

Award winning Redlands Actress Abigail Jayne will star alongside Alanah France and other local Brisbane actors in Angel Studios' latest Sci-Fi Feature, **Beyond Redemption: Space Captain.**



Abigail, a mother of two, lives in Redland Bay and works as a professional actress, presenter and model. Last year she won Best Actress in the Redlands own ASIN (Australian Screen Industry Network) awards for her role in *Space Captain*. In addition to Abigail's award, *Space Captain* also took out ASIN awards for Best Director (Paul Day), Best Producer (Katrina Maffey), and Best Actor (Craig Ingham), and was runner up for Best Screenplay. Although Abigail is relatively new to movie acting, she enjoys the experience and plans to make it a big part of her future career.

By contrast, Alanah at 16 years of age is already an old hand at the craft, having appeared in her first feature film at the age of 12. She first came to Angel Studios as a dance student at the age of 10, but it wasn't until she enrolled in a school holiday acting workshop that she caught the attention of director Dr. Paul Day. Paul immediately recognised Alanah's potential and a year later when he started working on his second movie, offered her the leading role. Alanah is currently in year 11 at school, and is continuing her acting studies at Angel Studios with talented veteran Australian TV and movie actor Joss McWilliam.



Through Angel Studios, Paul is looking to encourage and develop new talent with regular training workshops, and is always looking for ways to provide opportunities for new and emerging actors.

Beyond Redemption: Space Captain is a futuristic thriller set on the starship *Redemption* in which Alanah plays a feisty teenager who was transported from the present through a time portal to the future where she must face the challenges of a new life in an unfamiliar world. The adventure begins when a cargo ship mysteriously explodes in a remote region of space. The crew of the *Redemption* go to investigate and find an alluring female cyborg (Abigail). Before long an alien contagion starts to take over the minds of the crew and the race is on to find a cure and stop their ship from being destroyed as well. This offbeat and amusing movie would appeal to lovers of classic Sci-Fi, *Star Trek*, and *Doctor Who*.

Space Captain is the third feature film to be written and produced by Angel Studios. While the Archerfield production house

spends most of its time making commercial videos, music videos, and TV advertisements, owner and director Paul Day likes to dedicate part of his time to writing and producing independent films. The first, released in 2007 was *Redemption 101* a tongue-in-cheek Sci-Fi feature revolving around Captain Lazlo and his quirky crew aboard the starship *Redemption*.

The second, which premiered at the Gold Coast Film Festival in 2012, was *Beyond Redemption (The Visitor)* a standalone prequel to the first film, and Alanah's acting debut. The third movie, *Space Captain* takes Lazlo and Alanah on another adventure.

Over the years Paul has seen many changes in the local independent film industry. When he made the first movie, it was captured on analogue Betacam SP tapes in standard definition. "Now we are working in HD direct to digital, and advances in editing software have made it possible for us to create stunning special effects that would have been virtually

impossible ten years ago". Improvements in technology and availability of lower priced equipment have made independent film making more accessible, while at the same time the Global Financial Crisis and high Australian dollar, have led to a decline in big budget overseas productions being filmed here. This has resulted in an increased emphasis on local self-funded independent film production. Rather than following the traditional path of focussing on Australiana, Angel Studios have pursued a more genre-based approach targeting the international niche markets. "You really need to make movies you're passionate about, and for us it's Sci-Fi", says Paul. "We have started to build up a loyal international fanbase which is now generating some interest from overseas distributors."

Beyond Redemption: Space Captain premieres at 6.30pm, Sat. August 2nd in a Hollywood style red carpet event at Hoyts Cinema Sunnybank. The public are welcome to attend and meet the cast and crew. More information at

www.beyondredemptionmovie.com

