

MICHALA BANAS

Michala Banas is a multi-award-winning film, television and theatre actor. Born in New Zealand and raised in Australia, Michala's career began very early with her first film credit at the age of 5. Since then, she has forged a remarkable career, starring in over 40 films, television and theatre productions.

She quickly became the go-to girl for TV drama in Australia starring in *Always Greener*, *McLeod's Daughters*, *Winners and Losers* and *Nowhere Boys*. More recently, after the huge success of *Upper Middle Bogan*, in which she played the much loved and feisty Amber Wheeler, she has been in high demand for comedy and television with the upcoming *Bad Mothers* for Channel 9, *Hamish and Andy's True Story*, *Luke Warm Sex* and *Get Krack!n*. Michala's film credits include *That's Not My Dog*, *Ned*, *Scooby Doo* and *Nowhere Boys: The Book of Shadows*. Michala is also a writer, a founding member and co-artistic director of Green Room nominated theatre company, The KIN Collective, and producer on the groundbreaking documentary, *The Show Must Go On*.

As well as acting on screen, Michala has found herself Co-Hosting many shows, these include *The 7pm Project* (Network Ten), *The Circle* (Network Ten). Additionally Michala has been a Panel Member on well-known shows such as *Have You Been Paying Attention* (Network Ten), *Show Me The Movie!* (Network Ten), *Hughesy*, *We Have A Problem* (Network Ten), *20 to 1* (Nine Network), *Dirty Laundry Live* (ABC).

Michala's skills have naturally moved her off camera to MC, Hosting and Presenting duties, with her natural charisma and being a talented improviser she has found herself presenting at many events such as the AACTA awards, DGA Awards and Co-Hosting the Casting Guild Awards. Michala has also been a MC at many events which has included most recently an end of year event for Kmart.

Michala has also crossed over to Radio where she has regularly been a guest or co-hosted on a number of programs including *The Matt & Jo Show* (Fox FM), *Chrissy Sam and Brownie* (Nova) and *Hamish & Andy* (Fox FM).