



JAN PRESTON, SCREEN COMPOSER

JAN PRESTON is one of Australia's leading female film composers and as a performer is known as 'the Queen of Boogie Woogie piano'. Jan began writing music for theatre and dance in the late 1970s, and was led into film via a documentary for NZ actor, Sam Neill. Thus began a love affair with the screen that has resulted in her scoring for hundreds of documentaries and seven feature films.

Recent credits include the 5th *Australian Dynasties* series for ABC TV, Martha Ansara's short drama *Betty and Joe*, the 2nd *African Solutions* documentary series for South African TV, new title music for *Australian Story* and *Bastard Boys*, a 4 part drama for ABC TV.

Jan has won 3 industry awards for her film scores - the Listener NZ film and TV awards for the feature *Illustrious Energy*, AGSC Best Music In A Documentary for *An Imaginary Life*, and the Asian Film Festival best Music award for the feature *Pictures*. She also loves to compose live music for silent films and has performed 15 of these for the National Film and Sound Archive, MCA, and the Wellington and Sydney Film Festivals. Her performance of an original score for the Harold Lloyd classic *Girl Shy* won the SFF audience vote for Most Popular Film 2006.

In Jan's own words "I find the process of adding music to the sound effects and dialogue of a film endlessly fascinating and totally obsessive. The layers of emotion and non emotion possible from the underscore, the way the pictures are altered forever to the viewer by the addition of music, is a complex and fragile creative process. The music has to somehow emerge from the world of the film."

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Jan will join Cinematographer **Susan Stitt**, Writer/Director **Miro Bilbrough**, Editor **Dany Cooper** ASE and Sound Designer/Editor **Annie Breslin** at **Creative Career Shortcuts**, a Big Breakfast panel discussion hosted by **Women in Film and Television NSW** and Chaired by **Lori Flekser**, Director of Film Development (Sydney), Australian Film Commission.

OPEN TO ALL

Tuesday 3rd April 2007 8.00 – 10.00 am
At Arena Bar & Bistro, 212 Bent St, Fox Studios, Moore Park, Sydney

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