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'Fabulous Flag Sisters' fly high with four wins at WA Screen Awards



The Fabulous Flag Sisters

The Mago Films documentary **The Fabulous Flag Sisters** took out four key categories at the 22nd annual West Australian Screen Awards, held in Perth on 21 March, including **Excellence in Documentary Production** (Producer Marian Bartsch, Mago Films). Franco di Chiera won for **Best Direction**, Ulrich-Stephen Krafzik BVK for **Best Cinematography**, and Beckett Broda for **Best Editing**.

The Fabulous Flag Sisters explores the phenomenal popularity of drag trio Le Sorelle Bandiera ('The Flag Sisters') during Italy's turbulent 1970s. Told from the perspective of Perth's Neil Hansen, the Australian member of the legendary trio, it had its Australian free-to-air premiere on SBS last July.

"It's just great to get these four awards," producer Marian Bartsch said. "We brought together a wonderful team of screen professionals and collectively they've shaped a documentary that's warm, life reaffirming, and a visual feast. And audiences love it."

The Fabulous Flag Sisters, produced in association with SBS Independent, Fox Italy and ScreenWest, came from an original concept by Barry Strickland, who also co-wrote.

The Fabulous Flag Sisters had previously picked-up a 'Best Documentary' award at the Roma Film Festival (Italy), and editor Beckett Broda was a finalist in the recent Australian Screen Editors Awards.

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