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TrinityP3 offers marketers free tools to run effective pitches ahead of third annual State of The Pitch survey



by Alisha Buaya



'We want the vast majority of marketers to have somewhere to go where they can get some solid advice on how to run a better pitch.'



TrinityP3 is shaking up the pitch process again as it launches new tools for marketers and opening its third annual **State of The Pitch survey**.

BetterPitch framework aims to help marketers run faster, smarter, and more effective agency reviews.

Darren Woolley, Global CEO of TrinityP3, explained to Mediaweek that BetterPitch was created by TrinityP3 to help marketers improve their pitching skills following the findings of the second State of The Pitch survey.

"The whole purpose of this initiative is to give marketers the resources they need to be better at pitching."

He noted that while marketers and procurement teams run most pitches, they often turn to pitch consultancy firms for advice.

"All marketers know is what they've done previously or what other people have done, and the world's changed a lot. Unfortunately, the pitch process hasn't and so we (TrinityP3) decided towards the end of last year what we could do to help marketers run their pitches better.

"What we've done is we've built a questionnaire that helps them work out whether they should be pitching or not, and set up a mini-coaching session to help them take them through the process before they start the pitch.





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"We've got our benchmarking tool online that they can use to work out what's a fair fee for their agency so we've put together this package of tools so that marketers can start to get better ideas or you know get have somewhere to go to get an idea of how to run a better pitch."

BetterPitch offers a free suite of tools – BetterPitch checklist to help marketers determine if a pitch is necessary, Ad Cost Checker to benchmark agency costs, and Pitch Cost Checker to estimate the financial and time commitments involved in the pitch process.

Woolley said the free access to the BetterPitch tools and consultation sessions will help marketers who have low or no budgets to run a pitch or run complex pitches that require advice.

"We want the vast majority of marketers to have somewhere to go where they can get some solid advice on how to run a better pitch and not be one of those scoring twos and ones in the annual state of the pitch survey."

Taking the State of the Pitch around the world

TrinityP3's State of the Pitch has examined the pitch process in Australia for the past two years and expanded to Canada and the US.

Woolley revealed that Canada's results from the first round of the survey were not that much different to Australia and was keen to compare data from the US.

"I don't think big markets necessarily get their pitches any better than smaller markets. But I think the pitch process globally has really struggled because in the old days, you'd get a creative agency and maybe a media agency.

"These days there's so many specialists and there's so much technology and there's all these things that are part of the pitch process and it's become a lot more complicated and complex to run a good pitch."

Despite the complexities that come with choosing, Woolley noted that he often sees marketers choosing an agency that offers everything because it is the easier choice rather than the individual specialisations they need.

"It's just easier than trying to work out the individual parts. There are clients that will try and find one agency to do everything, when in some cases you may need a specialist because the needs that you have can't be fulfilled by an agency that's a tacked-on service.

"Part of having a better pitch is one where marketers can make those decisions and work with the right agency for the job, not just compromise and settle for something less."

The next market to be surveyed is Germany in the coming months, while talks are underway for the APAC region to be surveyed.

"If some markets have got it really well organised, then we should be sharing that with other markets. This is trying to raise the standard of better pitching globally no one's got a mandate on that," he added.

Getting honest praise and honest criticism

The launch of TrinityP3's BetterPitch initiative comes as the third State of The Pitch survey has officially gone live.

From now until December 31, 2025, agencies are being asked to share their feedback and experiences of the pitch process.

Going into the next survey, Woolley noted that he wants agencies to share their feedback, from small local pitches to big, global pitches.

"We want to get the very best view of pitching in Australia in the next six months. It's open till December 31st, and it is anonymous, so agencies can be honest.

"That means honest praise and honest criticism."

Top image: Darren Woolley

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Kellie Campbell-Illingworth and Jef Wong represent Australia & New Zealand on Young Guns 23 jury



The competition identifies and celebrates today's vanguard of young creative professionals.



A pair from Australia and New Zealand will serve on the jury for the global Young Guns 23 competition, joining more that 100 creative professionals from around the world as announced by The One Club for Creativity.

Kellie Campbell-Illingworth (YG8), creative director from Parallax in Adelaide, and Jef Wong, ECD at Designworks in Auckland join the Young Guns jury which identifies and celebrates today's vanguard of young creative professionals.

The renowned competitions regularly attract entries from upwards of 45 countries, with more than half coming from outside the US.

Levine/Leavitt, a long-time YG partner, will once again offer its Artists-in-Residence Award in which the artist rep firm provides one YG winner with a full year of artist and career management representation.

Also continuing this year is the Levine/Leavitt Young Guns Assistance Program, open to illustrators and photographers who qualify for YG23 but may not have the means to enter with ease. Successful applicants receive free entry into the competition courtesy of Levine/Leavitt.

All Young Guns winners receive a unique version of the iconic Young Guns Cube, designed exclusively for this year's incoming class, and have their permanent profile page added to the Young Guns website.

Winners also receive a complimentary one-year One Club for Creativity membership, permanent membership in the Young Guns network, a chance to be featured in Young Guns events and an assortment of career-boosting opportunities from Young Guns sponsors.





The program is open to those ages 30 and under who have been working for at least two years, full-time or freelance. Eligible entrants can submit a combination of professional and personal work via online entry system until the final deadline of September 18, 2025. Winners will be announced in December.

Past Young Guns include rising stars who went on to become leaders in their chosen fields, including Oscar-winning film director duo DANIELS (Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert) (YG14), "Top Gun Maverick" director Joseph Kosinski (YG4); graphic designers James Victore (YG1), Stefan Sagmeister (YG1), Natasha Jen (YG4) and Jessica Walsh (YG8); artist/designer Rich Tu (YG8); ad creatives Rei Inamoto (YG4) and Messica Walsh (YG6); illustrators Christoph Niemann (YG2) and Deanne Cheuk (YG4); fashion designer Kerby Jean-Raymond (YG14); artist/filmmaker Calmatic (YG16); director/photographer India Sleem (YG17); photographer Ryan McGuinness (YG2); typographers Alex Trochut (YG6) and Gemma O'Brien (YG13); and animation artist Todd St. John (YG1)/

Program branding and design of the Young Guns Cube award itself are reimagined each year by a past Young Gun winner. This year's branding was created by YG23 jury member **Khyati Trehan** (YC19), a talented graphic designer and 3D visual artist originally from New Delhi who now serves as senior designer at Google Creative Lab in New York.

The One Club for Creativity is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to support and celebrate the success of the global creative community.

It is known for for The One Show, ADC Annual Awards, Art Directors Club of Europe (ADCE) awards, ONE Asia Awards, Type Directors Club and competition, TDC Ascenders, Young Guns, Young Ones Student Awards, Next Creative Leaders, ONE Screen Short Film Festival.

Top image: Kellie Campbell-Illingworth and Jef Wong

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Max officially rebrands as HBO Max, but Twitter a major roadblock





Just two weeks after Warner Bros Discovery's streaming service Max launched in Australia on 31 March, it announced a rebrand to HBO Max. The move didn't surprise industry watchers, following some speculation about the possible rebrand. But it was unusual to see a rebrand like this so soon after a territory launch.

On Wednesday night local time, the rebrand took effect with Max updating its apps and website to reflect the HBO Max branding. Changing a brand like this is a massive undertaking with updates required to every asset used by the business, from platforms to campaigns to stationary and more. It also requires updates to social media handles. Within a few hours of the rebrand first started rolling out, third-party platforms like YouTube reflected the new branding.

Social platform X, better known as Twitter, won't allow HBO Max change its handle. It is stuck for the moment with the **@StreamOnMax** handle.

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The rebrand has been timed to switch over ahead of the Emmy nominations announcement next week on 15 July.



When the rebranding was announced, Chairman and CEO of HBO and Max Content **Casey Bloys** explained the decision: "With the course we are on and strong momentum we are enjoying, we believe HBO Max far better represents our current consumer proposition.

"And it clearly states our implicit promise to deliver content that is recognized as unique and, to steal a line we always said at HBO, worth paying for."

The HBO Max brand was first introduced on 27 May 2020 under then-owners AT&T. The US telco later spun off the WarnerMedia assets to merge them with Discovery Inc forming the new Warner Bros Discovery. The brand was then deemed limiting, with a desire to supercharge the platform with a library combining Discovery's reality and lifestyle content with the premium drama offering from HBO. This led to the introduction of the simplified Max brand on 23 May 2023, which is now being retired just over two years later.

The rebrand is taking place globally, with updates issued in all territories where Max is streaming. Customers will not be required to download new apps, with the new brand visible in the next app update. Some users may find that they need to log back in following the app update.

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