



# EMMA BISHOP

## STAGEANTICS – TUTOR

Emma is a well-known theatre and education practitioner in Aotearoa. Growing up in theatre Emma spent her first act in Dunedin as an active member of both Opera Otago and Dunedin Operatic, with highlights being performing in the 1994 Consortium of Les Miserables and 1995 Merry Widow with Dame Malvina Major. Here Emma attended Otago University as a voice student of Honor McKellar.

The second act saw her relocate to Nelson to attend performing arts school as it became apparent that musical theatre was her number one passion. Here, highlights included gaining a Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) and playing Columbia in The Rocky Horror Picture Show for the Nelson Arts Festival in 1998.

The third act saw Emma move to Auckland and train as a primary teacher specialising in Music education followed by gaining a Masters in Dance Education at The University of Auckland. Emma spent 15 years as a full-time educator before leaving full time teaching in 2016 to set up her own performing arts company StageAntics which offers training in all areas of theatre in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. Under this umbrella Emma also created corporate entertainment group Queen\_St with a kaupapa of providing quality performance as well as giving back to the community with each event having a giveback portion.

Emma is also half of the team producing KickArts the weekly arts radio show on Planet FM 104.6

Emma's vast experience, both on and off stage, has not only seen her nominated for and winning a number of theatre awards but also elected into a number of national positions including being: a Life Member and the President of Drama NZ, the National Subject Association for Drama in Education; Co-Chair of Whirimanga, on the National Arts in Education Alliance; Zone One Rep for Musical Theatre NZ

Emma is also a familiar face due to her position as the NZ National Coordinator for Junior Theatre NZ, producing the Annual Festival in Auckland. Pre Covid she was also a regular at the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta where she was one of the faculty teaching acting and facilitating the all-important festival group debrief sessions!

