

JULIE O'BRIEN

Most recently seen as Trish in *Kinky Boots* at the St James Theatre, Julie's career spans nearly forty years.

She has worked in concert with renowned Australian Musical Director, Kellie Dickerson as a backing vocalist for the late Rob Guest and has performed her one woman shows *Julie and Friends*, *East of The West End*, and *In Her 40th Year* in Sydney.

Julie was an original Australian cast member of *The Witches of Eastwick* (Princess Theatre, Melbourne), receiving personal praise from Cameron Mackintosh when she played several performances in the role of Felicia, for which she was first understudy.

Other credits include: *Menopause the Musical* – Soap Star (Australia/NZ Regional Tour), *Side by Side by Sondheim* – Woman One, *Blood Brothers* - Mrs Johnstone, *Carrie The Musical* - Margaret White, *Mamma Mia!* - Donna, *Urinetown* - Little Becky Two Shoes, *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice* - Mari Hoff, *Hairspray* - Velma von Tussle, *Me and My Girl* - Lady Jacqui, *Grease* - Rizzo, *Chess* – u.s. Florence (NZ Tour), *The Pirates of Penzance* (NZ Tour), *The New Rocky Horror Show* – u.s. Columbia (NZ Tour)

International credits include: *Evita* - Eva u.s. (Sydney), *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (Sydney), *The Boys from Syracuse* - Luciana (New York), *Anything Goes* - Reno (London/Sydney).

In 2005, Julie played the role of Rosie Greenwich in *Leader of The Pack*, at Crown Casino, Melbourne starring alongside Amanda Harrison, Rodger Corser and John Paul Young.

After returning to New Zealand in 2006, Julie was offered the position of Course Coordinator of the Musical Theatre Diploma at The Wellington Performing Arts Centre (now Te Auaha), a position she held for 5 years.

Julie has trained extensively in the Estill Voice Training and has appeared in television commercials in Australia and NZ. She also teaches Musical Theatre and Singing Masterclasses and is in constant demand as a director, singing coach and voiceover artist.