

JOHN O'HARA BIO

John O'Hara is one of Australia's most versatile and in demand performers. Hailing from Perth and a graduate of WAAPA, John most notably earned critical acclaim for his portrayal of Dr Frank N. Furter in *The Rocky Horror Show*. Other engagements include playing Ned Schneebly in the original Australasian production of *School of Rock*, Bernadette in *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, Rodney in *Dusty*, Rum Tum Tugger in *Cats*, Roscoe Dexter in *Singin' In The Rain*, Peter in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, The Father in *Wicked* and most recently as a soloist in *The Who's Tommy* for Victorian Opera.

Other credits include *Hair*, *Shout!*, *Eureka*, *Leader Of The Pack*, *High Society*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Boy From Oz*, *Rock of Ages*, *Company*, *Grease*, *Elegies*, *Songs For A New World* and *Songs From An Unmade Bed*. John is a featured vocalist for internationally esteemed *Queen* tribute act *Rock Rhapsody*.

John's writing credits include *#VAL - A Campfire Kiki With Mother*. *#VAL* consistently earns 5 star reviews and continues to play sellout seasons and festivals nationwide. Artistic Director, Alan Cumming selected *#VAL* for his 2021 Adelaide Cabaret Festival and an invitation subsequently followed to perform at Club Cumming. Other self penned works include *Dedications*, commissioned by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and *A Very Merry Christmas Cabaret* for Perth Theatre Trust. 2021 saw John premier *That's Not Your Light, John!* for the inaugural Perth International Cabaret Festival and he was a guest artist for the launch event for The West Australian Jazz Project's *A Very Jazzy Christmas* at Perth Concert Hall. He creatively directed the 2020 *Crown Christmas Spectacular* at Crown Theatre Perth which subsequently led to his main-stage musical theatre directing debut, bringing *Legally Blonde* to Crown in 2021. John was recently engaged as the 2022 Festival of Voices Ambassador in Tasmania.

John is a qualified marriage celebrant and a casual announcer for ABC Hobart. John is a regular traffic and weather announcer in Victoria and Tasmania for the Australian Traffic Network, being heard on stations including *KIIS*, *Triple M*, *Nova* and *Gold*. He provides the male voice for popular singing warmup app *Warm Me Up*.

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