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Never Tear Us Apart: The Untold Story of INXS – Cast Announced

In a joint statement today, Shine Australia and Seven announced the cast for **Never Tear Us Apart: The Untold Story of INXS**.

Luke Arnold (*Winners & Losers, City Homicide*) will star as Michael Hutchence, newcomer **Nicholas Masters** is Tim Farriss, **Ido Drent** (*Offspring, Shortland Street*) is Jon Farriss, **Andy Ryan** (*Underbelly: Squizzy Taylor, Reef Doctors*) is Andrew Farriss, **Alex Williams** (*Underground: The Julian Assange Story*) is Kirk Pengilly and **Hugh Sheridan** (*Packed to the Rafters*) is Garry Gary Beers, while **Damon Herriman** (*The Sullivans, Love My Way*) is the band's manager, CM Murphy.

This major, two part television event is being Executive Produced by Mark Fennessy and Rory Callaghan, with CM Murphy as Co-Executive Producer.

Promising an authentic behind the scenes look beyond the music, **Never Tear Us Apart: The Untold Story of INXS** will tell the band's extraordinary and uncensored story – with full access to their archive of music, photography and stories.

Mark Fennessy, CEO Shine Australia said: "It's a true privilege to be working with such a stellar cast of young acting talent. Together with a powerful script and brilliant production team we will bring to life the extraordinary, untold story of INXS."

Brad Lyons, Seven's Director of Network Production said: "We've secured a sensational group of actors to tell the story of three brothers and their best mates who took the world by storm. Seven can't wait to share this incredible part of Australian rock history with our audience."

CM Murphy said: "These guys are the new sensation, they already look like rock stars. This is going to be one hell of a TV series that not a single Australian will want to miss."

Tim Farriss said: "I've been spending a lot of time with the cast and I'm amazed! At times I actually thought Michael was there! It has been all forms of emotions for me – I'm very excited."

Never Tear Us Apart: The Untold Story of INXS commences production in Melbourne next week.

Other production credits include:

Producers: **Kerrie Mainwaring and Andrew Prowse**

Director: **Daina Reid**

Writers: **Justin Monjo and Dave Warner**

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About Shine Australia:

Shine Australia is part of the Shine Group, one of the world's fastest-growing and most successful creators and producers of media and entertainment brands.

Shine Australia was formed in January 2010 to produce premium scripted and unscripted content, and is led by joint CEOs Mark Fennessy and Carl Fennessy.

Based in Sydney, Shine Australia's team comprises proven leaders in television and digital production whose shows have become rating hits. Shine Australia's slate represents the most exciting and popular programming on Australian free-to-air networks and pay TV channels – shows such as The Voice, MasterChef, The Biggest Loser, Australia's Next Top Model, Beauty And The Geek and Location, Location, Location.

About Channel Seven:

Channel Seven reaches 98 per cent of Australians and is Australia's most-watched television network.

Seven's multiple channel broadcast digital television platform of Seven, 7TWO and 7mate, and its leadership in Australian production confirm the fundamental strengths of the company's broadcast television business and its future in allowing the company to create and distribute its content across an array of communications technologies.

Channel Seven is part of Seven West Media, Australia's leading multiple platform media company which has a market-leading presence in broadcast television, magazine and newspaper publishing and online. The company is the home of many of Australia's best performing media businesses – Seven, 7TWO and 7mate, Pacific Magazines, The West Australian and Yahoo!7 - and the biggest content brands including My Kitchen Rules, Packed to the Rafters, The X Factor, the Australian Football League, Better Homes and Gardens, marie claire, New Idea, Who, The West Australian and FANGO.