



LEAH PURCELL AM

FILM

LUNA & THE BRAIN TUNA (Short)

Role: Fisherwoman Jane

SHAYDA

Role: Joyce

THE DROVER'S WIFE THE LEGEND OF MOLLY JOHNSON

Role: Molly Johnson

THE LAST CAB TO DARWIN

Role: Sonya

THE DARKSIDE

Role: Brenda

MY MISTRESS

Role: Audrey

SHE. SAY (Short)

Role: Lead

TOMORROW

Role: Laura

JINDABYNE

Role: Carmel (Main cast)

THE PROPOSITION

Role: Queenie (Main cast)

PREJUDICE

Role: Leah

SOMERSAULT

Role: Diane

****Winner, AFI Best Film Award 2004**

LENNIE CAHILL SHOOTS THROUGH

Role: Dr Sarah Lancaster

BEGINNINGS

Role: Constable

***Winner, Dendy Short Film Award 2002**

LANTANA

Role: Detective Claudia Weiss (Leading role)

****Winner, AFI Best Film Award 2001**

SOMEWHERE IN THE DARKNESS

Role: Lulu

BOX (Short)

Role: Anna (lead role)

PATHOLOGY MAN (Short)

Role: Leigh Sherrie

Dir: Aaron Lucas, Cosmic Scream Pty Ltd 2024

Dir: Noora Niasari, Prod: Origma 45/Dirty Films 2022

Dir: Leah Purcell, Oombarra Productions/Bunya Productions 2020

Dir: Jeremy Sims, Last Cab Productions 2015

Dir: Warwick Thornton. The Darkside Project P/L 2013

Dir: Stephen Lance, Mini Studios 2014

Dir: Leah Purcell, premiered at Sydney Film Festival 2012

Dir: Simon Portus. Swing Wing P/L 2009

Dir: Ray Lawrence, April Films 2006

Dir: John Hillcoat, Producer: Robert Jones 2005

Dir: Nathan Ramsay, Tropfest Film 2005

Dir: Cate Shortland, Producer: Jan Chapman 2004

Dir: Paul Oliver, Producer: Charlie Doane 2003

Dir: Husein Alicajic, Sydney Film Festival 2002

Dir: Ray Lawrence, Jan Chapman Productions 2001

Dir: Paul Fenech, Livewire Films 1999

Dir: Catriona McKenzie, ABC TV 1997

Dir: Paul Fenech

TELEVISION

LOOKING BLACK (Documentary)

Role: Herself

THE LOST FLOWERS OF ALICE HART

Role: Twig

ABC, 2022

Dir: Glendyn Ivin, Made Up Stories/Endeavor Content/Amazon Studios 2022

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ALL MY FRIENDS ARE RACIST

Role: Justice Janelle Ray AO

WENTWORTH (Series 8)

Role: Rita Connors

WENTWORTH (Series 7)

Role: Rita Connors

WENTWORTH (Series 6)

Role: Rita Connors

BLACK COMEDY (Series 3)

Role: Guest Cast

BLACK COMEDY (Series 2)

Role: Detective Graham (SCU)

& Aunt Mary (The Elders)

JANET KING (Series 2)

Role: Heather (main cast)

LOVE CHILD (Series 3)

Role: Daisy

CLEVERMAN

Role: Helen

MARY: THE MAKING OF A PRINCESS (Telemovie) Dir: Jennifer Leacey, Fremantle Media 2015

Role: Toni Klan

HOUSE OF HANCOCK

Role: Hilde Kickett

LOVE CHILD (Series 2)

Role: Daisy

THE AGONY OF MODERN MANNERS

Guest interviewee

REDFERN NOW (Series 2) "Pokies"

Role: Grace

REDFERN NOW (Series 1) "Family"

Role: Grace (Lead)

MY PLACE

Role: Ellen

McLEOD'S DAUGHTERS

Role: Terri Barker (Lead guest)

LOVE MY WAY (Series 3)

Role: Caroline (semi-regular)

STARTER WIFE

Role: Hannah Sprints

BAD COP, BAD COP (Series 1)

Role: Lorraine Simpson

BEASTMASTER (Series 3)

Role: The Black Apparition

BEASTMASTER (Series 2)

Role: The Black Apparition

THE LOST WORLD (Series 2)

Role: Witch Doctor

BEASTMASTER (Series 1)

Role: The Black Apparition

WATER RATS (Series 3)

Role: Sarah Lane

Dir: Bjorn Stewart, Maximo Entertainment, ABC 2021

Dir: Various, Fremantle Media / Foxtel 2020

Dir: Various, Fremantle Media / Foxtel 2019

Dir: Various, Fremantle Media / Foxtel 2018

Dir: Beck Cole & Steven McGregor, Scarlett Pictures/ABC 2018

Dir: Beck Cole & Erica Glynn, Scarlett Pictures/ABC 2017

Dir: Peter Andrikidis, Screentime/ABC 2016

Dir: Geoff Bennett & Grant Brown, Playmaker/Nine Network 2016

Goalpost Pictures/ABC 2016

Dir: Mark Joffe, CJZ / Arresting Television/Nine Network 2015

Dir: Lynn-Maree Danzey, Playmaker/Nine Network 2015

Highwire Films / ABC 2014

Dir: Beck Cole, Blackfella Films/ABC 2013

Dir: Catriona McKenzie, Blackfella Films/ABC 2012

Dir: Shawn Seet, Little Leaf Pictures 2009

Dir: Arnie Cust, Millennium 2008

Dir: Shirley Barrett & Ian Watson, Southern Star 2007

Dir: Jon Avnet, NBC / Hay Pop Pty Ltd 2007

Dir: Cate Shortland, Southern Star 2002

Dir: Colin Budds, Coote Hayes Productions 2001

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Dir: Colin Budds, Telescene Film Group Productions 2001

Dir: Ian Gilmour & Pino Amenta, Coote Hayes Productions 2000

Dir: Chris Martin-Jones, Southern Star 1998

FALLEN ANGELS (Series 1)

Role: Sharon Walker (lead)

GP (Series 8)

Role: Donna

POLICE RESCUE (Series 5)

Role: Constable Tracy Davis (Main cast)

Dir: Various, ABC TV 1997

Dir: Tony Tilse, Roadshow Coote & Carroll, 1996

Dir: Various, Southern Star 1996

ONLINE

KRYSTAL KLAIRVOYANT

Role: Deborah

Dir: Erin Good, Example Content 2022

THEATRE

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Role: Lead

RADIANCE

Role: Cressey

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

Role: Ruby

THE DARK ROOM

Role: Anni

BLOOD WEDDING

Role: The Mother

THE STORY OF MIRACLES AT COOKIES TABLE Dir: Leah Purcell, QPAC 2010

Role: Annie (Lead role)

KING LEAR

Role: Regan

WHEN THE RAIN STOPS FALLING

Role: Gabrielle Law

AN OAK TREE (Opening night)

Role: The other person

THE STORY OF MIRACLES AT COOKIE'S TABLE Dir: Marion Potts, Griffin Theatre Co 2007

Role: Annie (Lead role)

PARRAMATTA GIRLS

Role: Marlene

THE GOOD BODY

One Woman Show

STICKYBRICKS

Role: Various

STUFF HAPPENS

Role: Dr Condeleeza Rice

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Benefit Performance.

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Main cast

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

BEASTY GIRL: The Secret Life of Errol Flynn Dir: Scott Rankin, Melb Int Arts 2003

Role: Errol Flynn

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Role: Elizabeth

Dir: Leticia Cáceres, Company B Belvoir 2016

Dir: Leah Purcell, Company B Belvoir 2015

Co-writer & Dir: Leah Purcell, Downstairs Belvoir 2012

Dir: Leticia Cáceres, Company B Belvoir 2011

Dir: Ian Sinclair, Sydney Theatre Co. 2011

Dir: Marion Potts, Bell Shakespeare Company 2010

Dir: Michael Attenborough, Almeida Theatre London 2009

Dir: Tanya Goldberg, Downstairs Belvoir 2008

Dir: Wesley Enoch, Company B Belvoir Street Theatre 2007

Dir: Caroline Stacey, Adrian Bohm Presents, for Adelaide Fringe Festival 2006

Dir: Scott Rankin, Big hART / Sydney Festival 2006

Dir: Neil Armfield, Company B & Comedy Theatre, Melb 2005

World V Day, NIDA Parade Theatre, Sydney, Australia 2005

Dir: Leah Purcell, Harold Blair Theatre, Cherbourg, Qld 2004

Dir: Sean Mee. Theatre Row, Broadway, New York, USA

Dir: Leah Purcell & Sean Mee. Perth Int Arts Festival 2003

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Role: Elizabeth

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Role: Elizabeth

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Cast: Leah Purcell, Judy Nunn
& Denise Roberts

NOWHERE

Role: Vonnie

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

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Role: Leah/Steff

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Cast: Leah Purcell, Tracey Mann
& Brooke Satchwell

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Role: Suzanne (lead)

BOX THE PONY

Role: Leah/Steff

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Role: Suzanne

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Role: Leah/Steff

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Role: Leah/Steff

STATION 2: Eye of Another

Role: Lucy (Lead role)

LOW

Role: Emma

BRAN NUE DAE

Role: Marijuana Annie (Leading role)

WRITER

THE TWELVE

Episodes 3 & 7

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Screenplay

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Novel

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Stage play

Dir: Leah Purcell & Sean Mee. Playhouse, Syd Opera House Festival 2003

Dir: Leah Purcell & Sean Mee. World Premiere, QLD Perf Arts Centre
2002

NIDA Parade Theatre, Sydney

Dir: Aubrey Mellor, Beckett Theatre, Malthouse. Melbourne International
Arts Fest 2001

Dir: Sean Mee, Barbican Centre BITE: Arts Fest London 2000

Dir: Sean Mee, Playhouse, SOH, Message Sticks Festival 2000

Dir: Sean Mee, Cremorne Theatre, QLD Perf Arts Centre 2000

Dir: Sean Mee, Company B, Belvoir St. Theatre, Sydney 1999

Valhalla Cinema, Syd

Dir: Neil Armfield, Drama Theatre, SOH Olympic Arts Fest
1998

Dir: Sean Mee, VIC Arts Centre, Melb Int Arts Festival 1998

Dir: Sean Mee, Barracks, Edinburgh Arts Festival, UK

Dir: Sean Mee, Civic Theatre, Perth Int Arts Festival

Dir: Neil Armfield, Optus Playhouse, QLD PerfArts Centre 1998

Dir: Sean Mee, Odeon Theatre, Adelaide Int Arts Fest

Dir: Sean Mee, *World Premiere, Syd Opera House, Festival of Dreaming
1997

Odeon Theatre, Adelaide International Arts Festival 1996

Dir: Sean Mee, Writer: Daniel Keene, La Boite Theatre 1994

Dir: Andrew Ross, National Tour Australia 1993

Warner Bros. Entertainment / Foxtel 2022

Bunya Productions 2020

Penguin Randomhouse 2019

Belvoir Street Theatre 2016

READY FOR THIS

Television show

REDFERN NOW (Series 2)

Episode: Consequences

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

Stage play, Co-writer with Eamon Flack

SHE. SAY (Short)

Writer/Director

ACTOR ON A BOX – THE DREAMING

Writer

NETBALL

Feature film

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Stage play

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Book

BLACK CHICKS TALKING

Documentary

BOX THE PONY

Book

BOX THE PONY

Stage play, Co-writer with Scott Rankin

Blackfella Films 2015

Blackfella Films 2013

Belvoir Street Downstairs Theatre 2012

Premiered at Sydney Film Festival 2012

Sydney Theatre Comedy 2011

2006

2002

2002

2002

1997

DIRECTOR

HERE OUT WEST

Feature Film

THE DROVER'S WIFE

Feature Film

MY LIFE IS MURDER

TV series

CLEVERMAN (Series 2)

TV series

THE SECRET DAUGHTER (Series 1)

TV series

CLEVERMAN (Series 1)

TV series

RADIANCE

Play

BROTHERS WRECK

Play

REDFERN NOW (Series 2)

"Consequences"

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

One woman show

REDFERN NOW (Series 1)

"Sweet Spot"

SHE. SAY (Short)

Writer/Director

STOLEN

ACPA (Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts) at the Cremorne Theatre, QPAT 2011

Co-Curious / Emerald Productions / ABC 2022

Bunya Productions 2020

CJZ & Network TEN 2019

Goalpost Pictures / ABC Drama 2017

Seven Network, 2016

Goalpost Pictures / ABC Drama 2016

Company B at Belvoir Theatre 2015

Company B at Belvoir Theatre 2014

Blackfella Films / ABC 2013

Belvoir St Theatre 2012

Blackfella Films / ABC 2012

Premiered at Sydney Film Festival 2012

THEATRE IN PRACTICE – STOLEN Sydney Theatre Company
ACTOR ON A BOX – THE DREAMING Sydney Theatre Company 2011
AUNTY MAGGIE AND THE WOMBA WOKGUN (Short) Bungabura Productions Pty Ltd 2009
 Screen Australia
THE 7 STAGES OF GRIEVING Sydney Theatre Company 2008
 Education program
REFLECTIONS: Referendum 40 Years and to the Future ACPA / Cremorne Theatre @ QPAC 2008
HOWIE THE ROOKIE
 Stage play
 Stage play by Mark O'Rowe Kooemba Jdarra / Brisbane Powerhouse 2006
THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES
 Stage play by Eve Ensler
BLACK CHICKS TALKING Bungabura Productions Pty Ltd 2002
 Documentary
BLACK CHICKS TALKING Bungabura Productions Pty Ltd 2002
 Stage play

PRESENTER / MC

APRA-AGSC SCREEN MUSIC AWARDS Best Music for a Feature Film Score 2008
 Presenter
GROW
 Indigenous Employer Workshops
AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORS GUILD AWARDS 2008
 Host
NAIDOC Awards & Ball Canberra 2008
 Co-host and voice over artist
'THEIR SPIRIT STILL SHINES' Great Big Events, Old Parliament House, Canberra
COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY,
40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967
REFERENDUM ON RECONCILIATION
 MC
NAIDOC Awards Cairns, FaCSIA 2007
 MC
GROW Indigenous Employer Workshop
 Presenter
BYRON KENNEDY AWARD 'COMMITTEE Enmore Theatre, Sydney 2006
MEMBER' FOR AFI AWARDS MUSICOZ AWARDS
JOBS, CAREER, FUTURE AWARDS Parliament House, Canberra
 MC
CORNERSTONES conference
 Director of Presentation
DEADLY AWARDS Opera House
 Presenter
ABORIGINAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
 Keynote Speaker
THE SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL Opening Night
 MC
NAIDOC Awards Cairns, FaCSIA 2006
 MC
GROW Indigenous Employer Workshops

Presenter

HELPMAN AWARDS

Lyric Theatre, Star City

Presenter

HELPMAN AWARD NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2005

Star City

NATIONAL NAIDOC AWARDS & BALL

Adelaide Convention Centre

MC

STOMPEN GROUND CONCERT

Broome, WA

Message Sticks, ABC TV

OYSTER COVE MUSIC SPECIAL

Hobart, TAS

Blackout, ABC TV

LEAH'S SOUL KITCHEN.

Red Music Channel (now Foxtel), XYZ Entertainment

Voice Jockey

MUSIC

NATIONAL ANTHEM – Friday night football @ Suncorp Stadium, In recognition of 1967 Referendum

MUSIC with Alex Raineri @ THE VANGUARD (Stuart Craine producer)

TIDDA KAIA - Theme Song: Black Chicks Talking Documentary (written & sung by Leah Purcell)

NATIONAL ANTHEM – Charity Shield, the return of South Sydney back into NRL (SFS, Sydney, Australia)

GOODWILL GAMES – National Anthem (Boondall Entertainment Centre, Brisbane QLD).

DEADLY AWARDS – Female Indigenous Music Artist of the Year (Sydney Opera House 2000)

SHANIA TWAIN – Support Artist on National Tour – LPG (Leah Purcell Group)

COLOUR ME – Theme Song, Coloured Inn (Sitcom Pilot, ABC TV)

STOMPEN GROUND CONCERT – LPG (Leah Purcell Group), Broome, WA.

SURVIVAL CONCERT – Solo Performance. La Perouse, Sydney, NSW.

VOICE / NARRATION

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

Documentary / Channel 10

Narrator

DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN

Audio Book by Ruby Langford

Narrator

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

2021 MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AM) – Awarded for significant service to the performing arts, to First Nations youth and culture, and to women.

2021 ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN AWARDS (APSA) – Winner, Grand Jury Prize - The Drover's Wife The Legend of Molly Johnson (Feature Film)

2019 LOGIE AWARDS – Nomination, Most Outstanding Actress for Wentworth

2017 AWGIE AWARDS – Winner, Best Play, David Williamson Award for Excellence in Theatre and the Major Award.

2017 HELPMANN AWARDS – Winner, Best Play, Best New Australian Work & Best Female in a Play The Drover's Wife

2017 UNESCO City of Film Award at the Sydney Film Festival

2017 VICTORIAN PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – Winner, Prize for Drama The Drover's Wife

2017 VICTORIAN PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – Winner, Prize for Literature The Drover's Wife by Leah Purcell

2016 SYDNEY THEATRE AWARDS - Winner, Best New Australian Work and Best Mainstage Production The Drover's Wife

2016 AACTA Award – Nomination, Best Comedy Performance: Black Comedy

2016 AWGIE AWARDS – Winner, Best Writer, Children's Television: Ready for This: The Birthday Party.

2015 INSTYLE - WOMEN OF STYLE AWARDS: Arts and Culture - Nomination

2013 EQUITY ENSEMBLE AWARDS – Winner, Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a drama series – Redfern Now (Leah Purcell)

2012 ADG AWARDS – Nomination, Best Television Drama Director, Redfern Now
2012 LOGIE AWARDS – Nomination, Most Outstanding Actress in a Television Drama, Redfern Now
2012 AACTA AWARDS – Winner, Best Lead Actress in a Television Drama Redfern Now
2010 MATILDA AWARDS – Winner, Best Female Actor in a Play –The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2010 MATILDA TROPHY – for Directing & Acting contribution to Indigenous Community with Arts.
2009 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, Actor of the Year 2009
2007 DEADLY AWARDS – Winner, Actor of the Year 2007
2008 HELPMAN AWARDS – Winner, Best Actress in a play - The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2007 SYDNEY THEATRE AWARDS–Nomination Best Actress in a play - The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2007 GLUG THEATRE AWARDS -NORMAN KESSELL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS – The Story of Miracles at Cookie’s Table.
2006 BYRON KENNEDY AWARD ‘COMMITTEE MEMBER’ /AFI AWARDS
2006 DEADLY AWARDS – Nomination, Actor of the Year - Jindabyne, feature film
2006 HELPMAN AWARDS – Nomination, Best Actress in a play - Condeleeza Rice in Stuff Happens, Company B.
Recipient of the Inaugural 2006 “Bob Maza Fellowship” – to further the career of Indigenous Artist overseas.
2006 MO AWARDS – Nomination, **Best Actress in a Play for 2005** – for Condeleeza Rice in Stuff Happens.
2006 DEADLY AWARDS – **Winner, Actor of the Year 2005** - for the portrayal of Condeleeza Rice in Stuff Happens.
2004 GREEN ROOM AWARD–**Winner, Best Actress in a play** - Beastly Girl: The Secret Life of Errol Flynn.
2002 IF AWARDS - Winner, Best Documentary - Black Chicks Talking
2002 THE LOGIE AWARDS – **Nomination Best Documentary** - Black Chicks Talking
2001 IF AWARDS – **Winner, Best Actress in a Film** - Lantana
2001 HELPMAN AWARDS – **Nomination, Best Actress in a Play** - Box the Pony, stage play.
2001 DEADLY AWARDS – **Winner, Indigenous Female Music Artist of the Year**
2000 QLD PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – **Winner, Best Play Script** - Box the Pony.
1999 NSW PREMIER LITERARY AWARDS – **Winner - Best Play Script** - Box the Pony.
1996 AFI (Australian Film Institute) AWARDS – **Nomination Best Actress in a TV Drama.** Fallen Angels
1995 DEADLY AWARDS – **Winner, Best New Talent.**
1994 MATILDA AWARDS – **Winner, Best New Talent for Low**