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WA director Peter Templeman nominated for an Oscar

Western Australian director Peter Templeman's short film *The Saviour* was last night nominated for an Oscar in the Live Action Short Film category.

The 2007 Academy Awards nomination caps off an exceptional festival run for the film, which was written and directed by Peter and produced by Stuart Parkyn in 2005 while they were studying at the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) in Sydney.

Returning to WA in 2006, Peter directed several episodes of the upcoming SBS television series *Marx and Venus* and was one of the directors on the children's series *Lockie Leonard*, based on the Tim Winton books, both of which were funded through ScreenWest. *Lockie Leonard* and *Marx and Venus* are set to screen this year.

The Saviour tells the story of Malcolm, a door-to-door Mormon evangelist who is in love with a married woman. With pressure mounting from his church to convert her, Malcolm decides his bible is the very weapon he needs to destroy the marriage that's keeping him from his true love.

Peter's four short films *The Saviour*, *Splintered*, *Milkmen* and *Gifted Thumbs* have won 37 festival awards between them, including 15 Best Film and six Best Director awards. He is also the only filmmaker to win the Slamdance Grand Jury award for best short film two years in a row, first with the gritty drama *Splintered* in 2005, then in 2006 with *The Saviour*.

Peter's films have screened in more than 60 film festivals around the world and he recently received the Atlab Rising Talent Award at the 2006 Inside Film Awards. He is currently working on two feature film scripts.

For more information on *The Saviour* and to view a short trailer, [click here](#)

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