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“HOUSE OF CARDS” EXECUTIVE PRODUCER DANA BRUNETTI CONFIRMED FOR THE 2015 SCREEN FOREVER CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

Screen Producers Australia in association with Film Victoria is delighted to announce **Dana Brunetti**, President of Trigger Street Productions and Producer of the Emmy-nominated Netflix television series *House of Cards*; the Academy Award® nominated films *The Social Network* and *Captain Phillips*; and the box-office smash *Fifty Shades of Grey*; as one of the keynote guests for **SCREEN FOREVER 2015**, the premier conference for the screen industry in Australia.

House of Cards is an American television program, with its fourth series currently in production. Starring Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright, and adapted from the BBC series of the same name, *House of Cards* premiered on the streaming service Netflix in 2013 and became an instant success. Brunetti serves as the show's Executive Producer and was instrumental in securing the mega-deal with Netflix as part of the company's slate of original programming. The political drama made history as the first online streaming show to earn nine Emmy nominations, including Best Drama, and has since continued to garner critical praise, with Season Three receiving nine Primetime Emmy nominations in 2015 and over 2.6 million viewers, currently reigning as Netflix's second-most popular series.

Dana Brunetti is the President of Kevin Spacey's Trigger Street Productions and a producer of Academy Award-nominated films and Emmy-winning programs. After commencing as Executive Assistant for Kevin Spacey, working through films including *American Beauty* and *The Shipping News*, Brunetti was instrumental in transforming Spacey's Trigger Street Productions into a visionary digital platform for emerging screenwriters and filmmakers and an early social media site, leading it to be cited as one of *Time Magazine's* 'Top 50 Websites of 2004'. Brunetti was promoted to the position of President in 2004. He produced a number of successful features, notably *21*, a heist drama which grossed \$158 million, based on the *New York Times* best-selling book *Bringing Down The House*.

Brunetti then went on to adapt the book *The Accidental Billionaires* into what would become *The Social Network*, with a screenplay by Aaron Sorkin. Directed by David Fincher and starring Jesse Eisenberg and Justin Timberlake, the film debuted at #1 in the US on its opening weekend and has grossed almost \$225 million worldwide. It was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and earned Brunetti a Golden Globe. Brunetti's additional feature credits include the Star Wars comedy *Fanboys*, the Emmy-nominated *Bernard & Doris* (HBO) starring Ralph Fiennes and Susan Sarandon, and *Captain Phillips*, starring Tom Hanks and directed by Paul Greengrass. The survival thriller premiered at the 2013 New York Film Festival, grossed over \$218 million worldwide, and was nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture.

Brunetti's most recent film, *Fifty Shades of Grey*, starring Dakota Johnson and Jamie Doman, directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson, was produced independently of Trigger Street Productions. The controversial film premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival in February and was an immediate box-office success, grossing over \$569 million and breaking multiple records around the world. The highly anticipated sequel, *Fifty Shades Darker*, is currently in pre-production.

"We are honoured that Dana Brunetti joins the great lineage of award-winning producers and global talent that SCREEN FOREVER attracts each year. As an experienced and highly regarded producer who has worked with great success across various platforms, Mr Brunetti brings many valuable insights to share with producers and those in the business of screen production," said Matthew Deaner, CEO, Screen Producers Australia.

"Dana Brunetti will be one of the highlights of this year's Screen Forever Conference. The opportunity to hear from Mr Brunetti and learn the about the key to his success in both feature film and television is bound to inspire all attendees." said Jenni Tosi, CEO, Film Victoria.

Brunetti will speak at the 'In Conversation with Dana Brunetti' at SCREEN FOREVER in Melbourne on Thursday, 19 November, 4.00pm

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SCREEN FOREVER, marking 30 years in 2015, is one of the largest congregations of screen professionals in the southern hemisphere, providing a forum for discussion and debate on local and global trends, issues and challenges facing the business of screen production. Past keynote speakers include Gale Anne Hurd (*The Walking Dead*, *Aliens*, *The Terminator*); Beau Willimon (*House of Cards*); Emile Sherman (*The King's Speech*, *Top of the Lake*); Sydney Pollack (*Tootsie*); Ted Hope (*21 Grams*), David Puttnam, Kt, CBE (*The Mission*), Jon Plowman (*The Office*), Matthew Weiner (*Mad Men*) and George Lucas (*Star Wars*).