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**NEW ZEALAND PRODUCER RECEIVES ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION
FOR BEST PICTURE - BROOKLYN**

Overnight BROOKLYN received three Academy Award nominations for:

BEST PICTURE, Producers: Finola Dwyer and Amanda Posey
BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE, Saoirse Ronan
BEST WRITING - ADAPTED SCREENPLAY, Nick Hornby.

BROOKLYN Producer Finola Dwyer is a New Zealander, she comments: "We are so honoured to be nominated with this illustrious group of filmmakers and to be returning to the Kodak Theatre.

Brooklyn has been a very personal film for me, my mother came to NZ in 1951 from Dublin, and Brooklyn is very much her story, yet it is so very universal too.

This is a transformative role for the incredibly talented Saoirse Ronan, it's her first adult role and she is taking audiences by storm. We would be nowhere without Colm Toibin's beautiful novel, Nick Hornby's masterful script and John Crowley's impeccable direction."

This is Finola's second Oscar nomination, she was previously nominated for AN EDUCATION.

BROOKLYN starring Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, Domhnall Gleeson, Jim Broadbent and Julie Walters opens in New Zealand cinemas on January 21, 2016.

BROOKLYN is an Irish romantic drama film directed by John Crowley and script written by Nick Hornby, based on the novel of the same name by Colm Tóibín.

The film tells the profoundly moving story of Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

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