

JESSICA DAVID

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Bio

Jessica is a Sri Lankan performer raised and based in Melbourne. From a young age, Jessica discovered her passion for creating and performing from a young age, and was involved in dance training, drama classes and school musicals that inspired her to pursue her passions professionally. She immersed herself in professional training at the Ballarat Arts Academy.

While studying for her Bachelor of Performing Arts, Jessica performed in 'A Girl's Guide to World War' – an Australian Musical, musically directed by Shanon D. Whitelock, and 'The Spirit Level' – an opera written by Richard Chew and Rufus Norris. Jessica took on a collaborative role as she devised music and movement for 'After Joan' – written by Emma Hall and Company 2024. Most recently, she performed in 'Crush: The Musical', directed by Beng Oh & Daniel Tusjak.

Offstage, Jess is an avid choreographer and is excited to inspire the next generation of performers that she teaches.



Information & Skills

- Age Range: 15-25
- Height: 155cm
- Vocal Range: Mezzo-Soprano (d3-b6, belt to f#5)
- Singing styles: music theatre, rock, pop, contemporary, classical
- Dance styles: tap, jazz, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, hip-hop
- Specialised Movement training: Stage Combat, Viewpoints, Laban, Suzuki, Commedia Dell'arte

Training

2022-2024: Bachelor of Performing Arts – Arts Academy Ballarat, Federation University

- Dance & Movement: Teresa Colantuono, Eden Read, Jenny Patrone, Sarah Landy, Charlie Mycroft, Michelle Pitcher
- Voice: Pip Grummet, Sharon Turley, Jason Wasley, Margaret Mills, Mark Wong, Emma Waxman, Nick Simpson-Deeks
- Theatre: Kim Durban, Melanie Beddie, Ross Hall, Danielle Carter, Scott Middleton
- Screen: Karen Davitt, Nell Feeney

| Year | Title | Role | Director | Theatre/Company |
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| 2024 | 'Crush: The Musical' | Brenda Smears (lead) | Beng Oh MD: Daniel Tusjak | Helen MacPherson Smith Theatre- Arts Academy Ballarat |
| 2024 | 'After Joan' | Joan of Arc (ensemble) | Angela Campbell MD: Richard Chew & Daniel Tusjak | Helen MacPherson Smith Theatre- Arts Academy Ballarat |
| 2023 | 'The Spirit Level' | Hermione Banks (supporting) | Angela Campbell MD: Richard Chew | Post Office Black Box Theatre- Arts Academy Ballarat |
| 2023 | 'A Girl's Guide To World War' | Nurse Higgins (supporting) | Chris Koch MD: Shanon D Whitelock | Courthouse Theatre SMB- Arts Academy Ballarat |