Sunday Theatre: Bloodlines*, which picked up both Best Performance by an Actor (Mark Mitchison) and Best Performance by a Supporting Actor (Craig Hall).

In fact, three of a possible four acting accolades went to TVNZ shows, with Rena Owen winning Best Performance by a Supporting Actress for her role as Hine Ryan in *Shortland Street*.

"These fantastic wins really cap off a great year of achievements in drama and entertainment programming for us," says TVNZ Head of TV ONE & TV 2 Jeff Latch. "Strong ratings have demonstrated that our commissioning and programming teams are continuing to purchase and schedule local programming that people want to watch. To have such strong viewer recognition backed up by critical acclaim is very pleasing."

Other TVNZ entertainment shows that picked up awards included TV ONE's *What Really Happened: Waitangi* (Best Director - Comedy/Drama for Peter Burger), *Jesus, The Cold Case* (Best Popular Documentary or Documentary Series) and *The Waterfall* (Best Editing Documentary/Factual for Annie Collins).

However, it wasn't just the general entertainment shows that contributed to TVNZ's trophy cabinet. Strong wins in the News and Current Affairs category, including *ONE News'* award for Best News, capped off the celebrations for the broadcaster. *ONE News* has now won the Best News award for an unprecedented four consecutive years.

TVNZ's Aotearoa Film and Television Award winners 2011:

General Television Best Drama Programme *This is Not My Life* - Desert Road

Best Entertainment/ Factual Entertainment Programme *MasterChef New Zealand* - Imagination Television

Best Performance by a Supporting Actress Rena Owen - *Shortland Street*

Best Performance by an Actor Mark Mitchison - *Bloodlines*

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Best Director - Drama/Comedy Peter Burger - *What Really Happened: Waitangi*

Best Multi-camera Direction Darryl McEwen - *MasterChef New Zealand*

Best Original Music Don McGlashen - *This Is Not My Life*

Best Production Design Tracey Collins - *This Is Not My Life*

Best Popular Documentary or Documentary Series - *Jesus, The Cold Case*- Red Sky Film and Television

Best Editing Documentary/Factual Annie Collins - *The Waterfall*

News and Current Affairs Best News -*ONE News*

Best Current Affairs Reporting for a Weekly Programme or One-off Current Affairs Special Amanda Millar and Joanne Mitchell - *Sunday*

Best Current Affairs Reporting for a Daily Programme Mark Crysell and Kate McCallum - *Close Up*

Best Current Affairs Camera Martin Anderson - *20/20 (Rite of Passage)*

Best News Editing Paul Sparkes - *ONE News* (Special Report CCTV)

Best Current Affairs Editing Nick Reid - *20/20* (*Sitting on a Killer*)