

HEIGHT: 196cm
HAIR: brown
EYES: hazel
WEB:

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BACKGROUND

Born and bred in Whangarei, New Zealand, Luke's diversity, passion and flare for entertaining has seen him take on a variety of roles from the exuberant Widow Twankey in Aladdin to singing alongside Northland's finest with Opera North. Luke has a strong interest in Theatre, Opera and Comedy. Luke's churpy and witty sense of humour and infectious ways have seen him perform as a featured Opera soloist and with Opera sensations Ben Makisi, Lilia Carpinelli and Dame Malvina Major. Luke is vocally trained by Opera Diva Joan Kennaway QSM. He placed 3rd in two categories at the NZ Aria Competitions. He created and leads a group of comedians called "The Dirty Gurls" who combine humour, singing and acting. Luke also holds a Degree of Maori Performing Arts. Luke flourishes on challenge and strives in all aspects of performing.

AWARDS

Nominated "Best Supporting Actor in a Musical" by NAPTA for Hipockets Duncan in "The Buddy Holly Story".
 2012, 2013 2Degrees Super 12 Kapa Haka Champions
 2017 - Judges Choice Award Finalist - Westpac Business Excellence Awards

YEAR	PRODUCTION	ROLE	COMPANY/VENUE	DIRECTOR
FILM				
2005	THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS TRITE	Customer		Greydon Little
TELEVISION				
2017	FUNNY WHARE	Guest	Maori TV	Various
2016	THE STAGE	Judge	Maori TV	Various
2014	HAKANATION	Guest	Maori Television	
2010	SHORTLAND STREET	Jerry Adams	South Pacific Pictures	Katherine McRae
2009	BEYOND THE DARKLANDS	Mark Lundy	ScreenTime	Rupert
2007	SHORTLAND STREET	Vaughan	South Pacific Pictures	Wayne Tourell
PRESENTING				
2017	NEIGHBOURHOOD	Presenter	TVNZ & Satellite Media	
2015	CELEBRITY SPEAKERS	Gold/Elite MC/Presenter and Motivational Speaker		
THEATRE				
2014	COCA-COLA XMAS IN THE PARK	Santa	TV3/Best Events	Jadde Turrall
2013	THE LUKE BIRD EXPERIENCE	Principle/Varied	Luke Bird Entertainment	Luke Bird
2011	DIE FLEDERMAUS	Gabriel Von Eisenstein	Sweetpea Productions	Grant Smith
2009	TELLULAH & MARMITE	Tellulah Bellbird	Harapaina Productions	Self
2009	A NIGHT WITH A DURTY GURL	Ekul and others	Harapaina Productions	Dgnofnofs
2009	SEXY RECESSION CABARET	Marvyn Matthews - Guest Performer	The Dust Palace	Eve Gordon
2008	SHREW'D	Rodrigos	Auckland Theatre Company	Margaret-Mary Hollins
2007	TALES FROM POP MOUNTAIN	Mayor Fluffles	Magic Playhouse Prods.	Kylie Penn
2005	THE FULL MONTY	Ensemble	Whangarei Theatre Co.	
2005	TRICK OR TREATY	Narrator		Pauline Hopa

MUSICAL THEATRE

2015	DIVERSITY BALL	Guest Artist	Counties Manukau DHB	
2015	MERCY BALL	Guest Opera Artist	Deborah Delaney Events	Deborah Delaney
2015	HAINAN FILM FESTIVAL 2015	Guest Opera Artist	China Ministry of Arts	
2015	19th OPERA IN THE GARDEN	Guest Artist	Opera North	
2014	HAIRSPRAY	Male Authority Figure & Understudy Edna Turnblad	Sky City Theatre	Grant Messe
2013	THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA	Monsier Andre	WMT/AMICI Productions	Grant Meese
2009	CATS	Bustopher Jones	AMICI Productions	Grant Messe
2008	CATS	Bustopher Jones & Growltiger	Whangarei Theatre Co.	Lachie Maclean
2007	CABARET	Ensemble	Whangarei Theatre Co.	
2007	ALADDIN	Widow Twankey	Whangarei Theatre Co.	
2007	THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY	Hipockets Duncan	Whangarei Theatre Co.	Gayle Dowsett
2006	DISNEY'S BEAUTY & THE BEAST	Ensemble	N.S.M.T.	Grant Messe
2005	JEKYL & HYDE - The Musical	Ensemble	Whangarei Theatre Co.	Lachie Maclean
2003	ALADDIN	Widow Twankey	Whangarei Theatre Co.	

VOICE

2010-11	HONE IN HOLLYWOOD	Segment Comedy	Ngati Hine FM	
2007/08	RADIO MC	Mr. Skwete	Ngatihine FM	
2006	RADIO VOICE OVERS		More Fm & others	

OTHER

2014	OPERA IN THE PARK	Featured Performer	He Puna Marama Trust	
2014	COCA-COLA CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK	Santa	Best Events Ltd	Kate Ward Smythe
2013-Present	HATEA KAPA HAKA	Tenor Performer	National Choral Winners	Pauline Hopa
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2012	RIGOLETTO	Company/Chorus/Government Minister	NZ OPERA	Lindy Hume
2006-11	OPERA IN THE GARDEN	Operatic Tenor	Opera North	Joan Kennaway QSM
2003-11	HATEA KAPA HAKA	Peformer	National Winners	Pauline Hopa

TRAINING

2007/08 VOICE TRAINING - Singing/ Opera/ Voice - Joan Kennaway OSM & Evelyn Hatfield. 2007 AUCKLAND THEATRE COMPANY with Cameron Rhodes and Sylvia Rands

2012- Bachelor of Maori Performing Arts - Te Wananga o Awanuiarangi

RELEVANT SKILLS

SING - Tenor to high C, FULL DRIVERS LICENSE, MC, MAORI LANGUAGE (Conversational), KAPA HAKA, NETBALL, SOFTBALL, TRAINED CHEF. Event/Project Coordination Highly sort MC Presenting Coporate performances - Opera, Comedy, Host