



# Michael Downey

**Actor/Director/Playwright/Text Coach**

**Founding Co-Artistic Director, Speech of Fire\***

**Former Stage Director, Seoul Shakespeare Company (SSC) (2015-2019)**

**Location: Seoul, South Korea**

**Nationality: New Zealand**

## DIRECTING

Garage  
Trumpus Rex  
The Merchant of Venice  
The Winter's Tale  
Much Ado About Nothing

Seoul Shakespeare Company & Speech of Fire  
Seoul Players' 10 Minute Play Festival  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Seoul Shakespeare Company

## THEATRE (ACTING)

The Orderly  
King Lear  
Julius Caesar  
Love and Despair  
Titus Andronicus  
The Soldier's Tale  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Betrayal  
Richard III  
The Tempest  
Macbeth  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Daddy's Dollar  
The Bomb  
A Night of French Mayhem  
The Orderly  
URBIS 24 Hour Theatre Project  
Much Ado About Nothing  
The X Folios  
This Is It!  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Coriolanus  
Oedipus the King  
Agamemnon

Peter  
King Lear  
Octavius  
Various  
Titus  
Narrator  
Peter Quince  
Jerry  
Clarence  
Prospero  
Macbeth  
Puck  
Man  
Johnny  
La Grange / Peter  
Peter  
Cypher  
Leonato  
General Cast  
Core Cast – Chorus  
Theseus  
Chorus  
Creon  
Chorus  
Seoul Shakespeare Company & Speech of Fire  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Prague Shakespeare Company, Estates Theatre (dir. Guy Roberts)  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Bucheon Cultural Foundation  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Probationary Theatre  
National Theatre of Korea  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Seoul Shakespeare Company  
Auckland War Memorial Museum  
Smackbang Theatre  
The Rebel Alliance  
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URBIS 24 Hour Theatre  
Auckland Summer Shakespeare  
Conartists  
Inside Out Theatre  
Theatre Stampede Ltd  
Auckland Summer Shakespeare  
Free Theatre Inc  
UNITEC School of Performing and Screen Arts

## FILM & TELEVISION (ACTING)

Power Rangers: Operation Overdrive  
Shortland Street  
Interrogation  
Street Legal  
Xena - Series VI Ep 1, - Heart of Darkness

Baron Von Gerstein  
Barry Brown  
Athol Nombach  
Gordon Sellars - Guest Role  
Young Villager Guy

Ranger Productions Ltd  
South Pacific Pictures  
South Pacific Pictures  
Screenworks  
Renaissance Pictures

## EDUCATION/TRAINING

M.A. Drama Studies - University of Auckland, 2005  
UNITEC School of Performing and Screen Arts, 1996  
B.A. English Literature - University of Canterbury, 1995  
Prague Shakespeare Company Summer Shakespeare Intensive 2018 (Voice: Jim Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Linda Gates; Original Pronunciation / Ensemble Work: Ben Crystal; Audition / Acting Shakespeare: Guy Roberts; First Folio: Laura Cole; Original Practices / Rhetoric: Sarah Enloe; Character Development: Suzanne Dean; Clown: Rupesh Tillu; Actors and Scholars lecture: Eric Rasmussen; et al.)

## PLAYWRIGHTING CREDITS:

*The Orderly*, (The Rebel Alliance); *Aroha*, (Smackbang Theatre); *Flower Day*, (Urban Vineyard); *Trumpus Rex* (Seoul Players)

**RADIO WRITING CREDITS:** *The Orderly* (Radio New Zealand)

**OTHER SKILLS:** Imitations, Clowning, Comedy, Mime, Stage Fighting, Stand Up Comedian, Theatre Sports

**ACCENTS:** New Zealand, British, Australian

## TEACHING AND COACHING

"Rehearsing Monologues and Scenes," Speech of Fire & SSC 2019  
"Acting Shakespeare's Text," SSC 2018, Speech of Fire & SSC 2019  
"Preparing to Perform: Strategies for Approaching Shakespeare's Text" SSC 2016  
"Shakesperiments" workshops, SSC 2014-2018  
Text Coach: *King Lear* (SSC 2019), *The Merchant of Venice* (SSC 2018), *The Winter's Tale* (SSC 2017), *Much Ado About Nothing* (SSC 2016)

\*STA Member Organization