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Biography

Izabella Louk (She/Her) is a performer, writer, producer, and environmental activist working on Gadigal Land.

A graduate of Drew University, highlights from her time in the US include performing Off-Broadway with Tectonic Theater Project, training and performing with the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, interning with The Telsey Office, and associate producing NJPAC's "10th Alvin Ailey Day of Dance".

Since returning to Sydney, Izabella has performed with various local and national theatre companies; had her play FISH DOOF published by Currency Press; toured Australia performing children's theatre; and been shortlisted for the Martin Lysicrates playwriting Prize.

She is also the Artistic Director of Blinking Light, a theatre company on Gadigal Land dedicated to creating bold works of theatre that build community, spread joy, and further the fight against climate change.

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D.O.B: 04/09

Age Range: 16-30 Vocal Range: Alto Height: 168cm

Hair: Long Auburn Wavy

Body Type: Slim Ethnicity: Caucasian

Experience

THEATRE

2025 "Manon" Ballet, The Australian Ballet, Sydney Opera House, Bennelong Point, NSW (Townswoman) Dir: Gregory Mislin

2024 "Strictly Ballroom" Musical, Inner West Theatre, Petersham Town Hall, NSW (Tina Sparkle) Dir: Ste Casmiro

2024 "Reasons to Be Pretty" Play, The Space Between, Camperdown, NSW (Steph) Dir: Jesse Donaldson-Jarret

2024 "A Flea in her Ear" Development workshop. Siren Theatre Co., Sydney, NSW (Histangua) Dir: Kate Gaul

2024 "The 39 Steps" Play, Blinking Light, Sydney, NSW (Pamela/Annabella/Margaret) Dir: Dany Akbar

2024 "Strictly Ballroom" Musical, Inner West Theatre Company, Petersham Town Hall, Petersham, NSW (Tina Sparkle) Dir: Ste Casimiro

2023 "The Wolves" Play, Rising Arts, Sydney, NSW (#25) Dir: Sophie Bentley

2023 "Walter Wise" Theatre-in-education, Gibber Australia, NSW Tour (Olivia) Co-dirs: Tim Watt & Vicky Blackburn

2023 "Don Quixote" Ballet, The Australian Ballet, The Rocks, NSW (Actor – Townsperson)

- **2023** "Walter Smart and Friends" Theatre-in-education, Gibber Australia, Regional NSW & Sunshine Coast, QLD (Pantomime Artist Olivia) Dir: Vicky Blackburn
- **2023** "Smashed" Theatre-in-education, Gibber Australia, Western Sydney, NSW (Bronte) Co-dirs: Tim Watts & Vicky Blackburn
- **2023** "Don Quixote" Ballet, The Australia Ballet, Sydney Opera House, Bennelong Point, NSW (Actor/Townsperson)
- **2022** "Window to the World!" Theatre-in-education, Perform! Education, Australian Tour (Actor 2/Engineer) Dir: Sam Welsh
- **2022** "Much Ado About Nothing" Interactive play, Flow Studios 88, Camperdown, NSW (Hero) Dir: Bokkie Robertson
- **2022** "Titanic: The Movie, The Play" Play, Act React, Sydney Fringe, Australian Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, NSW (Ruth/Lee) Dir: Natalie Bochenski
- 2020 "Spring Awakening" Musical, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Adult Women) Dir: Abigail Zealey Bess
- **2019** "Cymbeline" Play, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey SPTP, New Jersey, NY (Philario & Others) Dir: Brian B. Crowe
- **2019** "The Eumenides" Excerpts, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey SPTP, New Jersey, NY (Greek Chorus) Dir: Rebecca Feely
- 2019 "Tartuffe" Play, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey SPTP, New Jersey, NY (Dorine) Dir: Elliott Puckette
- **2019** "Stillwater" Play, Tectonic Theatre Company, Drew University, New York City, NY (Devisor/Lead Astra) Dir: Maridee Slater
- 2017 "Gorgons' Blessings" Play, Ryde Youth Theatre, Ryde, NSW (Lead Arla) Dir: Carla Hedley
- 2017 "Boys Rule" Play, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Lead Jilly) Dir: Emily Dzioba
- 2017 "39:10" Play, UTS Backstage, Ultimo, NSW (Supporting role IO Porter) Dir: Sereen Omran

PERFORMANCE

- 2020 "Classic" Performance, Sydney, NSW (Choreographer) Dir: Steven Williams
- 2019 "The Female Body" Performance, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Dancer) Dir: Kimani Fowlin
- 2018 "I Too Am... Resilient" Performance, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Dancer) Dir: Kimani Fowlin
- 2017 "Heathers: The Musical" Musical, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Dancer) Dir: Kimani Fowlin
- 2017 "Once Around the Block" Performance, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Dancer) Dir: Kimani Fowlin
- **2017** "Reaching Back to Move Forward" Performance, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Dancer) Dir: Kimani Fowlin
- 2016 "Dancing Shakespeare" Performance, Drew University, New Jersey, NY (Dancer) Dir: Kimani Fowlin

FILM

- 2025 "Into the Bush" Student film, Sydney Film School, Waterloo, NSW (Lead Sophie) Dir: Ryan Nichols
- 2023 "Digging a Big Hole" Short film, Sydney, NSW (Lead Sunday) Dir: Bokkie Robertson
- **2020** "passer-by" Short film, Three Quarters Friday, Sydney, NSW (Co-writer/Chloe) Co-dirs: Izabella Louk & Isabel Zakharova
- **2020** "Purple Cloud" Short film, SAE, Chippendale, NSW (Lead Young Adult Daughter) Co-dirs: Justin Lee & Jonathan Martinez
- 2020 "Feedback" Short Film, Sydney, NSW (Lead Josie/Grace) Dir: David Todd

COMMERCIAL

2020 "Date Night" TVC, DK Advertising, Timezone, Sydney, NSW (Girl on Date) Dir: John Kohlenberg

ONLINE

2020 "Hive" Web series, New Windo Productions, Sydney, NSW (Guest role – Karaoke Lady) Dir: Alison O'Brien **2019** "SKEPTIC" Web series, New Jersey, NY (Guest role – Ava) Dir: McKenna Rose

CREATIVE

2025 "Wax." Rehearsed reading, Montague Basement, ITS, Redfern, NSW (Tracy) Dir: Madeleine Withington

2024 "Club's Haunted" Rehearsed reading, Bin Fire, Sydney, NSW (Neve) Dir: Bokkie Robertson

2024 "The Touch of Silk" Rehearsed reading, Players in the Pub, Sydney, NSW (Jeane) Dir: Susan Jordan

2022 "FISH DOOF" Play, Currency Press, Sydney, NSW (Published Writer)

Education

2024-current Screen Acting Classes, Acting Mastery, Ben Matthews, Bondi Junction, NSW

2023 Voice Lessons, Madeleine Wighton, Sydney, NSW

2023 Les Chantery Masterclass, Sydney, NSW

2023 Vocal Masterclass, The Hub Studio, Jennifer Peers, Chippendale, NSW

2021-2022 Acting Techniques 3, NIDA, Shane Anthony, Kensington, NSW

2022 Fresh Ink National Mentoring Program, ATYP, Walsh Bay, NSW

2020-current Dance Classes, Sydney Dance Company, Walsh Bay, NSW

2020 The Art of Comic Timing, ATYP, Darren Gilshenan, Walsh Bay, NSW

2019 Moment Work Devising, Tectonic Theater Project, Jimmy Maize, Barbara Pitts McAdams & Billie Krishawn, New York City, NY

2019 Acting Apprenticeship, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, New Jersey, NY

- Bruce Cromer (Acting)
- Donnie Mather (Viewpoints/Suzuki)
- Doug West (Stage Combat)
- Kevin Isola (Clowning)
- Anne Marie Nest (Voice)
- Bernard Cummings (Monologues)

2018 Introduction to Theatre of the Oppressed, Julian Boal, New Jersey, NY

2018-2020 Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts, Drew University, New Jersey, NY

- Chris Ceraso & Rodney Gilbert (Acting)
- Brian B. Crowe (Shakespeare)
- Kimani Fowlin (Dance)

2003-2015 Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, National Character, Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet, Woollahra, NSW

Reviews

THE 39 STEPS

Stage Door Podcast 'She exceeds as a vibrant, emotive force on the stage.'

REASONS TO BE PRETTY

Theatre Travels 'Her scenes tend to be some of the most vulnerable and these are handled beautifully and earnestly by Louk.'

State of the Art 'She drew the biggest laugh of the night.'

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Theatre Travels 'Louk does a wonderful job of portraying the typically submissive heroine with a strength of character that one rarely gets to see.'

Skills

- Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin (beginner-intermediate)
- Accents: Australian, American (Californian LA Valley/Southern/Mid-Atlantic), British (RP, Standard, Cockney)
- Film, TV & Theatre: Shakespearean, improvisation (long form, short form, general), clowning, Suzuki, Viewpoints, Stanislavski, self-devising, producing, writing (dramaturgy), Laban, Brecht, sketch
- Vocal Range: Alto
- Vocal Styles: Musical theatre, general
- Dance: Ballet (pointe), contemporary, jazz (modern), lyrical, theatre, folk, swing, modern, choreography
- Athletic: Running/jogging, cycling, horse riding, swimming (general)
- Licences' Held: Driver's licence, Working with Children's Check, First Aid Certificate