

“I consider my entire movie career a complete failure

- No wonder actor Alec Baldwin is retiring

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George's 25 years of laughs

NOTORIOUSLY unlucky comedian **George Kapiniaris**, famous for his RAA ads, has been causing chaos in Adelaide.

George, below, has spent the past week making locals laugh as he celebrates 25 years in comedy.

"It's kind of like a gift and curse at the same time," he says. "I've never had to do a nine-to-five job so have spent every month wondering where will the next gig come from."

George says the RAA ads, which he has been doing for eight years and which have seen him be recognised as an honorary Adelaidean, have been fantastic.

"I've been adopted, really, by Adelaide. I've got a lot of following here, from eight-year-olds to people in their 80s," he says. If you missed George this week, he is coming to Adelaide for the 2010 Fringe Festival in *George's Greatest Hits*.
- Sheradyn Holderhead



Awards for SA films

SOUTH AUSTRALIA has cemented its status in the nation's burgeoning film industry with multiple wins at last night's 2009 Samsung Mobile AFI Industry Awards in Melbourne.

Leading the way, local project *The Cat Piano*, also in the running for an Academy Award, scored the award for best short animation, while SA Film Corporation-funded *Figaro Pho* picked up two - best children's television animation and outstanding achievement in television screencraft.

Adelaide Film Festival success story *Samson & Delilah* also performed strongly, scoring the AFI members' Choice Award and best sound accolade and is expected to do well again tonight when the regular AFI Awards are held.

Talking up hot designs

ADELAIDE fashionistas can become talked about like *Gossip Girl* star **Blake Lively** by wearing an outfit from the just-opened Zimmermann store on Rundle St.

Designer **Simone Zimmermann** was in town yesterday for the store's opening and told Confidential the starlet was among a swag of celebs, including **Madonna** and **Gwyneth Paltrow**, who had been spotted in her designs.

"Blake Lively came in and bought some clothes after seeing our show in Miami," Simone said.

Yet Simone says it is not the rich and famous she and her design partner, sister **Nicky**, love to spot in their clothes - it's real women.

"It's an absolute thrill to see gorgeous, sexy young girls wearing our stuff on the street," Simone said. "To see her own interpretation, with belt and shoes, is great."

While Simone is impressed with our local style and can see our girls in Zimmermann, she has a few tips on how to look hot this summer. She says a shift dress and playsuit are absolute essentials.

"The shift is great for all different sorts of people. "I'd say prints and bright colours are always important."

The store adds another great label to Rundle St, which is fast becoming Adelaide's fashion hub with **Sass & Bide**, **Lisa Ho**, **Calibre** and **Gripp** all recently opening.

"We had been thinking about opening a store in Adelaide for a while and then this beautiful space became available," Simone says.

"There is momentum here in terms of designers and it seems like a great strip - it's lively and there are great restaurants."

- Sheradyn Holderhead



A new Guy for sexy Jen

JENNIFER Hawkins has stunned nightclub-goers by getting up close and personal with our **Guy Sebastian**. The couple were captured in a series of raunchy dance-floor photos.

The couple, who played lovers in Guy's 2006 release *Elevator Love*, appeared to be revisiting the sexy scene that propelled the Pro's song to best pop video clip that year.

While one club patron snapped the pictures, bystanders were left gob-smacked by flirty Jen as she shimmied and shook her stuff on the dance floor of Melbourne nightclub **Eve**.

Guy's manager **Titus Day** has confirmed the couple are great mates and love a get-together - in fact, their night out has become an annual affair and followed a more sedate Myer black-tie dinner, the Myer Supplier Launch, held earlier that night, at which Guy performed.

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See Jen and Guy in action

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Crowd goes wild for 3D Avatar at London premiere

JAMES Cameron's sci-fi extravaganza, *Avatar*, received a standing ovation at its London premiere on Thursday night.

The end of the movie, starring Aussie heart-throb **Sam Worthington**, was received with loud applause and cheering.

The 3D epic about humans taking extraterrestrial form as they explore a distant world is reportedly one of the most expensive movies ever

made, with a price tag well in excess of the \$200 million spent to make *Titanic*.

Stars **Sigourney Weaver**, with **Sam**, right, and **Zoe Saldana** joined the crowds on a specially made blue carpet at London's Leicester Square before the gala screening at two massive side-by-side movie theatres.

Alien star Sigourney says she doesn't see the film as a sci-fi flick. "I consider it an old-fashioned, epic, swashbuckling romance," she says.

Avatar opens in Adelaide on Thursday.



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