

# **Michael Downey**

# Actor/Director/Playwright/Text Coach

Location: London, United Kingdom Nationality: New Zealander

THEATRE (ACTING)

Julius Caesar 1st Plebeian / Titinius The Show Must Go Online (TSMGO) The Orderly Seoul Shakespeare Company & Speech of Fire

King Lear King Lear Seoul Shakespeare Company

Prague Shakespeare Company, Estates Theatre (dir. Guy Roberts) Julius Caesar Octavius

Seoul Shakespeare Company Love and Despair Various Seoul Shakespeare Company Titus Andronicus Titus The Soldier's Tale Narrator **Bucheon Cultural Foundation** A Midsummer Night's Dream Seoul Shakespeare Company Peter Quince Betrayal Jerry Probationary Theatre Richard III National Theatre of Korea Clarence The Tempest Seoul Shakespeare Company Prospero Macbeth Macbeth Seoul Shakespeare Company

Auckland War Memorial Museum A Midsummer Night's Dream Puck

Daddy's Dollar Man Smackbang Theatre The Bomb Johnny The Rebel Alliance The Rebel Alliance A Night of French Mayhem La Grange / Peter The Orderly The Rebel Alliance Peter URBIS 24 Hour Theatre URBIS 24 Hour Theatre Project Cypher

Much Ado About Nothing Leonato Auckland Summer Shakespeare The X Folios General Cast Conartists

This Is It! Core Cast – Chorus Inside Out Theatre A Midsummer Night's Dream Theatre Stampede Ltd Theseus

Coriolanus Auckland Summer Shakespeare Chorus

Oedipus the King Free Theatre Inc Creon

Agamemnon UNITEC School of Performing and Screen Arts Chorus

#### DIRECTING

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

The Merchant of Venice Seoul Shakespeare Company The Winter's Tale Seoul Shakespeare Company Much Ado About Nothing Seoul Shakespeare Company

#### FILM & TELEVISION (ACTING)

Power Rangers: Operation Overdrive Baron Von Gerstein Ranger Productions Ltd Shortland Street Barry Brown South Pacific Pictures Interrogation Athol Nombach South Pacific Pictures Street Legal Gordon Sellars - Guest Role Screenworks Xena - Series VI Ep 1, - Heart of Darkness Young Villager Guy 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)