

Tim McDonald - Actor – Model – Presenter –

Tim is an avid yogi and actor who recently travelled to Rishikesh, India to continue his yogic study and complete his level 1 teaching qualifications. India was a life changing experience and on his return Tim began studying psychological science at Griffith University.

As a young man Tim studied Marlon Brando and has set a course to “experience” all he could so that his performance could become enriched with life and reality within the moment.

1999 was the year he first scored a substantial gig working as a host/reporter for popular children’s program *Saturday Disney*. Quickly learning completely foreign skills; Researching, Script Writing, Public Speaking, Interviewing, Green Screen, Auto Cue, Microphone Techniques, shooting as live PTC’s, ADR, AVID and many other skills in a short time. Tim felt quite out of depth and inexperienced in the role. As the contract ended in 2000 he returned home to train enthusiastically so that when the time came again he’d be ready.

In 2000 Tim met a life changing friend and acting coach Tom McSweeney. Tim trained under Tom at weekly work shops on and off from 2001 to 2006. Tom cast Tim in a small role in an American play, *Our Town*. This lead onto a 10+ year career for Tim working at *Warner Bros. Movie World*. A place where he added to his experience and skill catalogue. Performing live and on camera in a multitude of shows. Tim acquired many skills like two black belts (Hapkido and Karate) to ensure his performance was believable and convincing. Tim learned gun handling, weaponry, working at heights, abseiling, stage combat, vehicle use, make up techniques, stage techniques, vocal techniques and accents all part of the show. He is now comfortable performing not only with an Australian accent but American, British and Russian. He’ll pretty much give any sound a try.

Amidst his Movie World tenure in 2005 Tim ventured to NYC to study the Summer Intensive at TVI Studios. Meeting and learning from International teachers like Valerie Kingston, Judy Bowman, Dani Super, Rob Decina, Tom Rowan, John Mabry, Tony Pichette.

Tim has been cast as walk on and featured roles in many of the productions that have come through the Gold Coast region. Like *Sea Patrol*, *Beast Master*, *Lost World*, *Counterstrike*, *Mermaids*, *Starter Wife*, *See No Evil*, *Flipper* and *Yesterday is History*.

Commercially Tim has appeared in TVC’s for big international brands *MAZDA*, *Thuraya*, *Gilbeys*, *TOYOTA*, *DOMINOS*, *Jupiters* and *Bio Organics*.

Tim has travelled internationally performing in live action shows for *DC Comics* in China, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. Taking on the role of *Batman* and the *Dark Knight*. Often repelling from dizzying heights in full costume to begin the shows.

Tim has for 14+ year now been involved in live action shows and has thus decided to train and grade as a professional stunt man through MEAA. Training under the expert guiding eye of Keir Beck at AP8.

Tim continues to hone his skills and share his knowledge and experience while taking part in his favourite format, short films produced locally.

Tim has recently completed writing his first screen play *TuTu* and is seeking out the perfect producer, director, stunt coordinator and cast to bring the story to life.

Tim plans to continue growing his professional acting and stunt career along side his study of psychology, yoga and writing.