

Michael G Welch Biography.

Michael has worked professionally in the entertainment industry for many years. He is a well trained and experienced actor who has worked at the top level of the industry. He has a broad knowledge of the industry as he has worked in front of and behind the camera, on stage and off, and in-front and behind the microphone. He also has experience as a singer, voice artist, dancer, Improviser, and stand up comedian. He is also a professional DP/camera operator and has worked in many production areas. He has acted professionally in the United States and Australia opposite some of the best in the industry. A member of both SAG/AFTRA and MEAA, he is known for roles on prime time television shows including 'NCIS LA', 'Criminal Minds,' and 'The Bold and The Beautiful.'

Born in Adelaide South Australia, Michael's imagination and love of story telling were fueled by his father's death before he was two years old. His dad contracted a virulent strain of Hepatitis B in the Vietnam war while operating as a surgeon. Stories told to him about his father from his family and the upbringing having one parent presented Michael, gave him a unique perspective on life. Michael also had a special bond with his grandmother who lost her mother at around the same age. An amazing storyteller, she encouraged Michael to be whatever he wanted to be.

At 10, Michael's family moved to country Victoria and Michael's mother who took him to many performances, took him to 'The Pirates of Penzance,' starring Jon English as the pirate king. Jon came through the audience and yelled 'boo,' behind him. He smiled, shook Michael's hand and asked him what he wanted to be. Michael said, 'I want to be just like you.' That moment truly shaped Michael. The kindness and professionalism showed to him inspired Michael to have the same attitude towards everyone he meets. From the famous, to audience members, Michael believes everyone deserves the same respect.

At 12, Michael went to boarding school at Caulfield Grammar in Melbourne. There, he started to perform at a formal level and also learnt guitar and singing. By year 12, he was the lead in the school musical, awarded a prize in drama and an honors pocket for his school blazer.

After school Michael joined St Martins Youth Theatre in Melbourne and took acting classes and private singing lessons. He also started to get experience working on professional sets. Michael worked at Oxford Children's theatre before auditioning to attend Deakin University Rusden, a respected Drama school in Melbourne. He gained 1 of 13 places on offer in the double degree program studying Drama/Dance. He was then invited to complete an honors year in Drama.

After university, Michael and his fellow actors formed a theatre/dance company. Michael also worked at GTV 9 in Melbourne in the camera department. Michael has worked for many networks and production companies globally as a camera operator, DP, producer and director. He has experience in lighting, sound and many other areas of production.

He then travelled to Los Angeles to study acting. There he met Vincent Guastafarro, a Hollywood actor and teacher who inspired Michael to pursue his career in Los Angeles. Michael left Australia but moved to Michigan first as his wife had an opportunity to work there. Michael pursued his career in Michigan for the next 3 years before packing up the car and driving to Los Angeles. Michael worked in Los Angeles for the next 12 years in film, Television, on stage, Improv shows, Stand Up, commercials, industrials, Voice Over, ADR, and also camera and other production jobs as well when not acting. Just one of the amazing things among many others he got to do in LA was perform on stage with James Whitmore Jr., a renowned Hollywood actor and Director.

Michael studied throughout his time in Los Angeles with his close friend, teacher, and mentor Vincent Guastafarro. Vinny helped teach Michael to be the true professional he is. Vinny's training is unique, has a very Mamet style and Vinny is also a close friend of David. Vinny has afforded Michael the opportunity to rub shoulders and learn from some of the best most respected people in show business.

Michael loves California, but after having two children he decided to base himself in Melbourne, Australia for now to be closer to family and these days you can be based anywhere in a very global market.

Michael most recently booked a guest star on 'Clickbait,' created by Tony Ayres for NBC Universal/Netflix,. Michael is getting a reputation locally in Australia as an actor who does a perfect American accent, among others and with the amount of American content in Australia, he's in a good place professionally.

Michael continues to reach high and work hard, be that in Los Angeles, Melbourne or anywhere else in the world. He sees every project as a new challenge and loves to work with other creatives at any level to help them enjoy their creative journey as well. Michael also has a keen interest in writing, loves reading, history, archery, nature, bush walking, motorbikes, Martial arts, shooting, weapons, traveling and cooking. He loves meeting people, listening to their stories and having a good old chat. To Michael the world is an exciting place and you never stop learning. Most importantly, he loves spending time with his wife and two children and learns the most from them about life every day.

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