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A third generation actress, Rainee Lyleson has trained extensively in theatre, film and television. Rainee was selected to work with Larry Moss in his prestigious masterclass (*16th St Actors Studio*), has trained with Bell Shakespeare in their actor's program and Melissa Bruder, (co-founder of the *Practical Aesthetics* technique) here in Sydney. Rainee was cast alongside Claire van der Boom and Eamon Farren in Jim Lounsbury's feature film *Love Is Now* (2014). Rainee appeared as Juliet in King St Theatre's production of *Romeo and Juliet* (2013), directed by Stephen Wallace. Rainee's TV appearances include on *Dance Academy* and *Home and Away*. Her show *Take Me As I Am: An Evening with Joni Mitchell* (dir. Joanna Wineburg), received critical acclaim both in Sydney and on her national tour. Rainee embodies Joni Mitchell in her one-woman show that she wrote and produced about the artist's life and music.

Rainee is also a professional singer-songwriter and musician, training at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music as well as being chosen to work with Kurt Elling at his masterclass on Jazz Improvisation in New York City. She released a self-titled EP in 2014 and continues to gig regularly around Sydney. Rainee grew up in Avalon, a small town just out of Sydney. She holds dual citizenship in both Australia and America and is the daughter of psychologist Eric Lyleson and actress Lisa Peers.