

## ROD ANSELL

Rod has been acting and singing for a living since 1981 playing villains, kings, clowns, lovers, loonies & lowlifes on stages from the Sydney Opera House to an outback shearing shed but his favourite stage has always been Newcastle's Civic Playhouse.

As director, he has recently created full-blooded adaptations of Shakespeare for youth performers, with successful productions of ***Romeo & Juliet, Richard 111, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night, Macbeth, As You Like It, The Winter's Tale.***

As a singer and musician, Rod has played and recorded in blues, country, rock, and Latin bands on vocals, harmonica and sax and has composed songs and music for several stage productions.

On screen: ***Suburban Mayhem, Martha's New Coat, Blue Lies, Black Rider, Rescue: Special Ops,*** recent locally produced feature-length films, ***Maclean's Money, Slaughterhouse Bride*** plus TV commercials from local to international.

Rod Ansell showreel 3 mins:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDvgem-uCtE>

Filmography

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1578691/>

## STAGE ACTING

Richard 111	Flying Teapot Theatre
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Brilliant Lies	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Diary of a Madman	Hunter Valley Theatre Co/Flying Teapot Theatre
Macbeth	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Money and Friends	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Oliver!	Opera Hunter
The Elephant Man	Adenau Productions
Spring Awakening	Hunter Region Drama School
Absurd Person Singular	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Arms and the Man	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Twelfth Night	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Blackrock	2 til 5 Youth Theatre
Human Resources	Stray Dogs Theatre
Robin Hood	Freewheels Theatre
Away	Synergy3 Prods
Subterranean Uni Blues	Stray Dogs Theatre
Speed City	Hammer'n'Tongs Theatre
Loudspeakers	Synergy3 Prods
The Venetian Twins	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Jolly Jester	Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant
King Arthur	Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant
King Richard	Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant
Seems Like Old Times	Stray Dogs Theatre
Hounds On Ice	Footlice Theatre
Guillotini!	Stray Dogs Theatre
Shiver Me Timbers	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Summer of the 17th Doll	Freewheels Theatre
Kid Stakes	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Other Times	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
These Foolish Things	Stray Dogs Theatre
Essington Lewis: I Am Work	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Debts	Zeal Theatre
The Quest for Grendel	Zeal Theatre
Newcastle Shorts	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
It Gives Me Great Pleasure	Kings Theatre
Abelard & Heloise	Opera Hunter
The Unmentionables	R & J Prods
Blast Me Barnacles	Hunter Valley Theatre Co
Who Does He Think He Is Anyway?	Flying Teapot Theatre

Cabaret du Mort  
Dick Whittington  
S.A.O.  
Odd Bods  
Mission Improbable  
Susannah Place  
Confusion of Tongues  
Sheriff's Revenge  
Treasure Island  
Blackrock  
Too Far to Walk  
Chester & Sylvester  
Bob is in the Mud  
Good Old Aussie BBQ  
Poetry As Theatre

Flying Teapot Theatre  
Civic Theatre Prods  
Hunter Valley Theatre Co  
New England theatre Co  
New England theatre Co  
Footlice Theatre  
Stray Dogs Theatre  
Freewheels Theatre  
Sydney Opera House Trust  
Tantrum Theatre:  
Old Bar Prods  
Labyrinth Theatre  
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#### **DIRECTING**

*Macbeth*

Young People's Theatre

*Macbeth*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

*Romeo & Juliet*

Young People's Theatre

*Romeo & Juliet*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

*When The Wind Blows*

DAPA

*Volpone*

Newcastle Repertory Theatre

*Richard 111*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

*Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me* Murray River Performing Group

*The Maids*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*An Ideal Husband*

Newcastle Repertory Theatre

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

North West Theatre Co

*Normie & Tuan*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*Magic Spell*

Freewheels Theatre

*Dob! Dob! Dob!*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*Rooted*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

*Gothick*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*Diary of a Madman*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*Chester & Sylvester*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*Richard 111*

Flying Teapot Theatre

*Twelfth Night*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

*Cosi*

Maitland Repertory Theatre

*Treasure Hunt*

Tantrum Youth Theatre

*As You Like It*

Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre

***Poetry As Theatre***  
***As You Like It***  
***The Winter's Tale***

**Labyrinth Theatre**  
**Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre**  
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## **ROD ANSELL - Brief CV 2011**

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Rod is one of the Newcastle's most experienced **professional actors & directors.**

Over 3 decades he has performed on stages from the **Sydney Opera House** to an outback shearing shed in major roles from **Shakespeare** to **Williamson** and in many first productions of **new Australian works.**

Lately he has specialised in full-blooded adaptations of Shakespeare for youth performers, with successful productions of ***Romeo & Juliet, Richard 111, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night, Macbeth, As You Like It, The Winter's Tale*** for which he also composed & recorded the music score.

He has recently finished shooting a major role in feature film and performing onstage in ***Blackrock*** and ***Too Far To Walk.*** Recently he's been touring Australia with rock band the ***Agents of Peace*** on saxophone, harmonica and vocals, performing original songs with ***The Rooty Toot Tooters*** and teaching Acting for the **University of Newcastle Drama Dept** and **Young People's Theatre.**

**Feature screen roles in recent Australian films**

***Suburban Mayhem, Martha's New Coat, Blue Lies, Maclean's Money, Rescue: Special Ops, Slaughterhouse Bride***

**and many short films, radio & TV**

**commercials - local to international.**

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## **Actor:**

Acting professionally since 1981:

*Richard 111, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Brilliant Lies, Diary of a Madman, Macbeth, Money and Friends, Absurd Person Singular, Arms and the Man, Twelfth Night, Human Resources, Robin Hood, Away, Oliver!, Oleanna, Subterranean Uni Blues, Speed City, Loudspeakers, The Venetian Twins, Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant, Seems Like Old Times, Hounds On Ice, Guillotin!, Shiver Me Timbers, Summer of the 17th Doll, Kid Stakes, Other Times, These Foolish Things, Essington Lewis: I Am Work, Debts, Newcastle Shorts, It Gives Me Great Pleasure, Abelard & Heloise, The Unmentionables, Blast Me Barnacles, Who Does He Think He Is Anyway?, Cabaret du Mort, Dick Whittington, S.A.O., Odd Bods, Mission Improbable, Susannah Place, Confusion of Tongues, Sheriff's Revenge, Treasure Island, Blackrock, Too Far to Walk, Poetry As Theatre* and many more + roles in recent **feature films**

*Suburban Mayhem, Martha's New Coat, Blue Lies, Maclean's Money, Slaughterhouse Bride* and many short films, **TV & radio** commercials.

## **Director:**

As **director** since 1981, Rod has worked professionally with

*Hunter Valley Theatre Co, Freewheels, Flying Teapot Theatre, Tantrum Youth Theatre, Young People's Theatre, Not Another Theatre Co, New England Theatre Co, Murray River Performing Group, Labyrinth Theatre, Reamus Youth Theatre, Newcastle Theatre Co, North West Theatre Co*

and on many Theatre-in-Education & independent productions including:

*Romeo & Juliet, Richard 111, When The Wind Blows, Volpone, Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me; The Maids, An Ideal Husband, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, Normie & Tuan, Dob! Dob! Dob!, Rooted, Gothick, Diary of a Madman, Oleanna, Chester & Sylvester, Richard 111, Twelfth Night, Cosi, Treasure Hunt, As You Like It, Poetry As Theatre, As You Like It, The Winter's Tale.*

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**Romeo & Juliet** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**Romeo & Juliet** Young People's Theatre  
**Richard 111** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**When The Wind Blows** DAPA  
**Volpone** Newcastle Repertory Theatre  
**Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me** Murray River Performing Group  
**The Maids** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**An Ideal Husband** Newcastle Repertory Theatre  
**A Midsummer Night's Dream** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**A Midsummer Night's Dream** North West Theatre Co  
**Macbeth** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**Normie & Tuan** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**Magic Spell** Freewheels Theatre  
**Dob! Dob! Dob!** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**Rooted** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**Gothick** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**Diary of a Madman** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**Chester & Sylvester** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**Richard 111** Flying Teapot Theatre  
**Twelfth Night** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**Cosi** Maitland Repertory Theatre  
**Treasure Hunt** Tantrum Youth Theatre  
**As You Like It** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**Poetry As Theatre** Labyrinth Theatre  
**As You Like It** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre  
**The Winter's Tale** Maitland Reamus Youth Theatre



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### **Poetry & Shakespeare**

Through the 1980s into the 1990s, Rod was **director and principal performer** of Labyrinth Theatre, whose productions of **POETRY AS THEATRE** toured constantly in NSW high schools and theatres with exciting presentations of the poetry of *TS Eliot*, *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*, *Bruce Dawe*, *Judith Wright*, *Douglas Stewart*, *Robert Browning*, *Wilfred Owen*, *Siegfried Sassoon*, *WH Auden etc.* In 2008 he was a performer with the award-winning Synergy3 performance poetry troupe, **LOUDSPEAKERS**.

For the last decade, Rod has specialized in classics, adapting, designing & directing hot-blooded, accessible and commercially successful productions of Shakespeare's *Richard 111*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *As You Like It*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night* and *The Winter's Tale* as well as Jean Genet's *The Maids*, Nikolai Gogol's *Diary of a Madman*, Ben Jonson's *Volpone* Louis Nowra's *Cosi* and Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*.

### **Teaching**

From 2003 – 2009, Rod was teacher of Acting for **University of Newcastle Drama Department** (see reference attached).

