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The horizon of Mel's life has been vast & varied. Her roots are in the land, having grown up on a cattle property in outback Queensland. Exploring beyond the boundary fences of home, Mel has lived in New Guinea, Argentina & other South American Countries.

Completing her Bachelor in Acting in 2000, Mel continued training with such courses as, NIDA - Screen Acting, TAFTA - Screen Test 2 & 3, Brave Studios - TV Presenters course and Zen Zen Zo - Physical Theatre Intensive.

Mel's TV credits include Rush (2008 Emma Freeman) and Tangle (2008 Stuart McDonald) with Southern Star Productions. Mel has worked in numerous short and feature films with her latest lead role in Halt (2008 Raygun Media) premiering at ACMI Cinema's at Federation Square. Other films credits include, 10 Metres (2006 Rip Raw Films) and Brotherhood (2006 Laura Mora). Behind the scenes Mel has been a runner for breakfast show Morning Sunrise (Channel 7) & Channel 31 TV series, Dream On (2006 Dream Catchers).

Mel's theatre credits include, Rio Saki & Other Falling Debris (2008 La Mama), Wrongful Life (2005 Chapel off Chapel), 'F' In Two Parts (2005 Melbourne Theatre Co.), A Tree, Falling (2003 Chapel off Chapel) Blithe Spirit (2003 Queensland Tour, TropicSun Theatre), Call of the Wild (2002 James Cook Uni), and Summer of the Aliens (2001 HardSun Theatre).

Mel currently works full time as an Entertainment Coordinator for Crown Melbourne. When the opportunity arises Mel is outdoors, taking off bush to go horse riding or milling about working in her garden.

Mel's passion is acting & she is committed to constantly building on her acting training, experience & skills.

Relevant Experience...

For a complete list please visit www.at2.com.au

2010	TVC	Australian Unity	The Directors Group	Luci Schroder
2010	TVC	Holden Month	AJF Partnership	Ben Saunders
2010	TVC	Yoplait forme' Satisfy - Chain Gang	gods&monsters	Barney Howells
2009	Short Film	Talk. Distance. Listen.	Guy Franklin	Guy Franklin
2008	TV	Tangle	Southern Star Prod	Stuart McDonald
	TV	Rush	Southern Star Prod	Emma Freeman
	Stage	Rio Saki & Other Falling Debris	Parnassus' Den	Dave Letch
	TVC	Medibank Private "A super offer"	Boiler Room	Mick Connolly
2007	Short Film	HALT (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EABSCDxQz8w)	Raygun Media	Jesse O'Brien
	TVC	ANZ "Wherever, whenever"	M&C SAATCHI	The Pound
	Catalogue	Mitre 10 Mel	Grey Worldwide	N/A
2006	Short Film	Brotherhood	RMIT Student Film	Laura Mora
	Feature Film	10 Metres	Rip Raw Films	T Smith & R Nokes
	Catalogue	Mitre 10 Mel	Exit Films	Rob Quick
	TV Show	Dream On	Dream Catchers	Rachel Barnes
2005	TVC	Mitre 10 Mel	Exit Films	Jolean
	Stage	'F' in two Parts	Melbourne Theatre Co.	Julie McDonald
	Stage	Wrongful Life	Chapel off Chapel	Dave Letch
	Play Read	Naked Will – Midsumma Festival	Butterfly Club	Dave Letch
2004	Dance	Tango – Brisbane Custom House	Alma de Tango	Hugo Fernandez
2003	Stage	Blithe Spirit – QLD Tour	Tropic Sun Co.	Jean Pierre Voos

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Education & Training...

2010 TAFTA
2006 Brave Studios
2006 Bedford & Pearce
2005 Embodiment of the Actor
2004 NIDA
Viva Voice
TAFTA

Screen Test 2
TV Presenters course
Audition Workshop
Movement & Composition training
Screen Acting
Vocal Technique & Accents
Screen Test 2 & 3

Various Casting Agents
Sandy Kaye
Martin Bedford
Liesa Shelton
Kim Krejus
Jennifer Richards
Various Casting Agents

Education & Training Cont...

2004 Viva Tango
2001 James Cook University
2000 Zen Zen Zo
James Cook University
1998 Swordsmanship
Aust. Fight Directors Assoc.

Advanced level
Post Graduate studies
Physical Theatre Intensive
Bachelor of Theatre – Acting JCU
Swordsmanship & Bladed Weaponry
Unarmed Stage Combat

Various Instructors
JCU Theatre
Simon Wood & Instructors
Theatre & Guests
Barry Turnbull
Scott Witt

Work History...

Currently Crown Melbourne
2007 Burswood Casino
2004 Crown Casino
Morning Sunrise, Channel 7
Horse riding / Handling
Alma de Tango
Company X
2003 Shy Tiger Productions
Riding for the Disabled
TropicSun Theatre
2002 Ringers Rest
Tote Photography
Tropic Line Theatre
2001 James Cook University
HardSun Theatre
1998 Australian Army Reserves

Entertainment Coordinator
Stage Manager - VIP Chinese New Year Magic Show
Entertainment technician & Stage Manager
Production Assistant
Instructor
Tango Instructor
Seamstress
Assistant Stage Manager & Actor
Horse Handler
Actor
Outback Lifestyle Demonstrations
Model
Actor
Acting Lecture
Actor
Army Reservist

Industry Feedback...

TAFTA - The Australian Film and Television Academy – John Orcsik (January & April 2004 Screentest Course #2)

Veronica Taylor – Home & Away – Mullinars Casting Consultants

Such an impressive interpretation of the scene – you let in the audience in such away that we knew exactly who your character was. [Ability to take direction] great for the very little I gave you, as I didn't feel very much was needed. You tested really well and look great on screen.

Karen Newman – Stingers

Good understanding of character and text. Very natural and conversational. Made all the right changes in the right spots. Nice warmth. Confident. Intelligent. Good Work!

Tom McSweeney – Maura Fay Group

Superb connection to your partner – listening and talking to your partner. Your subtext was readable. [Character Interpretation] Excellent. Really nice peaks and valleys in the arc of the character. Your [characters] desperation was palpable. I was impressed with your work.

DOB: 16 January 1979 **Height:** 173cm / 5'8" **Dress:** 10-12 **Shoe:** 9 **Languages:** Basic Argentine Spanish

Skills: Auto Cue Experience, Horse Riding, Fencing, Production Assistant for Film, TV & Theatre.

Current Licenses: Car - **Interests:** Horse Riding, Tango Dancing, Yoga, Gardening

For further information visit: www.showcast.com & www.at2.com.au

References available upon request