

TODD MCKENNEY



One of Australia's most versatile performing artists, Todd McKenney is an award winning and critically acclaimed performer on stage and screen. As an actor and the leading man of song and dance in musical theatre productions and has entertained Australia for over 30 years from main stage to intimate venues.

2020 has seen Todd step into the role of Lord Farquaad in the Hit Musical "Shrek". In 2019 Todd stepped out on stage as Australia's Greatest Showman in the title role of 'P.T Barnham' as well as leading the cast on some of the 7 Network's major productions including 'The Full Monty', 'The Real Full Monty', 'Mates on a Mission' and the most recent 'Ladies Night' – a one night show that was dedicated to women's health awareness, particularly breast cancer. Todd also appeared as a host / choreographer in 'The Real Dirty Dancing' a four episode spin off of the 1987 classic film the *Dirty Dancing*, which saw eight celebrities revisit the most memorable dancing moments from the original movie.

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It's not surprising that Todd McKenney is a household name. Todd's stage credit roll and career highlights include his most notable role of Peter Allen in the Australian hit production *The Boy From Oz* in which he performed over 1000 shows nationally and became one of the longest running and most successful musical productions in Australian history.

Todd's first professional musical role was in 1983 in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Song and Dance*. Todd's career followed with lead and headline roles in *Cats*, *42nd Street*, *West Side Story*, *Crazy For You*, *Born Yesterday*, *Camelot*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Cabaret*, *Strictly Ballroom*, *La Cage aux Folles*, *Singin' In the Rain*, *Anything Goes*, *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, *Orpheus In the Underworld* for Opera Australia, *Annie the Musical*, *Grease* and *Anything Goes*. In 2018 he stepped into the stilettos and successfully took on the role of Frank N' Furter in *The Rocky Horror Show* in Melbourne.

As a dancer, his journey started at the age of three at his mother's dancing school in Perth, training in jazz, tap, acrobatics and ballroom dancing. He represented Australia in ballroom and Latin American dancing, winning many international dance titles. Amongst his Australian awards for performance in musical theatre he has two 'Mo Awards', the 'Variety Club Heart Award', the 'Glug Award', the 'Green Room Award', two 'Australian Dance Awards' and a 'Helpmann Award'.

On Television he has shared his wisdom and honesty as the colourful and often controversial judge on the Channel 7 hit series 'Dancing With the Stars'. He also starred in the Hit Show 'Winners and Loser' on the 7 Network. Todd has also appeared as a guest judge on 'Australia's got Talent', hosted on a range of morning Television programs and appeared as an entertaining guest across all networks. On radio Todd co-hosted Sydney's MIX106.5FM breakfast radio program with Sonia Kruger for two years and is a regular guest on the airwaves.

On a personal level, Todd had the delight of becoming a father in 2007 and his daughter Charlotte is the light of his life. Todd is also a student of 'Auslan' sign language and has worked within the deaf community all around Australia and also works with The Children's Tumour Foundation.

You can keep up to date with Todd McKenney's Centre Stage Tours where he hosts 'Dinner and a Show' Todd style. Check this out at: www.toddstours.com.

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