



Ben Taylor in *Rise of the Underdog*
photo by Damien Bredberg

Ben Taylor recently worked alongside Martin Sacks shooting a trailer for the feature film *Rise of the Underdog* directed by Mack Lindon. The film will go into production with Vision Films in November.



The Actors Workshop

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Industry News

Cannes Film Festival:

Several short films featuring Actors Workshop graduates have received the prestigious honour of acceptance into the Cannes Short Film corner, a division of the Cannes Film Festival. Revue Factories' *Real Love* featuring Mercedes Porter and Craig I'Anson will screen at the event with Co-founders Liesl Hinde and Aaron Singfield heading to France to attend. Also screening is *One In All In* directed by Matthew Hoffman and featuring Workshoppers Lucas Kreuger & Andrew Lowe. More information about the festival can be found [here](#).



Mercedes Porter and Craig I'Anson in *Real Love*
Photo courtesy of *Revue Factory*

Best in Show



Andrew Lowe as *Albert*
Photo by Greg Bartle

Andrew Lowe and Richard Lamont performed sold out shows during February and March of *Picnic at Hanging Rock* for the Brisbane Arts Theatre, directed by Carol Burns. If you missed it, some fantastic reviews can be found at Stage Whispers, Aussie Theatre, Theatre People and [here](#).

Eye of the Alumni: Rob Jenkins

A chin above the rest...

As one of the Workshop's earliest graduates, Rob Jenkins has a large list of credits under his belt and has divided his time over the years between Brisbane, Los Angeles and Sydney. His credits include television's *All Saints*, *CNN* and the *Spierig Brothers'* feature *Undead*. He has even been fortunate enough to win a Queensland New Film-makers award for Best Actor along the way. Most recently he finished filming *Australiens* the latest offering from Artspear Entertainment (*The Killage & The Void*). "This was the second time I've had the opportunity to work with Artspear after playing *Gustaf* in *The Void* (2012). In *Australiens*, Alien's declare war on Australia and it's up to a small group of friends to stand up and fight. I play the role of *Nelson* who is the father of *Stix*, one of friends in the group." At the tender age of 37 Rob was aged to play the 50 year old character. *Australiens* a Sci-fi/comedy written and directed by Joe Bauer and produced by Rita Artmann.



Rob Jenkins

For the fourth consecutive year, Rob's... erm, chin has appeared in the *World's Greatest Shave TVC* campaign for the Leukaemia Foundation. Certainly an unusual gig for an actor, Rob says the most challenging aspects of these roles were "1. The ability to tell a story with only one fifth of your face. 2. Mastering the character voices (*Werewolf Chin 2010*, *Blockbuster Chin 2010 & 2011* and *Hair Thrills Chin 2012*) and 3. Delivering these voices whilst laying flat on your back with head tilted backwards in the most uncomfortable position." But the pay off, he says is "Seeing the amazing job that is done when the TVC goes to air. And best of all, it's for a legitimate and worthwhile cause."

Rob says his training at **The Workshop** "...Has given me the tools and the confidence to know that I will always be ready for the role and whatever is asked of me. You are always auditioning for your next role, regardless of whether the camera is rolling or not. The way in which you conduct yourself on set and in public is a billboard for your business."

As for the future? "I've had the privilege of working with some of the most talented film directors in Australia and would love to explore the opportunities to work with film-makers in the USA and live abroad." Rob's credits can be viewed [here](#).

In the Works

- * *Bad Behaviour* produced by workshopper **Kris Maric** featuring **John Jarratt** and **Georgina Symes** is being distributed by **Monster Pictures**. **Kris** also has a self written feature in development titled *Stalker*. **Kris** will produce the film and it will also star **John Jarratt** and **Sigrid Thornton**.
- * **Georgina Symes'** show *Uta Uber Kool Ja* tours Brisbane from May 8-18th at the **Judith Wright Centre**. **Georgie** won the Best Performance Award at the **Perth Fringe Festival** & has been receiving 5 star reviews in Adelaide. **Georgie** also did some sketch comedy for a new **ABC** series called *The Elegant Gentleman's Guide to Knife Fighting*, & also features in the **RSVP TVC** now airing.
- * Directed by **Felicity Mason** and **Dan MacArthur** and featuring many, many Workshoppers *ShockArt!* will screen at the **Faux Film Festival** at the end of March.
- * **Alex Hines** just finished playing *Helga Ten Dorp* in **Underground Productions** *Deathtrap* at **Schonell Theatre** directed by **Megan Gansberg**.
- * **Heath Yen Sen Chio** played lead roles in a couple of short films *Whoodoo Voodoo (QPIX)* and *Crazy, Stupid Love (Griffith Film School)*. **Heath** also had a supporting role in the **New York Film Academy** short *Diesel*.
- * **Sally Pitts** performed *Cosi* with **Eagle's Nest Theatre Company** which toured to high schools in Melbourne.
- * **Jermia Turner** is currently performing in two shows: An original production with **Beenleigh Theatre Group** called *Billy Buckett* which opens on the 26th of April and runs for 3 weeks, and *Reefer Madness* with **Phoenix Ensemble**, opening on the 17th of May and running for 5 weeks.
- * **Loretta Kung** is currently shooting a student film from **metropolitan south TAFE** called *Just Business*.
- * **Ben Taylor's** short film *The Worm Eaters* will screen at the **West End Film Festival** later this month. **Ben** also recently worked on several feature films. *Picnic* with **Dean Kirkright**, directed by **Miranda Wright** and *Goodbye Tiger*, directed by **Joel Devereux** and *Hand of Art* with fellow Workshopper **Mercedes Porter**, directed by **Jack Webb**.
- * **Bronte Pearce** will play *Sarah*, a young women held captive, in **Adrios Productions** short film *Old Testament*.
- * **Andrew Lowe** worked on the short *Angel Box* directed by **Danny Sharpe**.
- * **Peter Adams** is featured in the **Nandos TVC** now playing.
- * **Johancee Theron** and **Andrew Lowe** will be part of *Frankenstein* for **Fractal Theatre Company** which will be directed by **Brenna Lee-Cooney** and will show at the **Brisbane Arts Theatre**. Opens Friday 3rd May - runs until May 18th.
- * *Dartworth* Directed by **Andre Seager** and produced by **Melissa Veerhuis** featuring **Liam Noonan**, **Lucas Kreuger** and **Mungo McKay** has received DVD distribution in North America by **Vanguard Cinema**. Check out the trailer [here](#).
- * **Tamara McLaughlin**, **Gene Banyard**, **Lizzy Hayes**, **Emily Poncini** and **Scott Young** commence shooting next week on *A Man's World*, produced by **Morgan Mackay** and directed by **Greg Kelly**.
- * Congratulations to **Kelly Joyce** and **Warrick Fraser** on the birth of their daughter.
- * **Johancee Theron** will perform in *Dare To Share* with the **Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble** - it runs from the 3rd April until the 6th April
- * We must give thanks and credit to **APSAI** for use of their image in the last issue. Also our sincere apologies to **Tegan Devine** for spelling her name incorrectly - sorry Tegan!

Friends of the Workshop

Artspear Entertainment's second Feature film

Australiens is now in the can and headed for 12 months of post production. A terrific time was had by all involved and many Workshoppers helped bring the film to life. Check out this cast and crew cartoon drawn by the film's talented Director **Joe Bauer**. You can view the full resolution version [here](#).



The Noticeboard

Damien Power is about to do his third show at the **Brisbane Comedy Festival**. Titled *The Disillusioned Ego*, the show runs at the **Brisbane Powerhouse** from the 19th to the 24th of March. Tickets available [here](#).