

BRAD MCMURRAY BIO - 2017

Brad McMurray is a highly-respected Australian actor with more than twenty years' experience in film, television and theatre.

Brad was born in Sydney, Australia in 1971 and grew up bursting with creativity and energy, initially channeling the two into a 12 year career as a chef and a long standing passion for martial arts (he is a 2nd degree Black Belt). With an innate love of performing however, by the mid 1990's Brad started seeking out and landing small roles in commercials, television series and feature films. His passion for acting sparked quickly and he soon left cooking behind to pursue a full-time acting career.

Brad graduated from Queensland University of Technology's Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) degree in 2005, studying the highly respected, method-based, Eric Morris System of Acting. His talent was quickly recognised and nurtured, with Brad playing the lead in the graduating class's production of Bertolt Brecht's *BAAL*, directed by acclaimed theatre director, Michael Gow.

Brad has been seen most recently playing popular villain, 'Jacka Hills', on long running hit television series, *Neighbours*, as well as in the much lauded *PAWNO*, which screened at MIFF 2015, was a finalist at Cinefest, and was nominated for an AACTA Award. In 2016 he also hit Australian TV screens in the highly anticipated mini-series, *BROCK*, based on the life of racing driver, Peter Brock; and in kids television series, *Mako Mermaids*, which screens on Network Ten, Disney and Netflix worldwide. 2017 heralded a role for Brad in *Blue Murder: Killer Cop*, the long-awaited sequel to *Blue Murder* and will see him play opposite Rachel Griffiths in SBS four-part series, *Dead Lucky* and in a recurring role on the ever-popular *Home & Away*. Other recent credits include *San Andreas*, with Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson and the worldwide hit series, *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*.

Over the years, Brad has worked with such Hollywood luminaries as Harvey Keitel, in *Fatal Honeyymoon* (2012) Cuba Gooding Jr in *Deception* (2013) and Ray Liotta in *Bad Karma* (2012). He is also well known by TV fans worldwide as 'the man who shot Lisa McCune' in popular Australian series, *Sea Patrol*. Other notable credits include the terrifying role of 'Derek' in the award-winning revenge film, *The Horseman*, (2009) and the irascible 'Big Elvis' in 2007's comedy of errors, *Crooked Business* and a role alongside William Hurt in 2006's Stephen King series, *Nightmares and Dreamscapes*. Brad also maintains a love of theatre, being seen treading the boards in Queensland Theatre Company's, *The Crucible* (2009) and *Pygmalion* (2011) as well as being a part of the Creative Works Development Program with QUT.

With a strong physicality and intensity, Brad cuts an imposing figure and is capable of the most brutal and raw expressions of character. However, this belies his true emotional range, with thoughtful processes and his approach to craft also creating highly nuanced and emotionally engaging performances as well as betraying a surprising sense of fun and of the absurd.

Brad's other credits are numerous across all mediums. He continues his martial arts and weapons training to this day, which has also led to an interest, and increasing experience and

training, in stunt work within the film and television industries. He still loves to cook and can whip up one hell of a soufflé.