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Wanted cast announcement

Rebecca Gibney heads stellar Australian cast for upcoming drama series **WANTED**.

Seven has today announced an outstanding ensemble cast for its new drama series, **WANTED**, which tells the story of two strangers who, after intervening in a deadly car-jacking, are swept up in a rollercoaster chase across Australia.

Series co-creator and star, Gold Logie-winner **Rebecca Gibney** (*Peter Allen: Not The Boy Next Door, Winter, Packed to the Rafters*) will be joined by multiple Silver Logie-winner **Stephen Peacocke** (*Home and Away, Hercules*), Heath Ledger Scholarship winner **Ryan Corr** (*Holding The Man, Love Child, Packed To The Rafters*), theatre, film and tv veteran **Nicholas Bell** (*Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Tangle, Satisfaction, Newstopia*) and theatre star **Geraldine Hakewill** in her first major television role.

WANTED commences production in Brisbane this week.

Rebecca Gibney said: "I am beyond excited about the extraordinary team of people we have assembled for WANTED and to be filming in the beautiful state of Queensland is a dream come true."

Brad Lyons, Seven's Director of Network Production, said: "We are tremendously excited about this project. Rebecca is playing a role unlike any of her previous characters, combined with Steve Peacocke's first major role back in Australia. This dramatic partnership will guarantee a memorable screen experience."

Graeme Mason, CEO of Screen Australia, said: "Screen Australia is thrilled to be funding this exciting new roller-coaster of a story with the Seven Network. Australian TV drama is incredibly strong at the moment and it's wonderful that audiences have such a range to choose from. And it's really important that as an industry we provide high quality, local content for our local audiences. We're very proud of the incredible talent behind this terrific original drama."

WANTED is produced by Matchbox Pictures in conjunction with R & R Productions. The series is directed by Oscar-nominated Peter Templeman (*Not Suitable For Children, Old School, Lochie Leonard*) and Jennifer Leacey (*Mary: Making Of A Princess, Wonderland*) and is produced by Andy Walker and series co-creator Richard Bell. Executive Producers are Rebecca Gibney, Tony Ayres and Seven's Head of Drama, Julie McGauran. Timothy Hobart (*Wentworth, Mr & Mrs Murder*) is lead writer and Script Producer, joined by writers John Ridley and Kirsty Fisher.

The series has been financed with the assistance of the federal and state governments through Screen Australia and Screen Queensland and will be distributed internationally by Universal Media Studios International.

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About Matchbox Pictures

Matchbox Pictures develops and produces scripted and non-scripted television programs and feature films for audiences throughout the world. It is responsible for drama programs such as 'The Slap', 'Underground', 'Nowhere Boys', 'Devil's Playground' and 'Deadline Gallipoli' as well as a large entertainment and factual slate. Matchbox works with some of the most exciting writers, directors and producers in Australia to deliver content that is internationally renowned. It is led by Chris Oliver-Taylor, with its drama output headed up by Debbie Lee and its entertainment and factual output headed up by Kylie Washington. Tony Ayres, Penny Chapman, Michael McMahon and Helen Panckhurst all hold senior roles in the company. Matchbox Pictures is an NBCUniversal company.