

Samantha Cain (Tolj)

An accomplished and awarded actress, Samantha Cain has been working in the Australian film, television, and theatre industry for more than 20 years.

Samantha's love of the performing arts began in her hometown of Melbourne where she started performing with Victorian Youth Theatre in 1992, completed various courses at NIDA, at the Louise Talmadge Film School, Screenwise, and various other performing arts schools.

In a busy year for Samantha in film, she has recently wrapped on an original Netflix feature, while also starring in the taut psychological thriller *Darklands* (2022) in which she delivers a truly compelling performance alongside Nadine Garner. Samantha also starred in *Scumbus* (2012) which garnered a Best Ensemble Cast Award at the LA Film Festival, as well as working with renowned director George Miller as a live action actor for *Happy Feet 2*.

In television, Samantha has most recently starred in iconic, multi-award winning television drama *Wentworth*, as well as audience favourite *Five Bedrooms*. Over the years she has appeared in many of Australia's most popular and critically-acclaimed television series, including *Glitch*, *Packed to the Rafters*, *McLeod's Daughters*, *Fat Tony and Co*, *East West 101*, *Stingers*, *Rush*, *Satisfaction*, and *Rescue Special Ops*.

One of Samantha's most memorable performances was in the main cast role of Kelly O'Rourke in beloved police drama *Blue Heelers*, which saw her nominated for a Logie Award as Best New Talent.

In the theatre, her work in *God's Last Acre* at The Malthouse saw her nominated for a Green Room Award, and Samantha's work with Arena Theatre company toured Australia, with the awarded *The Girl Who Cried Wolf* playing a sell-out season at the Sydney Opera House.

Samantha has shared her passion for her craft at a variety of schools in Melbourne and Sydney, including the NIDA open program, working with both children and adults. Samantha has also directed productions at the Children's Performing Company of Australia and Action Drama Studio.