



CJ de Mooi



CJ de Mooi is an English actor with an impressive and varied list of credits.

He has performed musicals in London's west end, acted in plays across the UK and taken part in fringe festivals all over the world.

He received widespread acclaim for his 11 years as the 'bad boy of quiz' on the BBC show Eggheads. The Guardian described him as 'a future Bond villain' and his persona proved so popular, it led to the solo spin off series 'Revenge of the Egghead'. On the back of this success, he appeared in 10 pantomimes, unsurprisingly playing the villain in 9 of them!

After premiering the one man drama *Banana Crabtree Simon* in London in 2018, CJ toured the play across the UK, Australia and even Hollywood, earning rave reviews and award nominations. He enjoys tackling emotional pieces with a social message and particularly appreciates the work of Harvey Fierstein.



Although initially reluctant, CJ relishes the challenge of Shakespeare having performed in diverse venues from the west end to the Australian outback. CJ's approach when facing a potentially difficult role is 'If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you.'

In 2011, he was cast in the lead role in an independent short film *The Renata Road*. The reaction was very positive with a premiere in Leicester Square and a review in *The Times* calling CJ's performance a 'tour de force' that funding was raised to make a full length version. In 2022 the feature *The Renata Road* was released in the US after winning over a dozen awards at international film festivals including Best Actor from the *Something Wicked* competition. One reviewer even announced it as his joint Best Film of the Year along with *Dunkirk*.



Away from the stage and screen, CJ is an accomplished long distance runner, a keen chess player and voracious reader, especially of historical biographies.

However, he knows acting was what he was born for. As he says 'People ask me why I want to be an actor. I don't. I need to be an actor.'

