

# Biography

**Joey Vieira** is a Latino American actor who has gained momentum since playing Diego's Dad "Nico" in the award winning film *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*. *Vieira* just wrapped on *Zombie Plane*, where he starred along side Sophie Monk and Vanilla Ice! He also has a handful of projects coming out this year including *The Edge* and *Land of Bad*.

Vieira grew up in the small farming town of Livingston, California but moved to Los Angeles to study and pursue acting and then in 2014 he immigrated to Australia, where he blossomed. Some of his earlier work included roles on *Kitchen Confidential*, *The Shield* and *The Simpsons*.

Shortly after moving to Australia, he landed the role of "Nico" in Paramount Players film *Dora and The Lost City of Gold*, as well as multiple episodes on the History Channel series *Texas Rising*, and the hit ABC Studios series *Reef Break*. He was also very popular in Peter Helliar's *How To Stay Married* as Carlos Garcia!

2023 has seen *Vieira* break through with back-to-back projects being released including *True Spirit* on Netflix, and *The Edge* on Stan and *Land of Bad* coming to cinemas.

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ACTOR

JOEY  
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## *Zombie Plane Lands In Brisbane*



By FilmInk Staff

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If a zombie apocalypse was about to hit, you'd want Sophie Monk and Vanilla Ice in your corner, right? All aboard for the *Zombie Plane*...

Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway in *Bonnie And Clyde*...Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in *Titanic*...Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga in *A Star Is Born*...Redford and Newman in *Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid*...Clint Eastwood and Clyde in *Every Which Way But Loose*...Hanks and Wilson in *Cast Away*...Sophie Monk and Vanilla Ice in *Zombie Plane*. Yep, that's right...joining a long, long list of great cinematic team-ups, Australia's very own small-screen-omnipresent Sophie "I'll do anything" Monk and the one-time world's best white rapper Vanilla Ice will bring their own very particular skill sets to the new horror comedy *Zombie Plane*, which is currently shooting in Brisbane.

Who came up with this truly and ingeniously bizarre piece of casting? That would be co-directors Lav Bodnaruk and Michael Mier, film set regulars who make their big screen debut here, working from a script from fellow first timer William Strong. Set largely on a Brisbane-bound-for-LA plane that becomes infected with a zombie virus, the airborne horror comedy sees Sophie Monk and Vanilla Ice (playing...this seriously gets even better...themselves!) teaming up to beat down the dead before the gung-ho US Air Force blows the plane out of the air. Also on board are SAS *Australia* veteran, *Home And Away* alum and *Occupation* genre star Dan Ewing, Ann Truong (*The Reef: Stalked, Cowboy Bebop*), Teressa Liane (*The Vampire Diaries*) and welcome US import and now Australian based Joey Vieira (*Young Rock, Spiderhead, We Will Be Monsters*).

Drop the zero, get with the hero, and get on board *Zombie Plane*...

***Zombie Plane* will be released in 2024.**

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“The great thing about this area is you can be on the beach, you can do waterwork, you can be in the desert,” said producer Tommy Harper.

“You could be in the country and feel like you’re in Texas, you can be in a rainforest and feel like you’re in Hawaii.”

Chris Hemsworth, Miles Teller, and Jurnee Smollett are joined by Tess Haubrich as Heather, BeBe Bettencourt as Emma, Mark Paguio as Verlaine, Sam Delich as Adam, and Joey Vieira as Miguel.

*Spiderhead* will be available to stream via Netflix on June 17th of 2022 – check out the trailer above.

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# DECOMMISSIONED—A SHORT FILM OUT OF THIS WORLD

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Lindsey Ungerman

February 23, 2021

**Joey Vieira** flies solo on camera in this short film and commanded the screen as Commander Diaz. He is convincing, engaging, and a true delight to watch. Along with a solid acting performance, the sound design featured in *Decommissioned* outstanding. Scratchy radio signals, ghostly space-like tones, and a haunting score truly take the film to the next level.

*Decommissioned* was wonderfully original and with some fleshing out, writing duo Josh Tanner and Jade Van Der Lei could turn this into a really great feature film. It is a little truth, a little fantasy, and a whole lot of fun. I can't wait to see what project Josh Tanner has planned next.

Check out *Decommissioned* free of charge at the link below!

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## Joey Vieira: Top Gun!

by Dov Kornits  
March 31, 2021

With roles in upcoming Queensland shot features *Black Site* and *Escape from Spiderhead*, and a lead in trending short film *Decommissioned*, the Californian born and raised actor is reaping the rewards of hard work (and the successful COVID response in Australia).

### Tell us about *Black Site*?

“This is an action-packed thriller that is set in a Five Eyes top-secret facility; Five Eyes is an agreement between the CIA and the Australia, New Zealand, Canada and England secret service.”

### Where did you shoot the film?

“We were based on the Gold Coast at Pinnacle Studios but also filmed on a range of locations including the Brisbane CBD.”

### How do you feel that locals are with respect to film crews?

“The feeling has always been positive with the locals! It’s been crazy busy here in Queensland with filming happening everywhere. We actually had a film crew just down the street from where I live, and it was the talk of town. People love it and look forward to watching it when it comes out because it was shot in their backyard. The locals are happy and so are the local venues for our business!”



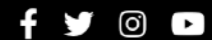
# Dora and the Lost City of Gold Premiere

By ALYSSA MORIN JUL 29, 2019 12:08 PMTAGS

The trio's co-stars also stepped out for the special occasion, including **Eugenia Derbez**, **Jeffrey Wahlberg**, **Danny Trejo**, **Q'orianka Kilcher**, **Nicholas Coombe**, **Madeleine Madden**, and **Joey Vieira**.



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## Interview With 209 TV Star Joey Vieira

By Patricia Alvarez [✍ 209 TIMES](#) / [📅 JULY 27, 2019](#) / [📰 ENTERTAINMENT](#) / [💬 3 COMMENTS](#)

I had the pleasure of interviewing actor Joey Vieira via Skype from his residence in Brisbane, Australia. I will say that the interview did not go as I had expected, it became more of a casual and comfortable conversation only after a few short minutes. Joey is from the Central Valley, a product of the 209; Livingston to be exact. From my conversation with him it is obvious to see why Hollywood continues to knock on his door for well over 20 years now.



Vieira's resumé includes roles on The Shield, Kitchen Confidential with Bradley Cooper, as well as a voice role on The Simpsons. Ironically it was his move away from L.A. clear across the world to Australia where he's been for 5 years now with his wife and son, that has opened doors to many more opportunities for him. Upon arriving in Australia he landed a role in San Andreas with Dwayne Johnson. A year later he had a role in

Texas Rising and then Jungle with Daniel Radcliffe along with a Chinese action comedy called At Last followed by a few other projects. Now he will be heading back to Hollywood for the July 28th red carpet premiere of the live action movie Dora The Explorer where he plays Diego's father "Nico" alongside well known actors Eva Longoria, Danny Trejo, Benicia Derbez, Micheal Peña and Isabela Moner who is starring as Dora.



## **Joey Vieira and Peter Helliar: *How to Stay Married***

One of the busiest actors in Australia chats with one of this country's busiest comedians/writers/hosts ahead of their collaboration on Helliar's popular sitcom, *How to Stay Married*.



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## Joey Vieira: From LA to the Lost City of Gold

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by Reuben Lazarus

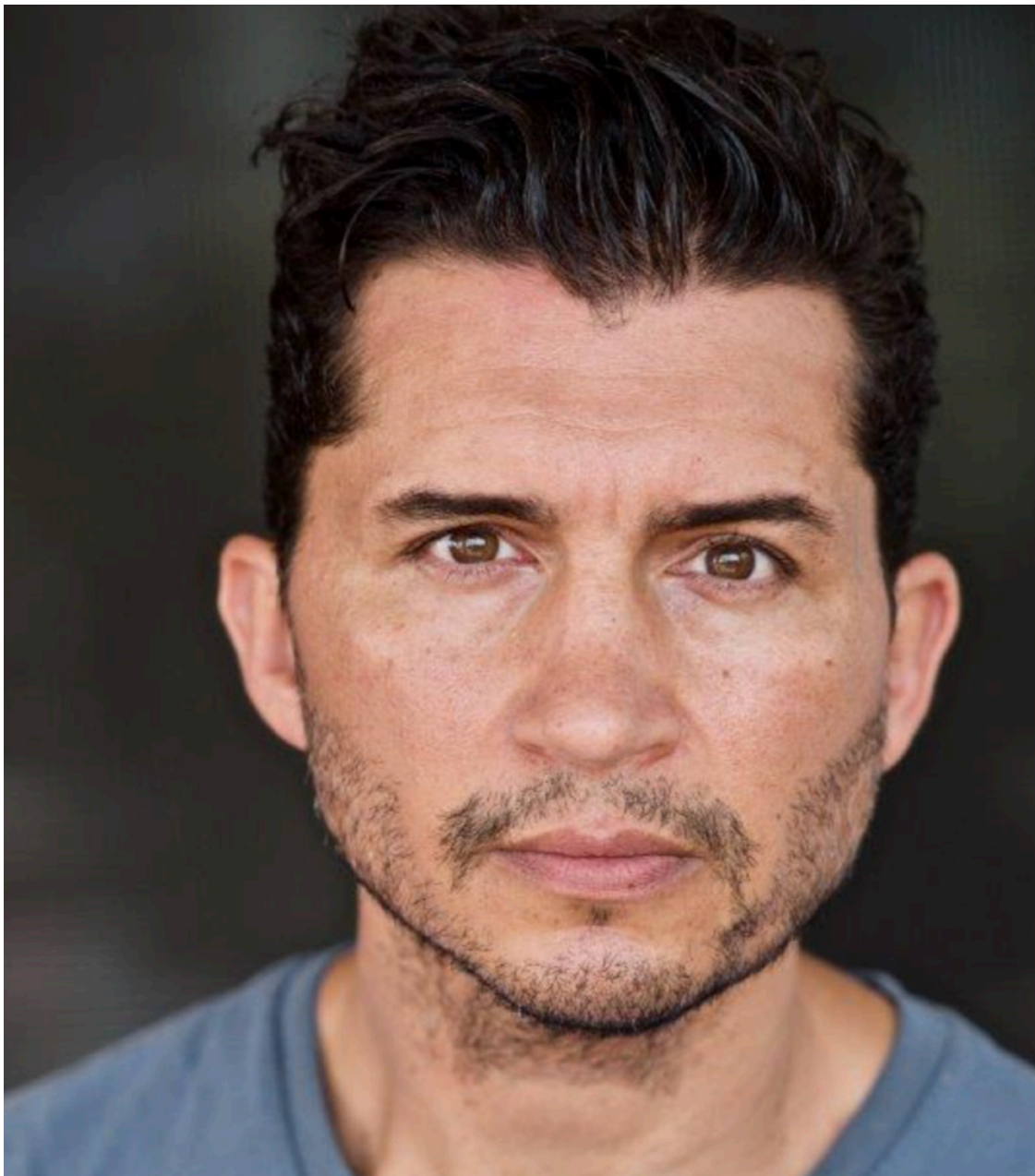
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**The actor has done the opposite of most; he's moved from LA to Australia and has nabbed great upcoming roles in the process.**

The Californian born and raised Joey Vieira plays Nico, Diego's father in Paramount's *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, as well as a key role in the Australian crime-TV series *Reef Break*.

**How different are the acting industries in Australia and America?**

They are different in unexpected ways. Los Angeles is the home of the Western entertainment industry and almost everyone I knew was involved in one way or another. In LA there is no time to rehearse with the casting director when you show up or ask for another take. It's much more brutal as it has to work at a faster pace. You are a very small fish in a large pond competing against hundreds if not thousands of people reading for the same roles. In Australia, there are fewer shows and films to read for, but there is also a much smaller pool of actors. The US is much more focused on diversity in casting, including across your cultural background and accents and I can see Australia starting to edge more into diversity across casting, but it still has some way to go before it actually reflects the community that lives here.







## **Actor, Joey Vieira, Twenty Plus Years in the Business and He's Just Getting Started**

We interviewed actor **Joey Vieira** who has enjoyed a twenty-plus year career in the entertainment industry. He has worked in television and film and has worked alongside the likes of; Dwayne Johnson, Daniel Radcliff, Poppy Montgomery and Eva Longoria.

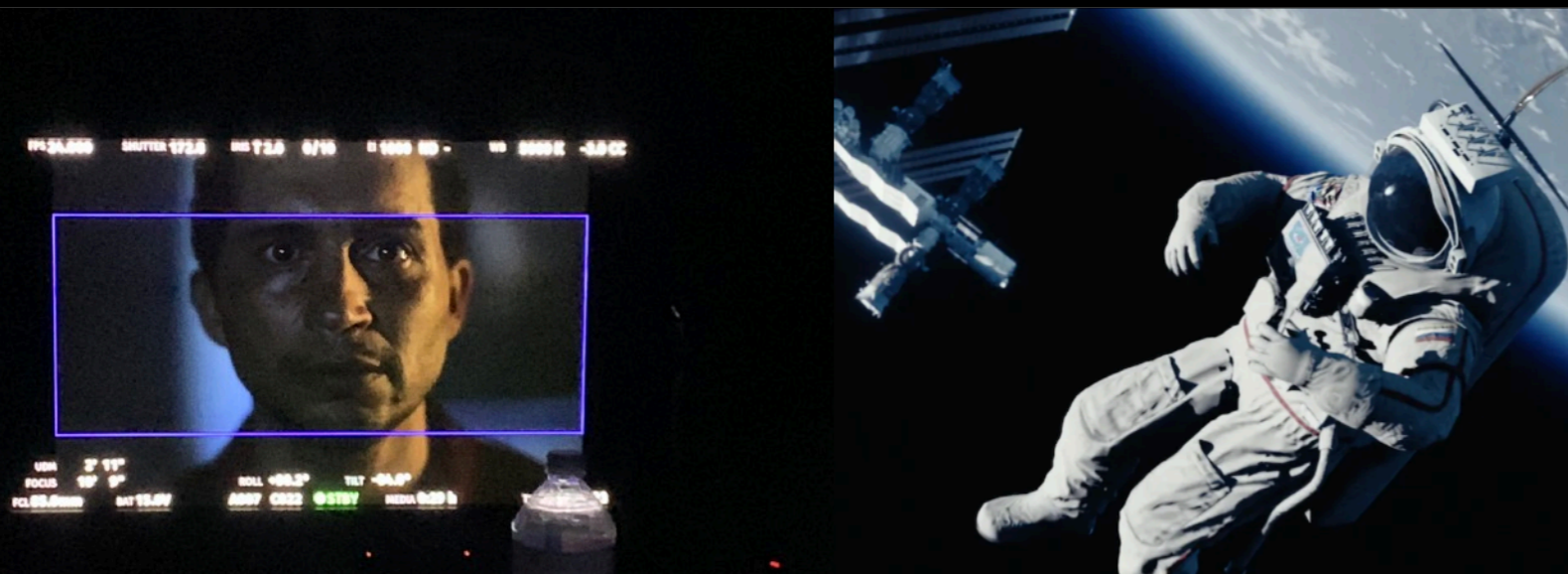
Given Joey's extensive resume, we can't list all of Joey's work but to highlight several; Joey is best known for his recurring role as Guillermo on Texas Rising: The Lost Soldier. He has appeared in other television shows; The Shield, Pacific Blue, Fastlane, Strong Medicine, Agent Briggs, and Kitchen Confidential. And Joey has had roles in films including; Home The Horror Story, 10 Attitudes, At Last, Jungle and San Andreas. His more recent projects have been Welcome To Wrigleton, Reef Break, Dora the Explorer and The Audition Bus. We discussed Joey's journey and learned a few fun facts about the man himself.



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## Stunning Sci-Fi Short “Decommissioned” Makes a Chilling Discovery [Watch]

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One of my favorites short films included in Hulu’s month-long Huluween was “[The Rizzle](#)”, which turns a harmless dance into terror. The short was directed by **Josh Tanner** from a script he co-wrote with Jade Van Der Lei.

While “The Rizzle” is still haunting people on Hulu, Tanner is sharing with Bloody Disgusting readers his latest film, “**Decommissioned**”, in which an astronaut encounters a terrifying anomaly approaching the International Space Station. David Normand and **Joey Vieira** star.

The short film was created using the Unreal Engine for Epic Games’ Unreal Engine Short Film Initiative, supported by Screen Queensland.

The footage is crazy and makes this look like a massive sci-fi movie on the scale of Gravity. You’ve got to see this...

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A piece of [NASA’s past](#) makes a surprising return in Decommissioned, which packs genuine sci-fi horror suspense into just six minutes. From the windows of the [ISS](#), an astronaut notices a strange — and horrifyingly familiar — bit of [space debris](#) floating in his direction. It can’t be what he thinks it is...can it? We’ve featured Australian filmmaker Josh Tanner’s shorts on Gizmodo before ([Reverse](#), [The Landing](#), [The Rizzle](#)), but Decommissioned just might be my new favourite. The director wrote to Gizmodo to say he just finished this short last week, and that it was made “using the Unreal Engine technology that [The Mandalorian](#) used, albeit old-school rear projection as opposed to the fancy LED wall tech they used.” That explains why Decommissioned looks so damn good, but the truth is that everything here, including **Joey Vieira’s performance as the baffled astronaut, is just top-notch. In addition to being totally nightmare-inducing, that is.**



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