

Melita Jurisic was born in Croatia and emigrated with her family to Australia when she was 4 years old.

After completing her high school studies she auditioned for Jim Sharman's legendary "Lighthouse" theatre company and was accepted into his ensemble. Since then she has worked in over 100 productions for many leading and alternative theatre companies throughout Australia and Europe. She received the Inaugural Cladan Award in Sydney for her role as Nora in "A Doll's House", Green Room Awards in Melbourne for "I Am A Miracle", "Night on Bald Mountain", "Danny and The Deep Blue Sea" and for her portrayal as a 100 year old Balinese noblewoman in "Bali Adat" and nominations for many other roles including "Picnic with Fatima", Katrin in "Mother Courage", Goneril in "King Lear", Cassandra, Andromache, Helen of Troy in "The Trojan Women". She has been nominated for Helpmann awards for her portrayal of an 85 year old blind woman in "John" and most recently for her role as the legendary Mae West in "Arbus & West".

Her association with Barrie Kosky has led her to be invited to perform at Vienna's Schauspielhaus as the unanimously praised Medea. She has continued to perform in Vienna to critical and public acclaim. Among her many roles have been: the male title role of MACBETH and POPPEA in Monteverdi's Opera which was invited to the Sydney Opera house and to the Edinburgh festival. She has performed in Japan and Korea and had guest seasons at Grand Theatre de la Ville (Luxembourg), Komische Oper (Berlin), the Berliner Ensemble, Perchtoldsdorf sommerspiele (Austria), Donau festival (Krems), Landestheater Linz (Austria), Dortmund (Germany), Nitra festival (Slovakia).

Memorable film performances include "Mad Max Fury Road", "The Sound of One Hand Clapping", "The Tale of Ruby Rose" which garnered her the International Critic's Prize for Best Actress at the Venice Film Festival, the Croatian films "Transatlantic" and "Kotlovina". She has recently completed filming "Murer: Anatomie eines Prozesses" in Vienna & Luxembourg.

She is also known for her portrayal of Dr. Magda in the television series "The Flying Doctors" and Dr. Eva in the ABC series "Something in the Air".

She has performed as a singer and recorded with Austrian musician/composers Peter Szely and Bernhard Loibner.

She is the singer/songwriter of the Viennese band METALYCÉE whose first album "IT IS NOT" was voted as one of the ten best Austrian albums of the decade.