

Andrew Drava

Originating from the Latrobe Valley Gippsland, Victoria, Andrew found his passion for the performing arts as a dancer with *Danceworks114* competing in local eisteddfods in the area. Andrew took his passion further and started studying full-time for a Bachelor of Performing Arts at the Federation University Arts Academy Ballarat. Andrew was given the pleasure of being part of a self-devised piece from him and his fellow students titled *'Exquisite Corpse'* as well as an Original Show debut titled *'Momo'* written by Rick Chew and Anthony Crowly. His most recent performance was in the 2023 production of *'Motor-Mouth Loves Suck-Face'* Written and Directed by Anthony Crowley.

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D.O.B:

Height:

Accents: Australian, Std

American, Std English, French,
Upper English

Age Range: Chest/Weist/Hips(cm):

16-26

Hair Colour: Brown **Vocal Type:** Baritone/Bass

Eye Colour: Blue Dance Training: Tap, Jazz,

Hip Hop, Contemporary, Ballet Working With Childrens Check, Commedia, AUSLAN

Special Skills: Stage Combat,

| Production Credits | Company | Directed By: | <u>Venue</u> |
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| 2024 Table Read | My Grandma the Porn star | Vanessa Every-Burns | 1 Freshwater Pl, Southbank |
| 2023 Myer Santaland | Santas 'n' Elves Ltd. | Leonie Collins | Myer Ballarat and Bendigo |
| 2023 Motor-mouth Loves Suck-Face | Federation University | Anthony Crowley | Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre |
| 2023 Exquisite Corpse | Federation University | Kellie Tori | Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre |
| 2022 MOMO | Federation University | Ross Hall | P.O Box Theatre |

Training

Graduated with a Bachelor of Performing Arts at Federation University Arts Academy Ballarat (2021-2023)

Voice Chris Koch Jason Wasley Emma Waxman Anthony Crowly Julianne Everleigh Pip Grummet Laura Burzacott Rick Chew Sharon Turley Daniel Tusjak Acting
Ross Hall
Karen Davitt
Danielle Carter
Kim Durban
Melanie Beddie
Anthony Crowley

Dance
Teresa Colantuono
Eden Read
Ross Hanniford
Shaylin Durban
Jenny Patrone
Gilbert Douglas
Karen Crump
Eliza Grundy

Other Charlie Mycroft Scott Middleton Angela Campbell Tom Healy Mark Wong Leonardo Caneles Kellie Tori

Biography

An emerging artist, originating from the Latrobe Valley, Gippsland. Andrew stepped into the world of performing arts at the age of five, taking dance classes at his local dance school, Danceworks114. Andrew's professional training started at the Federation University Arts Academy in Ballarat Victoria. During his time studying he was given the opportunity to take part in many ensemble productions. This included the world premiere of Rick Chew and Anthony Crowly's 'Momo' based on the novel by Michael Ende. He also played the role of Lord Walsingham in Beth Flintoff's 'The Glove Thief' Directed by Kim Durban. In his graduating year he was able to perform in a small ensemble, self devised project called 'Exquisite Corpse 3.0' where Andrew used his writing and choreographic skills to create a multitude of stories. Andrew specializes in Choreography in different styles, Primarily in Tap and commercial genres, as well as helping in creating contemporary dance styled routine for the TOGETHER project which celebrated the grand opening of the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon Victoria in 2022. Andrew has completed up to 'Elementary Seal' in the Australian Teachers of Dancing (A.T.O.D) Tap syllabus. Danceworks 114 Traralgon, Victoria.

Andrew identifies as a queer, gender fluid artist. Playing both male and female roles in the past. A notable female role would be the character 'Karen' in Ragamuffin's Christmas, directed by Phil A. Mayer in 2018. Andrew has also performed as a Drag Performer for small scale festivals, a notable festival includes 'Outback Fest' which took place annually from 2021-2023 in Ballarat, Victoria. Using both dance and Acting skills to create different engaging stories. Andrew also competed in 'Piano Bar's Got Talent, Ballarat' progressing to the grand final. He has also stepped his foot in corporate entertainment as a 'Myer Elf' for Myer's Santaland during the 2022 and 2023 Christmas period.

Andrew has a valid Working with Children's check and understanding of AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language). When Andrew is not onstage, you can see him in the kitchen cooking up a storm. Some say he may even leave a storm behind. He has been told however, that the taste of his food makes it all worth it.

Access Andrew's 2023 Graduate Showreel

https://federation.edu.au/arts-academy/about-us/people/alumni-graduates/showcase

View Andrew's Showcast

https://app.showcast.com.au/profile/PuB0T5tS