

Biography

Brisbane-based performer Alastair Tomkins is a multi-skillset creative with a wide range of local and international credits. His theatre credits include work with Qld Theatre Company in acting and writing roles, writing and starring in “Songs for Sarah Connor” at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, theatre-in-education tours in Queensland, and as actor/director in “Anyway you like it” at the inaugural Queensland Shakespeare Festival. Alastair has an extensive background in improvised theatre and has twice represented his home state at the Australian Theatresports Championships in Sydney, as well as performing in improvised comedy shows in Australia, Japan, France, and the UK.

Alastair has been the key talent in national and international TVC advertising campaigns, including his portrayal of Charlie Chaplin, which was approved by the Chaplin estate for international TVC usage. Alastair has a wide variety of short film credits, and contributes as a performer, co-writer and musician on many of the projects he works on. His TV credits include the children’s TV series “Mortified” and “Prank Patrol”, the “NRL Footie Show”, “The Crocodile Hunter LIVE”, and he has hosted his own music program on Channel 31. He has also twice been a state finalist in JJJ Raw Comedy performing his own satire and musical comedy.

Alastair has an extensive background in corporate and festival entertainment over the last 15 years, and has produced and directed entertainment for such companies as Versace, Boeing, Woolworths, Wizard Home Loans, Crazy John’s Phones, Toyota, Mazda, and Brother Electronics. Alastair has a strong skill set in all aspects of corporate event management including customised script development, venue liaison, tech’ and AV requirements, staging and hosting, and has delivered event entertainment at The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Crown Casino Melbourne, The Brisbane Town Hall, Jupiters Casino, The Brisbane Entertainment Centre, QPAC, Sydney Casino, The Gallery of Modern Art, The Powerhouse, Southbank, The Australian Jockey Club Sydney, Movieworld and Seaworld.

Alastair has been involved with Arts Education and Arts Management since the mid 2000’s, and has worked as a Senior Communications Officer with the Department of Education and Training in Queensland where he managed state orchestras and choirs, as well as developing excellence programs for young artists. He has presented in dozens of schools and was also guest presenter at Drama Australia and Drama Queensland conferences. Alastair has worked at Sheldon College since 2009 as Performance Manager.

Alastair is a multi-instrumentalist musician and has recorded and released six CDs of children’s music with the ABC Kids label. Alastair is active on the local music scene and performs as a session musician in jazz, blues and rock bands. He has played as support for Mariah Carey at Day on the Green, and supported many Australian music legends at the Broadbeach Blues and Caloundra Music Festivals.

Alastair is a graduate of Trinity College London, and also trained in theatre at Ecole Philippe Gaulier in London. He graduated with merit from the University of NSW with a Bachelor of Commerce. He was awarded life membership of the National Association of Australian University College (NAAUC) recognising his volunteering for on-campus student associations.

Alastair lives in sunny Brisbane with his family. He loves good food, travel and making people laugh.