

# BIOGRAPHY OF APRIL PHILLIPS

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**Script Writer \* Actress \* Singer \* Producer \* Director**



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**Writing:** April has been writing professionally for the theatre for over 20 years and is a client writer for Playmarket. She is one of New Zealand's most licensed playwrights and her plays are regularly produced throughout Australasia. Her international hit comedy play "STIFF" has been produced nearly 100 times in New Zealand, Australia, Norfolk Island and the United Kingdom.

She completed a Masters degree in Scriptwriting in 2010 and also writes for film and radio. Her short films have received numerous international film festival selections and won many awards. She is currently working on feature film projects.

**Singing:** She is also a professional and recorded singer and has performed on television, in stage shows and at jazz festivals around the country.

**Directing:** April is a film-maker and has directed three films. Her film "R.E.M." has had numerous screenings at prestigious international film festivals and won many awards. In 2018 she received the Best Director award at the Short Film Awards, New York (SOFIES).

## ACTING

## AWARDS

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2018 – Nominated Best Actress at the Short Film Awards, New York (SOFIES)

2017 – Nominated Best Actress at the Madrid International Film Festival for the film "R.E.M."

1996 Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards – "*Hens Teeth*" – Best Female Comedy;

## TELEVISION & FILM

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PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION COMPANY	ROLE	DATE
<i>The Last Man on Earth</i>	Godiva Productions	<i>Prime Minister</i>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Mortal Engines</i>	Peter Jackson/Christian Rivers	<i>Medic</i>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Unlikely Beasts</i>	Dir Grace Mair	<i>Geraldine (lead)</i>	<b>2017</b>
<i>REM</i>	Godiva Productions Ltd	<i>Gail Morris (lead)</i>	<b>2015</b>
<i>Girl vs Boy Series 3</i>	KHF Media (dir T Robins & D Stubbs)	<i>Carrie King (core cast)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Utu Pihikete</i>	Cas'n'Ova/Godiva	<i>Beth (lead)</i>	<b>2013</b>
<i>Letter For Hope</i>	Cas'n'Ova / Treetop / Godiva	<i>Jane (lead)</i>	<b>2013</b>

<i>Mr Wilkins</i>	Maya Hammarsal	<i>Janice Brand (lead)</i>	<b>2012</b>
<i>Eternity</i>	Alex Galvin	<i>Cynthia Green (lead)</i>	<b>2011</b>
<i>Passion in Paradise</i>	Red Sky TV (dir Bryan Bruce)	<i>Mary King (lead)</i>	<b>2010</b>
<i>The Lovely Bones</i>	Peter Jackson	<i>Police Station Mother (credited)</i>	<b>2009</b>
<i>Lost Children</i>	Big House (dr Mike Smith)	<i>Doris (guest lead – 2 eps)</i>	<b>2005</b>
<i>Good Morning Show</i>	TV One	<i>Self (singer)</i>	<b>2005</b>
<i>The Strip</i>	Gibson Group (dr. R Sarkies)	<i>Miss Petit ("Assume The Position") ep 7</i>	<b>2001</b>
<i>Duggan</i>	Gibson Group (dr. John Laing)	<i>Rose Bergson ("Moving House" episode)</i>	<b>1999</b>
<i>Lotto TVC</i>	Saatchi & Saatchi	<i>GI Jane character</i>	<b>1999</b>
<i>First Impressions</i>	Bryan Bruce Prods. (dir Bryan Bruce)	<i>Self (various scenarios)</i>	<b>1998</b>
<i>McPhail &amp; Gadsby</i>	Denis Spencer Prods (dir. Jim Curry)	<i>Core Cast – newsreader and various characters</i>	<b>1998</b>
<i>McPhail &amp; Gadsby</i>	TVNZ (dir. John Lye)	<i>Core Cast – newsreader and various characters</i>	<b>1997</b>
<i>Cover Story (2)</i>	Gibson Group (dir. Mike Smith)	<i>"Marg" (TV Studio Floor Manager) (Eps. 2-7)</i>	<b>1996</b>
<i>Cover Story (1)</i>	Gibson Group (dir. Mike Smith)	<i>Constable Alice Walters (Ep 15)</i>	<b>1995</b>
<i>Carmel's Story</i>	Kate Jason-Smith short film	<i>Carmel</i>	<b>1995</b>
<i>Virginia's Candy</i>	Lorae Parry short film	<i>Featured extra</i>	<b>1995</b>
<i>The Frighteners</i>	Peter Jackson	<i>Paramedic</i>	<b>1995</b>
<i>Cuba Cuba</i>	Kate Jason-Smith short film	<i>Sheila (lead)</i>	<b>1995</b>
<i>Pathways</i>	TVNZ/Kotuku Productions	<i>Julie (Policewoman) (Ep 1)</i>	<b>1994</b>
<i>Fallout</i>	Mini-series/film, Wellington	<i>VIP Guest at Government House</i>	<b>1993</b>

## VIDEO

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<i>FlyBuys</i>	KHF Media (dir. Bradley Warden)	<i>Presenter</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Justice Department – Custody</i>	Education Resources (dr Brent Williams)	<i>Caroline Park, Court Registry Officer</i>	<b>2005</b>
<i>Corrections Department Performance Reviews</i>	Education Resources (dr. Brent Williams)	<i>Manager</i>	<b>2004</b>
<i>Westpac (Complaints Video)</i>	Education Resources (dr Brent Williams)	<i>Banking Consultant</i>	<b>2003</b>
<i>Westpac (Cross Selling Video)</i>	Education Resources (dr Brent Williams)	<i>Banking Consultant</i>	<b>2002</b>
<i>Superannuation</i>	Chapman Tripp Solicitors	<i>Lawyer</i>	<b>1999</b>
<i>Transpower video</i>	2D Films	<i>Terri Gate (TV Interviewer)</i>	<b>1999</b>
<i>Risati’s Story</i>	Legal Resources Trust	<i>Lisa (Social Worker)</i>	<b>1994</b>

## COMEDY

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- **“Femme Natale”** - Bats Theatre 2018 & 2019
- **“Hens Teeth”**
  - Taki Rua & Circa Theatres 1995/1996/1998,2018;
  - Nelson Winter Festival 1997;
  - Wellington International Laugh Festivals 1997 & 1998;
  - Wanganui Arts Festival 1998.

## IMPROV / DINNER THEATRE

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- **“The Improvisors”** – Wellington pro theatresports & corporate entertainment 1997/1998;
- **“Wally’s Restaurant”** – Fawlty Towers style improvised entertainment at Blenheim Country Lodge Resort, Marlborough – 3 events for Peter Bruce Enterprises.

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## THEATRE CREDITS

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<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>CHARACTER</b>	<b>PRODUCER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<i>"Femme Natale" (2018 &amp; 2019)</i>	Various – comedy	Fingal Pollock	Fingal Pollock
<i>"Hens' Teeth" returns</i>	Various – comedy	Hens' Teeth Collective, Circa Theatre	Kate Jason Smith
<i>"Unforgettable"</i>	Narrator & Singer	Godiva Productions	April Phillips
<i>"Blue Eyes"</i>	Mum (singer)	Godiva Productions	April Phillips
<i>"Stir"</i>	Felicia Stark (Prison Governess)	The Improvisors Circa Theatre	Improvised comedy
<i>"Killing Me Softly"</i> (by April Phillips)	Julie	Godiva Productions Taki Rua Theatre	E Mardle
<i>"Shona" (by T Craze)</i>	Shona	Marlborough Repertory	D Clark
<i>"Hens Teeth"</i>	Various – comedy	Hens Teeth (Taki Rua, Circa, Arts Festivals)	Kate Jason Smith
<i>"Fluxion" (by T Savage, M Pook &amp; A Phillips)</i>	Christine	Pulse Theatre Co. & Godiva Productions Bats Theatre	M Pook/T Savage
<i>"The Maids" (by Genet)</i>	Solange	Wellington Performing Arts Centre	Sally Rodwell
<i>"Privates On Parade" (by Peter Nicholl)</i>	Sylvia Morgan	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Barefoot in the Park" (by Neil Simon)</i>	Corey Bratter	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Move Over Mrs Markham"</i> (by Cooney & Chapman)	Joanna Markham	Marlborough Repertory	E Mardle

<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>CHARACTER</b>	<b>PRODUCER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<i>"Why Not Stay for Breakfast" (by G Stone)</i>	Louise Hamilton	Marlborough Repertory	D Clark
<i>"Blithe Spirit" (by N Coward)</i>	Ruth	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"How The Other Half Loves"</i>	Teresa Phillips	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Not With A Bang" (by M Harding)</i>	Paula Thompson	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Outside Edge"</i>	Ginny	Marlborough Repertory	Pam Logan
<i>"Black Comedy" (by Shaffer)</i>	Carol Melkett	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Bullshot Crummond"</i>	Rosemary Fenton	Four Seasons Theatre	Stuart Adam
<i>"When Did You Last See Your Trousers?" (by R Galton)</i>	Penny	Marlborough Repertory	E Mardle
<i>"A Day in the Death of Joe Egg" (by P Nicholl)</i>	Sheila	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Move Over Mrs Markham" (by Cooney &amp; Chapman)</i>	Sylvie Hauser	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"The Good Doctor" (by Neil Simon)</i>	The Governess	Four Seasons Theatre	David Cameron
<i>"Habeas Corpus" (by Alan Bennett)</i>	Felicity Rumpers	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"A Tomb With A View" (by N Robbins)</i>	Monica Tomb	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Aladdin"</i>	Sing Hi	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Art of Coarse Acting" (by M Green)</i>	Various	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Old Time Music Hall"</i>	Singer/Dancer/ Comedienne	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Charleys Aunt" (by Brandon Thomas)</i>	Amy Spettigue	HRH Prince Edward production	Wanganui Collegiate

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<i>"Charleys Aunt" (by Brandon Thomas)</i>	Kitty Verdun	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"The Whig &amp; Pistle"</i>	Daisy	Four Seasons Theatre	Hazel Menehira
<i>"A Night At the Races"</i>	Diane	Four Seasons Theatre	E Mardle
<i>"A Salute To Broadway"</i>	Singer/Dancer	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Uproar In The House" (by Marriott &amp; Foot)</i>	Yvonne Wilby	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles
<i>"Salad Days"</i>	Heloise/Fiona	Four Seasons Theatre	S Munden
<i>"Black &amp; White Minstrel Show"</i>	Singer/Dancer/ Comedienne	Four Seasons Theatre	David Smiles