

RACHEL WARD
WRITER/DIRECTOR

Rachel won the Australian Critics Circle Award for both her short films *The Big House* in 2001 and *Martha's New Coat* in 2003. Both films were nominated for all major Australian awards. All three of her shorts were sold commercially and screened in many international festivals. (Sundance, Clermont-Ferrand)
Rachel has shown a natural progression in scale, moving effortlessly from two 25 min shorts, *Blindman's Bluff* and *The Big House*, to *Martha's New Coat*, (50 mins) 2006. Rachel directed an episode of Channel 9's *Two Twisted* starring Greta Scacchi.

In her former life as an actress, Rachel is also the recipient of several international drama awards and nominations including two Golden Globe nominations. She has starred in many international films, *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid*, *Against All Odds*, *The Good Wife* and *How To Get Ahead in Advertising* but is probably most well known for her portrayal of Meggie Cleary in one of the most successful mini-series ever, *The Thorn Birds*.

Beautiful Kate - Writer/Director
Based on the book by Newton Thornburg

Newtown Films/AFC/The Works

Martha's New Coat – Director
Screening, Melbourne Festival, Brisbane Festival, Montreal Festival,
San Paulo Festival Dendy Finalist 2003
Winner ATOM Award for Best Short Film 2003
Winner Best Short Film Australian Film Institute Award and Critics Circle 2003

Newtown Films (50 mins)

Not At Home – Writer/Director

Big Heart Productions (25 mins)

The Big House – Writer/Director
Official Entry to Sundance Film Fest USA 2001
Winner Best Australian Short – Flickerfest 2001
Winner Best Australian Short – AFI 2001
Winner Best Australian Short – Critics Circle 2002

AFC Funded Short Film (25 mins)

Blindman's Buff – Writer/Director
Winner Best Sound and Best Production Design – St Kilda Film Festival

AFC Funded Short Film (21 mins)

Overdose – Writer/Director
Screened Tropfest 1998
Winner ATOM Award

(7 mins)

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