

# **New Zealand's Independently Owned & Operated Avalon Studios Joins the List of Top Production Companies in Australasia**

*Production incentives and award-winning crews make New Zealand's Avalon Film & Television Studios the ideal choice for international ventures, as the company premieres their latest projects at this year's American Film Market (AFM)*

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LOS ANGELES (November 2, 2017) – Avalon Studios is pleased to announce their 2017 AFM line-up as well as a host of accessible production incentives in New Zealand. In recent years an ever-expanding list of big-name movies have been made in New Zealand, and Avalon Film & Television Studios has provided a range facilities to assist in their production. Boasting access to Oscar-winning crews, Avalon Studios is a hub with great proximity to the city and a geographic midway point to access New Zealand's renowned landscapes and awe-inspiring locations.

In addition to a network of experienced crew having worked on large budget international films, Avalon Studios has a close relationship with the New Zealand Film Commission and is able to assist with Funding Grant applications. It also has key relationships with Weta Digital (**AVATAR**), Weta Workshop (**KING KONG**), and Park Road Post, all world leading service providers.

Gary Watkins, owner and CEO of Avalon Studios explains, "The New Zealand Government offers generous incentives to both New Zealand and International film and television productions. For eligible international productions the baseline cash grant is 20% of New Zealand qualifying production expenditure and for eligible New Zealand productions a grant for equity participation of up to 40% is available.

Administered by the New Zealand Film Commission the incentives make New Zealand an attractive choice for both domestic and international ventures".

It's not just **LORD OF THE RINGS** anymore, as more and more Hollywood blockbusters move their productions into New Zealand territory, Avalon Studios provides an excellent film and television studio facility in the vibrant capital city of New Zealand.

The New Zealand landscape features a wide variety of accessible settings from beautiful beaches, rugged coastlines, to mountains, lakes, rivers, forest, rural farmlands, suburbs and city locations.

Recently Avalon Studios provided services for production elements of international films like, **PETE'S DRAGON, GHOST IN THE SHELL, MORTAL ENGINES, BLADE RUNNER** and has a number of films in development, from Live Action Science Fiction like **BREATHE** and **THE LIST** to Family Fantasy Adventure **THE KAHUTAHUTA**, and Live Action Military Drama, **AT GLORY'S END**, all produced by Avalon's Production Division.

"I'm confident that our exciting slate will entice industry professionals across AFM as well as audiences and success in market places all over the world."  
Said producer Geoff Husson.

### **Films in development:**

#### **THE KAHUTAHUTA**

Who would have thought that a normal little girl could be the hero of a story?

Producer – Geoff Husson

Director – David Gould

Writer – Douglas A. Van Belle

Live Action with CGI Animation, Family Fantasy Adventure

#### **THE LIST**

When Everyone Can Live Forever, Death is Beautiful

Producers – Geoff Husson and Douglas A. Van Belle

Writer – Douglas A. Van Belle

Live Action, Science Fiction Action

#### **AT GLORY'S END**

Under heavy fire, the New Zealand Rifle Brigade liberates Les Quesnoy with the help of... A simple ladder.

Producer – Geoff Husson

Writer – Jeff Blyth

Live Action, Military Drama

## **BREATHE**

Five must die if any of them are going to survive.

Producers – Geoff Husson and Douglas A. Van Belle

Director – Salomé Breziner

Writers – Douglas A. Van Belle

Live Action, Science Fiction Thriller

## **About Avalon Studios**

Avalon Film & Television Studios is an independent privately owned and operated Film and Television Studio providing a diverse range of purpose built production facilities and associated equipment. Avalon is a comprehensive production facility, with a wide range of equipment/sound stages/sound mixing/ post-production suites and can provide a highly experienced and skilled workforce available on demand. A history of making an extensive list of feature films, television shows, advertising campaigns and media events, making use of the finest stages in New Zealand. Located on a 7 acre property, these studios have a versatile back lot, production offices and helipad. Avalon Film & Television Studios is based in Lower Hutt, Wellington in New Zealand. Please visit [www.avalonstudios.co.nz](http://www.avalonstudios.co.nz) for more information.

*Interviews, imagery and video available upon request*

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