

Jeffrey Bryant Jones

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Jeffrey was awarded a scholarship to train in Method Acting at the Actors Mill at St Leonards, Sydney for three years. He graduated in 1981 with a Diploma of Acting, which was presented by Ruth Cracknell.

Jeffrey went on to act in commercials for Smiths Lites Chips (as a flasher) and Streets Ice Cream (a paddle pop and the Paddle Pop Lion) plus extra work on television series of the day and a corporate film. He also played Mo on the Mo Awards float in the annual Sydney Festival Parade.

Jeffrey later performed on the Sydney Club circuit doing comedy routines, monologues and comedy songs.

In 1987, Jeffrey moved to Melbourne and completed a Professional Writing Diploma at Holmesglen TAFE. He went on to become a successful journalist, editor and Chief of Staff in a career that spanned 28 years. During this time, Jeffrey kept his interest in theatre alive by acting in *The Sum of Us (Dad)*, *Cosi (Roy)* and *Me and My Friend (Bunny)*. He has also directed comedies, dramas and a musical comedy over the years, several of which were performed at the Melbourne and Adelaide Fringe Festivals.

Jeffrey started *Stage Whispers Performing Arts Magazine* in 1991 and co-founded the Lyrebird Amateur Theatre Awards in 1993.

He won Best Actor awards for his performance as Bunny in *Me and My Friend* at the Royal South Street Ballarat One Act Play Festival in 1999 and also Best Actor at the Lyrebird Awards in 1998.

Jeffrey retired from full-time journalism and editing in October, 2016 to pursue his passion for acting.

Since his retirement Jeffrey has performed in:

October, 2016 - a reprisal of 'Me and My Friend' - theatre drama/comedy - Hobo Playhouse - playing the role of Bunny

November, 2016 - 'The Magnificent' - short film - SAE Institute Melbourne - playing the support speaking role of Joe.

December, 2016 - 'Dying for a Laugh' - short film - Mezzanine Productions - extra

December, 2016 - 'A Girl Named Jo' - short film - Meizai Films - extra

January, 2017 - 'Hiroshima Lovers' - short film - Inkblot Creations - playing the lead speaking role of Greg

January, 2017 - Music video for Slum Sociable's latest song "Castle" - Liberation Music - extra

January, 2017 - Model for 'Voiceless' photographic exhibition by Christine Sayer.

February, 2017 - Featured extra in 'Glitch' series 2 - ABC TV

February, 2017 - playing two roles in the theatrical black comedy 'The Privatisation of Ward 9B' at La Mama Theatre in Carlton - Catfish Productions