



JIMI BANI

Jimi Bani is a 2007 graduate from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Before attending drama school, Jimi played a regular role in the SBS series **R.A.N (Remote Area Nurse)** shooting in northern Australia and since graduating Jimi has had many leading roles across theatre and television.

Theatrical plays include the lead role in **Jandamarra** (dir: Tom Gutteridge) for Black Swan Theatre Company, **Romeo and Juliet** (dir: Wayne Blair) for Sydney Theatre Company, **Peter Pan** (dir: Ralph Myers) and **Yibiyung** (dir: Wesley Enoch) for Belvoir Theatre, **The Dragon** (dir: Marion Potts) for Malthouse Theatre and **Krakouer!** (dir: Marcelle Schmitz) for Deckchair Theatre. He has also performed in the theatrical production of **The Sapphires**, for both Black Swan Theatre Company (dir: Wesley Enoch) and for Belvoir St Theatre (dir: Neil Armfield). Belvoir went on to tour the show to both London and Korea which Jimi was a part of. Jimi performed the role of Edmund for Malthouse Theatre's **Shadow King**, playing seasons across Australia and at the Barbican Theatre in London. In 2016 he was busy, performing in **Title and Deed** (Belvoir St Theatre), **Storm Boy** (STC) and **Half & Half** (Jute Theatre Co). Most recently he played Ejler Lovborg in **Hedda** (QT) and Othello in **Othello** (QT).

In television, Jimi played a leading role in the ABC television series **The Straits** (dirs: Peter Andrikidis, Rowan Woods and Rachel Ward) for Matchbox Pictures. He then went on to play the title role in the telefeature **Mabo** (dir: Rachel Perkins) which screened on the ABC as well as having a special screening at the Sydney Film Festival in 2012. Most recently he has appeared in **Blue Water Empire**, **Ready for This**, **Redfern Now**, and the latest series of **Black Comedy**, currently available to watch on ABC iView.

Jimi received the 2013 Equity Ensemble Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Television or Miniseries (**Mabo**) and the 2012 Deadly Award for Actor of the Year (**Mabo** and **The Straits**); and the 2012 BOFA Award for Best Actor (**Mabo** and **The Straits**). Jimi also has 6 acting nominations to his name – a 2017 National Dreamtime Award for Best Male Actor, 2014 Helpmann Award Nominee for Best Male Actor (**Shadow King**); 2012 Silver Logie nomination for Most Outstanding Actor in a Television Drama (**Mabo**); a 2012 AACTA nomination for Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama (**Mabo**); a 2009 Helpmann Nomination for Best Supporting Actor (**Yibiyung**) and a 2008 WA Equity Foundation Nomination for Best Newcomer (**Jandamarra**).

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