

# Artist Biographies

## Elke Osadnik as AIMEE the Newsreader

Elke is no stranger to comedy - as one of the leads in the 2007 Fringe & 2008 Comedy Festival smash hit *Porky Pies* she found a beautifully thought out and extremely comic performance in her role as *Kitty*.

Elke has also appeared in several film and television roles including *City Homicide*, *Neighbours*, *Skithouse*, *Eagle & Evans* and has an upcoming featured role in the new Sarah Watt Feature *My Year Without Sex*.

Elke is very excited about reprising her role as *Aimee* in the upcoming Festival.



## Eddie Stowers as MARTY the Station Manager

NZ born, Samoan actor Eddie Stowers is a Perth based veteran of stage and screen. Amongst others he has played *Goldberg* in Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*, *Judd* in *Bouncers*, *Chief Bromden* in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and he won an award in 2007 for Best Musical Performance as *Pontius Pilate* in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He has also appeared in numerous commercials, short and feature films, the latest being *Crush* shot in Perth - but is yet to be mistaken for Dayne (The Rock) Johnson. As he has a background in many years of improvised comedy and theatre, the opportunity to work with Dale and Paul Menz's cast and crew on *The Wireless* is one he relishes. He is particularly looking forward to experiencing the energy and excitement of his first MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL.



## David Dellar as GIBBO the Jock

David has worked as a 'jack of all trades' in the world of Commercial Radio for the better part of the last decade. From being in front of the microphone on-air to behind the scenes as a producer, his understanding of the character, cocky disc jockey 'Gibbo', comes naturally after years of being around a variety of interesting and eclectic radio station personalities, both on and off air.

He looks forward to flexing his formerly dormant acting muscle as SUN FM's very own d-grade celebrity jock, 'Gibbo' for the MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL.



## Belinda Di Vito as TRACY the Receptionist

Belinda is a graduate of the Flinders Drama Centre. She has regularly worked in TV and theatre for a number of years including roles in *Neighbours*, *Stingers* and *Savvy TV Youth Culture Show*. Her theatre credits include leads in *Blood Wedding*, *The Mock Doctor*, *Top Girls*, *Three Tall Women*, *Bash* and *How I Learned to Drive*. Belinda's comic timing and interpretation of the role of *Tracey* was extraordinary to say the least. The audience loved her, and we welcome her back to the role.



## Dave Kenyon as IAN the Techie

Dave Kenyon has worked in film, theatre and TV over the last eight years. His feature films credits include *Blue Notes* directed by Bill Mousoulis, *Parallels* directed by Ben Warner and the controversial film *Welcome to Greensborough*, by Tom McEvoy. He has worked on over thirty short films and last year appeared in the stylised short film, *Tail from The Gun Barrel* directed by Josh O'Neil. Dave has also appeared in leading Australian TV shows such as *The Secret Life of Us*, *Neighbours* and the telemovie, *The King*, and can be currently seen on two Hungry Jacks TVCs. Dave's theatre credits include *Shining City* directed by Chris Baldock in which he was awarded a 2007, 3CR *Curtin Up Gong* for his performance as Lawrence. He also appeared in *Dona Marina* and *Death in Mexico*, directed by Lincoln Gray.



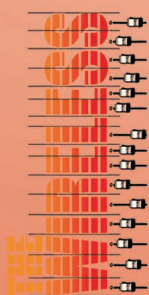
## ...Directed by Dale Menz

Dale's background in producing theatre began with the MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL. He has co-written and performed in 3 previous festival shows - *Please Do Not Eat the Urinal Cakes*, *How to Make a Merkin Quilt* & *My Milky Bush*. Dale studied theatre & film at LaTrobe University and has directed 4 short films between 1999 - 2005. He has been a performer in film, TV and theatre for the past 15 years and has produced 7 independent theatrical productions over the past 8 years including the very well recieved 2003 solo performance about grief and loss on the first anniversary of the septemeber 11 attacks in New York titled *I Love NY*. As the sole producer of *The Wireless'* 2006 production, Dale will now bring his creative influence and understanding of theatrical comedy to his brother's script for the new season.



## ...Written by Paul Menz

The family affair continues with Paul providing a funny and poignant script that is currently relevant to the situation faced by many of the regional radio stations in this country. Paul currently works as one of the head copy-writers for NOVA FM in Melbourne. His background in the Commercial Radio environment began at the regional station STAR FM in Albury. Paul wrote the short film *The Pseudo Echo* which won BEST FILM at the Border Film Festival in 2004. He is currently looking to publish his first novel *The St. James Hotel*.



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