

# Curriculum Vitae – Actor John Smythe

## Overview

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## Actor training

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**Professional training** My professional training is summarised below.

Where	What
Rata Studios, Wellington	2019 Miranda Harcourt – Screen Acting (for adults)
<b>National Institute Of Dramatic Art (Sydney, Australia)</b>	<b>Bachelor Of Dramatic Art</b> (2001) – upgraded from Diploma in Acting, 1969.
Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School Summer Workshops	1996 Acting for Stage; Acting for Screen; Microphone Technique. 1995 Stand-up Comedy; Acting for Film – advanced; Advanced Acting Refresher; Voice Master Class.
NZ Professional Actors' Intensive Workshops	Marton, January 1986

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**Early formative experience** My early formative experience may be summarised as follows.

Where	What
Victoria University Of Wellington Drama Club	1966, including Ionesco's THE LESSON and Jellicoe's THE SPORT OF MY MAD MOTHER.
Nola Millar	Classes, mid 1960s.
Wellington College	with Richard Champion and John Dawick.
Wellington Repertory	Junior Rep, pantomimes, revues, mainstream plays. Greenroom Theatre Club (co-founder & founding secretary) - NZ One-Act Play seasons.

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## Actor credits

### Stage credits

My professional stage acting credits are listed below.

<b>Play</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Other details</b>
<i>Where There's a Will</i>	Barry Scanlan	BATS Theatre, 2015
<i>Dancing In The Wake</i>	Sam Beckett, James Joyce, Carl Jung	Arts on Tour NZ, 2013 Handstand Productions, 2012
<i>Hamlet</i>	Polonius, Gravedigger	Toi Whakaari/VUW MTA, 2011
<i>The Real Inspector Hound</i>	Birdboot	VUW English Dept., 2000 - 2018
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<i>Hamlet</i>	Polonius, Gravedigger	The Bacchanals suburban tour, 2006
<i>The Comedie Of Errors</i>	Angelo	Fringe Festival, 1998
<i>Blackadder's Banquet'</i>	Baldrick or Blackadder	Museum Hotel, 1995-2000
<i>Faulty (Sic) Towers</i>	Basil or Manuel	Museum Hotel, 1992-2000
<i>The House At Pooh Corner</i>	Pooh Bear	Circa Theatre / Wgton Library, 1994
<i>Country Cops</i>	Jasper Sharp	Circa Theatre, 1985/6
<i>Ruff 'S Guts</i>	Various	Picton Pub, NSW, 1980
<i>On Our Selection</i>	Rev MacPherson, Billy Bearup	Nimrod Theatre, 1980 Jane St/NIDA, 1979
<i>The White Devil</i>	Camillo, Montecelso	Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP), 1978
<i>The Fabulous Cappuccinos</i>	Sam	ATYP, 1978
<i>Running Away</i>	Lenny	ATYP, 1978
<i>Rallying Point</i>	Jenks	Arts Theatre (London), 1977
<i>Swaggy Mack &amp; His Magic Back Track</i>	Swaggy Mack	Arena Theatre, 1976
<i>Rock 'N Roll Business</i>	Al Reece	Arena Theatre, 1975
<i>Who</i>	Paddy	APG/Pram Factory, 1974
<i>Hackett Gets Ahead</i>	Hackett	APG/Pram Factory, 1973
<i>The Compulsory Century</i>	Stoop	APG/Pram Factory, 1973
<i>Christie In Love</i>	Christie	APG/Pram Factory, 1973
<i>The Feet Of Daniel Mannix</i>	Hogan, Effort	APG/Pram Factory, 1972
<i>Don's Party</i>	Mack	APG/Pram Factory, 1972
<i>Uncle Vanya</i>	Telyeghin	St Martins Theatre, 1971
<i>Party Games</i>	Middlemore	La Mama (Melb), 1971
<i>The Devils</i>	Secretary	Melbourne Theatre Company, 1970
<i>A Day Of Glory</i>	'Jacko', Flynn	MTC, 1970
<i>The Caucasian Chalk Circle</i>	Blockhead & Others	MTC, 1970
<i>The Revenger's Tragedy</i>	Lussurioso	Theatre Royal (Hobart) 1970
<i>A Tall Tale and A Short Story</i>	Jack & The Beanstalk / Rumpelstiltskin	Shortall Theatre, 1969
<i>The Crucible</i>	Ezekiel Cheever	National Institute of Dramatic Art, 1969

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## Actor credits, Continued

### Stage credits (continued)

Play	Role	Other details
<i>Hamlet</i>	Polonius & Osric	NIDA, 1969
<i>Lock Up Your Daughters</i>	Quill	NIDA, 1969
<i>Jacques or Obedience</i>	Father	NIDA, 1968
<i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	Vanderhoff	NIDA, 1968
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Malvolio / Toby Belch;	}
<i>The Devil's Disciple</i>	Anthony Anderson & General Burgoyne;	}
<i>Caucasian Chalk Circle</i>	Azdak & various;	} New Zealand Players
<i>Our Town</i>	George; Father Time	} Drama Quartet (1967)
<i>Once Upon A Timepiece</i>		}
<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Mortimer	Downstage Theatre, 1966
<i>Arms And The Man</i>	Russian Officer	Downstage Theatre, 1966

### Film credits

My film acting credits are as follows.

Title	Role	Other details
<i>Minecraft Movie</i>	Chuggy Executive #1	End City Productions, 2024
<i>Jackpot</i>	Arthur	NZ Film School, 2015
<i>Tell Tale Tit</i>	Dave (?)	NZ Film School, Crew 21, 2011
<i>Hook, Line &amp; Sinker</i>	IT Tutor	Andrea Bosshard/Shane Loader, 2011
<i>Separation City</i>	Dopey Husband	Tom Scott/Paul Middleditch, 2009
<i>Straight to Video</i>	Lecturer	NZ Film School, 2004
<i>Fracture</i>	Churchman	Kahukura Productions, 2004
<i>Tacked Out</i>	Director (of <i>Macbeth</i> )	NZ Film School, 2002
<i>Blonde Cargo</i>	Marston (Lawyer)	Gibson Group, 2001
<i>Bacondom</i>	Farmer (lead)	NZ Film School, 2001
<i>My Movie</i>	Producer	NZ Film School, 2001
<i>The Murder House</i>	Teacher	dir: Waka Attewell, 1997
<i>Archer</i>	Steward	Dir: Denny Lawrence (Australia)
<i>Alan's Story</i>	Doug (Alan's Dad)	Health Media Prods (Australia)
<i>A Street To Die</i>	Enders – scientist – expert witness	Prod/Dir: Bill Bennett (Australia)
<i>On The Loose</i>	Mr Stenning – teacher	Health Media Prods (Australia)
<i>Zounds</i>	Henry (lead)	Aust. Film & TV School
<i>Winter Of Our Dreams</i>	Tony (Lou's pimp)	Dir: John Duigan (Australia)
<i>Fatty Finn</i>	Goldstein - pawn broker	Dir: Maurice Murphy (Australia)
<i>Mad Dog Morgan</i>	Trooper Churchley	Dir: Phillipe Mora (Australia)
<i>Alvin Purple</i>	Alvin's Lawyer	Dir: Tim Burstall (Australia)

## Actor credits, Continued

Television credits My television acting credits are listed below.

Title	Role	Other details
<i>The Strip</i>	John	Gibson Group, 2001
<i>Atlantis High</i>	Priest	Cloud 9, 2001
<i>The Dark Knight</i>	Inn Keeper	Palama Productions, 1999
<i>Jessica's Diary (A Twist In The Tale)</i>	Doctor	Cloud 9, 1998
<i>Shortland Street</i>	Jeff - baby trader	South Pacific Pictures. 1998
<i>Mirror Mirror li</i>	O'Donaghue - miner	Gibson Group, 1997
<i>William Tell</i>	Pinto - monk	Cloud 9, 1997
<i>Xena Warrior Princess</i>	Apothecary	Pacific Renaissance, 1997
<i>Understanding The Law</i>	Head Gardener Foreman of the Jury	Legal Resources Trust for ETV, 1996
<i>Cover Story li</i>	John – a fan	Gibson Group, 1996
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<i>Oscar &amp; Friends</i>	Bugsy (animation voice)	Gnome Productions
<i>Ray Bradbury Theatre - 'Tombstone'</i>	Mr Enders - sexton	South Pacific Pictures
<i>Shark In The Park li</i>	Ernie - offender	Gibson Group
<i>Safer Sex</i>	Doctor	Gibson Group
<i>Shark In The Park</i>	Higgins - reporter	TVNZ
<i>O'Reilly's Luck</i>	George - farmer	Nanapat Productions
<i>Just Testing</i>	Husband	TVNZ
<i>The Rainbow Warrior Conspiracy</i>	Oz Customs Officer	Golden Dolphin Productions / ESTV
<i>Open House (6 Eps)</i>	Owen Driscoll	TVNZ
<i>Legacy</i>	English immigrant	TVNZ
<i>Press For Service</i>	'Dusty' Millar	TVNZ
<i>Seekers</i>	New Age Lecturer	TVNZ
<i>Land Of Hope</i>	Red Ragger	Film Australia
<i>The Weekly's War</i>	Digger	Film Australia
<i>A Country Practice</i>	Restaurateur	JNP Productions
<i>Rich Stew</i>	Bill - gold miner (lead)	AFTRS
<i>The Restless Years</i>	Estate Agent	Grundy Television
<i>Obsession</i>	Supporting Role	ABC TV
<i>Love Story</i>	Supporting Role	ABC TV
<i>Boots</i>	Supporting Role	ABC TV

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### Television credits (continued)

Title	Role	Other details
<i>Last Of The Australians</i>	Lenny	Crawford Productions
<i>Homicide</i> } <i>Division 4</i> } <i>Matlock Police</i> } <i>Ryan</i> }	A wide range of guest roles - about 16 in all throughout the 1970s.	} } Crawford Productions }

### Non-broadcast video My non-broadcast video acting credits are as follows.

Title	Role	Other details
<i>Family Conference</i>	Father	Legal Resources Trust
<i>Consumer Guarantees Act</i>	Car Salesman	Legal Resources Trust
<i>Child Support Agency</i>	Divorced Executive	Legal Resources Trust
<i>National Bank Staff Superannuation Plans</i>	Father	Spectrum
<i>Telecom Training</i>	Manager	Media Connections
<i>Amp Training Video</i>	Insurance Rep	Bryan Bruce
<i>A Loan With A Shark</i>	Loan Shark	Legal Resources Trust
<i>How The Network Works</i>	Linesman, Mother, Boss	Post Office Video Unit

### TV commercials - NZ & Australia

My TV commercial acting credits include 15 lead roles in NZ TVCs and 10 lead roles in Australian TVCs (details available on request).  
Most recent: 'Bee Milker' in FMG commercial