

TODD MCKENNEY

Inspiring, provocative, compelling and generous are just a few words that describe the critically acclaimed and award winning performer, actor and host – Todd McKenney.

A household name in Australia, Todd's versatile career has spanned three decades and shows no sign of slowing down. Already known as Australia's leading man of song and dance musicals, since 1994 he's also been the 'colourful' and often controversial judge on the Channel 7 hit series 'Dancing With the Stars'.

Todd began dancing at the age of three at his mother's dancing school in Perth, training in jazz, tap, acrobatics and ballroom dancing. He has represented Australia in ballroom and Latin American dancing, winning many international dance titles. Amongst his Australian awards for performance in musical theatre are two 'Mo Awards', the 'Variety Club Heart Award', the 'Glug Award', the 'Green Room Award', two 'Australian Dance Awards' and a 'Helpmann Award'.

He was cast in his first professional musical, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Song and Dance, in 1983. From here Todd's career has followed a very neat trajectory with lead roles in Cats, 42nd Street, West Side Story, Crazy For You, Born Yesterday, Camelot, Pirates of Penzance, Cabaret, Strictly Ballroom, La Cage aux Folles, Singin' In the Rain, Anything Goes, The Boy From Oz, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Orpheus In the Underworld for Opera Australia and more recently Annie the Musical, a return performance of La Cage Aux Folles in the lead role of Albin and Teen Angel in Grease.

It was landing the prized role of Peter Allen in the Australian hit production The Boy From Oz that confirmed his star status on stage. The Boy From Oz performed over 1000 shows nationally and is one of the longest running and most successful musical productions in Australian history. Todd's next musical is Anything Goes which tours nationally from April 2015.

Todd co-hosted Sydney's MIX106.5FM breakfast radio program with Sonia Kruger in 08/09 and is currently a regular on Sydney radio station 2UE 954 with Stuart Bocking. Todd fills in for Larry Emdur on Network Seven's 'The Morning Show' with Kylie Gillies and has been a guest judge on 'Australia's Got Talent'.

For the past 8 years Todd has been studying 'Auslan' sign language and has worked within the deaf community all around Australia. He also works with The Children's Tumour Foundation to raise awareness and much needed financial support for people living with Neurofibromatosis.

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Todd has launched his new business Todd McKenney's Centre Stage Tours where he hosts 'dinner and a show' Todd style. Check this out at: www.toddstours.com.au. Keep up to date with Todd's one man show which tours regularly around Australia at: www.toddmckenney.com.au Todd had the delight of becoming a father in 2007 and his daughter Charlotte is the light of his life.