

PERTH ACTOR SPRINTS INTO WORLD FINAL

Journeyman actor, Jay Jay Jegathesan of the University of Western Australia, the 2020 bronze medallist in the *Endurance* category of the World Monologue Games, has stormed into the world final once more, this time in the Sprint category with the global final being livestreamed on the 13th of November 2021.

watch and participate

It's been a challenging 18 months for the arts but the global pandemic hasn't affected Jay Jay's love for performing. The West Australian actor is one of a select few performers who have reached the global finals in consecutive years of these World Monologue Games, an event which attracts thousands of competitors from across the globe.

News of who made the final was livestreamed from Melbourne where it was revealed who the other 15 finalists were, hailing from Canada, Italy, UK, Austria,

Iceland, Ukraine and Australia, saying 'It's a real honour to be in the final with these talented actors and actresses which include the defending champion. I am very grateful to my friend Simon Richard, a brilliant Aussie ex-cop turned author now based in China for writing 'The Monday Project' for me. Writing a sprint script is supremely hard as you have to tell an entire story in less than a minute. Not easy to get things right where a performer has the ability to show range and development'.

The World Monologue Games was set up in 2020 by Aussie Pete Malicki, who wanted a lockdown-friendly platform for performers. Malicki says, "It's definitely special to have our second season take place in an Olympics year. We have the best performers from 51 countries all getting together to show the world what they're made of. I'm not sure where else you can see such a diverse range of actors all in the same place."

In 'The Monday Project', Jay Jay plays the character of Darsh, an under the thumb employee who has finally been pushed to his limits.

He is also in the running to reach the Global Final in the Main Professional category (1-2.5 mins), having reached the Australia regional final which will be run the 2^{nd} of October. Here he takes on the role of Chanakya, a 3^{rd} century BC Indian philosopher and royal advisor who is reincarnated in modern times.

See the following website for the opportunity to watch and participate in the people's choice vote: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lSIuUHMPcis

And stay tuned for the global final on the 13th of November 2021 on the world monologue games website https://monologues.com.au/WMG-2021-globals