

# Andrew Strano, M.A.

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## EXPERIENCE

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### WRITER

2021	STARSONG Village Song	Book & Lyrics Lyrics	Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre
2020	Voyagers Skin Transmissions: A musical podcast Uncharted	Book & Lyrics Book & Lyrics Lyrics Lyrics	Civic Theatre/La Mama NYU Tisch NYU Ties Gallatin Theatre co.
2017	Jack Of Two Trades	Book & Lyrics	MAPA/Pratt foundation
2017	Artist in Residence	Teacher/Writer/Director	Monash Uni/Pratt foundation
2016	Servant Of Two Masters Donuts The Songs of Mackenzie-Spencer & Strano	Playwright (Adaptation) Playwright Book & Lyrics	Victorian College of the Arts Stiff Company Chapel Off Chapel
2014	Nailed It!	Book & Lyrics	ED/LDN/ADL/PER/MEL
2013	All Washed Up Australian Cabaret Showcase	Lyrics, Co-Book writer Book & Lyrics	MICF/fortyfivedownstairs MEL/SYD
2012	Not Quite Right In The Head	Lyrics, Co-Book writer	MICF/Chapel off Chapel
2010	A Fine Bromance	Lyrics, Co-Book writer	MEL/PER/ADL/COFFS
2009	Messin' About With Your Votes Speed Date	Lyrics, Co-Book writer Book & Lyrics	Short+Sweet Cabaret Arts Centre Melbourne

### DIRECTOR/DRAMATURG

2021	STARSONG	Book & Lyrics	Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre
2021	Village song (Anticipation)	Director	Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre
2019	Post: A New Musical	Dramaturg	MC Showroom
2018	Sitzprobe	Dramaturg	Melbourne University
2017 - 19	Completely Improvised Potter	Director/Creator	MICF/Melbourne Fringe
2017	Songwriting Project	Director/Dramaturg	Monash University MAPA
2016 - 18	Soothplayers: Completely Improvised Shakespeare	Director	MICF/Melb Fringe etc.
2016	Accomplished-ish Various Main Stage shows	Director/Dramaturg Director/Creator	Melbourne Fringe Improv Conspiracy
2015	Decent Human Beings	Director/Dramaturg	Melbourne Fringe
2014 - 18	Harold Teams, Airblade etc	Director	Improv Conspiracy
2013	Impromptunes	Co-Director/Creator	Melbourne Fringe

### TEACHER

2020	Open Arts NYU Tisch	American Musical theatre history, TA
2019	New York University - GMTWP New York University - Sessions	Host: Life as a writer roundtable Musical theatre performance, improvisation
2018-19	Monash University Stage School Australia	Lecturer – Performance, Writing, Musical Theatre Acting, Improvisation, Writing for Performance
2017 -19	NIDA/NIDA Corporate Trainer	Acting & Improvisation
2017	Monash University (MAPA) Melbourne Uni, MBA program Bank of Melbourne	Lecturer - Songwriting/Acting through song Improvisation for Business Improvisation for Business
2016 - 18	RYPEN Youth Enrichment	Leadership and Improvisation
2016 - 19	LMA improv & sketch	Musical Improvisation
2016	Base Jump Theatre New Zealand	Instructor, Improvisation
2015	TBC Improv Edinburgh, Scotland	Instructor, Improvisation
2013 - 18	Mentone Grammar The Improv Conspiracy	Private Singing/Acting, Improv Ensemble Director Comedic improvisation etc.
2012 - Current	Private Tuition	Singing/Acting

### PRODUCER

2014- 19	Quiet Achievers	MICF, Melb Fringe, Fed Square, Coburg Council, Schools etc.
2017	Original Cast	The Improv Conspiracy, The Butterfly Club
2014 - 15	Nailed It!	The Butterfly Club, Assembly Halls Edinburgh, etc
2014 - 18	Various Programming	The Improv Conspiracy
2013	All Washed Up	Melbourne International Comedy Festival, fortyfivedownstairs
2012	Not Quite Right In The Head	Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Chapel off Chapel

2010 - 11 2009	A Fine Bromance (inc. Tour) Speed Date	Melbourne/Perth/Adelaide/Coffs Harbour Arts Centre Melbourne	
<b>PERFORMER</b>			
<b>Theatre</b>			
2021	<i>Masked</i> , Buck	Amy Burgess	Rubber City Theatre
	<i>Village Song</i> , Paul etc.	Marella Martin Koch	Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre
2020	<i>Crochet</i> , Andrew	Matt Powell/Benita de Wit	The Other Palace UK (Digital)
2019	<i>Much A-Cruise About Nothing</i> , Ben	Lisette Glodowski	NYU Grad. Musical Theatre Writing
	<i>Constellations</i> , Roland	Casey Gould	Missing Persons
	<i>Manwatching</i> , Man	Millie Cooper	The Butterfly Club
2016	<i>Stonnington Carols</i> , Soloist	John Thorne (MD)	City Of Stonnington
	<i>The Lizard Of OZ</i> , Leonardo	Peter Cox, Mark Grentell	Wagga Civic Theatre
2014	<i>Titanic</i> , Hartley	Graeme Russell	The City of Ballarat
2010	<i>Falsettos</i> , Whizzer	Brad Fischer	SHooSH Productions/Midsumma
2009	<i>Saturday Night</i> , Dino	Terence O'Connell	Magnormos
<b>Cabaret</b>			
2017 - 19	Fab Friday Piano Bar Host	The Butterfly Club	The Butterfly Club
2014 - 16	Nailed It!	Casey Gould	MS&S
2012	Australian Cabaret Showcase	Jeremy Youett	Y.M.I.
2009	Speed Date	Trevor Jones (MD)	Arts Centre Melbourne
<b>Voice Over</b>			
2020	<i>Flippy's World Tour</i> , Rasputin	William Karras	Canadian Braoadcasting Co.
	<i>Slice Of Paradise</i> , Johnny	Maggie Moe	NYU Tisch
	<i>Emma and the west</i> , Harvey	Clare Bierman	Theatreworks Everywhere
	<i>Transmissions</i> , Jackson	Dahlak Brathwaite	NYU Tisch
<b>Film &amp; TV</b>			
2017	Centrelink Clawback TVC	Ryan Sheales	VCOSS
2011 - 13	Fergus In Hell, Blake, So1/2/3	Rhys Tate etc.	C31/RMITV
2010	BBoMT, 38 weekly appearances	Get Cereal TV	SYN/C31
2009	The Great Debate	Good News Week	TEN
<b>Improvisation</b>			
2014 - 19	Quiet Achievers	Marcus Willis	TedX, MICF, Fed Square etc.
2016 - 19	Stiff Company	Lucy Griffin	Melbourne Fringe
2015 - 16	Ensemble & Touring Company	Daniel Pavatich	Improv Conspiracy
2015	3 Mad Rituals	Adam Kangas	Melbourne Fringe
<b>PANEL MEMBERSHIPS</b>			
2018	Cabaret Panel	Melbourne Fringe Awards	
2015 - 16	Cabaret Panel	Greenroom Awards	

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## EDUCATION AND AWARDS

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2019 - 21	MFA Grad. Mus. Theatre Writing	New York University – Tisch	Sarah Schlesinger etc.
2016	Master's Degree, Writing for Perf.	Victorian College of the Arts	Raimondo Cortese etc.
2014	Improvisation for the theatre	iO Theater, Chicago	Charna Halpern etc.
2007 - 08	Musical Theatre performance	Victorian College of the Arts	M. Croft, M. Fenley
2013	Puppetry (Henson Puppeteer)	Puppet Manipulation/Construction	Gary Freidman
2007 - 18	Singing Tuition	Private	Trevor Jones/Lisa Perks

## AWARDS

2021	PEERCE & SCHUBERT SCHOLARSHIPS	NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing
2021	ARTS FUND GRANT	Australian American Assoc.
2020	GEORGE FAIRFAX MEMORIAL AWARD	University Of Melbourne/VCA
2020	SCHUBERT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP	NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing
2019	VICTORIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR	Australian-American Fulbright Commission
2018	MAJOR FELLOWSHIP	Mike Walsh Fellowships
2018	PERFORMER'S TRUST FOUNDATION GRANT	PPCA
2017	ARTIST IN RESIDENCE	The Pratt Foundation/Monash University
2015	BEST COMEDY	Perth Fringeworld (Nominated)
2015	BEST TEACHER	Improv Conspiracy (Nominated)
2014	BEST ORIGINAL SONGS	Greenroom Award
2014	BEST CABARET PERFORMER	Theatrepeople prochoice (Nominated)
2012	FINALIST	10 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Cabaret Showcase
2009 & 10	SEMI-FINALIST (1 of 30)	Rob Guest Endowment
2009 & 10	BEST WRITING	Short + Sweet Cabaret