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EDUCATION & TRAINING

TAFTA Actors Training	: Johnathon Stewart On-Camera Acting Class
Thea McCleod Casting	: Audition Mastery Workshop with McCleod Casting
Brisbane Conservatorium	: Master's Degree in Vocal Pedagogy-M.Mus. (Graduated 2015)
Meisner Acting Series	: Tom McSweeney Actors Warehouse, QLD, Aus.
On Camera Acting class	: Heather Wright Laird Studio - KC, USA
Actors Craft Studio Kansas City	: Stage Craft Acting Course – Richard Alan Nichols, USA
Clayton College of Natural Health	: Bachelor of Science Degree in Holistic Nutrition, USA
Holos University Seminary	: Master's Degree Holistic Health/Spiritual Counseling, USA
Aus. Conservatorium of Music	: AMEB Singing & Piano - Pat Ortel AMEB
Estill Voice Training System	: Certified Levels 1 & 2, Rotterdam Conservatorium, NL
TV and Stage Acting	: Joanne Samuels & Young Doctors Cast Drama School
YTT - Acting/Singing/Dancing	: Johnny Young Talent School – <i>Young Company cast member</i>
Voice Production	: Max Speed – Sydney Opera Company
Classical Singing	: Janette Gould – Conservatorium of Music AMEB
Ensemble Theatre	: Acting Program – Hayes Gordon & Lorraine Bailey
ACHPER Fitness Instructor	: Fully qualified in planning & running Aerobic classes
AGF - Australian Gymnastics	: Qualified Level One Coach
Various Private Tuition	: Singing, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Acrobatics, Circus Skills, Acting, Baton-Twirling, Classical Piano and Theory, Ice Skating.

TV/FILM APPEARANCES :: AUSTRALIA / EUROPE / USA

"Noah" - Short Film Lead role (2016), "Nutcase" - Short film lead role (2016), "Justice Served" – USA Short film, lead role (2015) "Kick Me" - USA Independent film, lead role (2014) Sci-Fi Web Series USA (2013) lead role, "The Trade" – short film USA (Co-star).

Featured Extra work in dozens of film and TV including: "A Country Practice", "The Young Doctors", "Alexander the Bunyip", "Young Talent Time", "Johnny Young's *Young Company*" The Today Show, "The Killing of Angel Street", "Puberty Blues", "The Best of Friends", "Starstruck", "Hostage" (Indie Film Holland), "Subservient" (Major Film Holland), and many more ...

TV COMMERCIALS LEAD ROLES & DOCUMENTARIES :: AUSTRALIA / USA

AUSTRALIA: *Save My Asset* Corporate Video Production, *Scratch-It* Mothers Day TVC, *Carinda* Home Care, RACQ Insurance, *Natural Chip* Company TVC, *Evocca Collage* TVC, *Radio rentals* TVC, *Metagenics* TVC, *QLD Health* TVC X 2, *Eureka St. Furniture* (TVC series), *Dpt. Justice* Documentary (Lead Speaking role- Supreme Court Judge), *Coffee Club* TVC, *Trilby Miso* TVC, *Subway* TVC- Pre: 1995 - *Australian Motor cycle Grand Prix* (lead actress) , *Sara Lee* , *Australian Transport* TVC, *Barnum* TVC, *Snow White* TVC, *John Valentine* TVC

USA: *Wellness Training Series* for nurses, *KC Hospital* (Lead Actress, 3 speaking roles) *Argosy Casino* - USA, *Don Balch Sci Fi* Web Series (Lead role 2 episodes, Officer)

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MUSICALS, STAGE PRODUCTIONS, TOURS

- **Mary Poppins** : Supporting Role Miss Lark – Arts Centre QLD
- **Jerry's Girls** : Leading Lady – Gold Coast Little Theatre
- **Jesus Christ SuperStar** : The Arts Centre - Annas, Lead role (gender swapped) *QLD, A*
- **Wild and Willful Women** : Soprano in ensemble - World Premiere, *KC, USA*
- **Barefoot in the Park** : Mrs. Banks - Lead role, Western Playhouse *Missouri, USA*
- **Great Ladies of Song** : One Women Cabaret Show Tour, USA 2005 - 2012
- **Embarrassing Moments** : Baroness Elisa USA Tour One Women Show, 2005 – 2007
- **Annie** : Lead Role as "Lilly", Singer/Dancer – *Farrell Productions*
- **Cinderella** : Lead Role -Ugly Step Sister, Singer/Dancer/Actor – *Farrell Productions*
- **Barnum** : Singer / Dancer / Acrobat /Trapeze/ Juggler/ Baton Twirler – *Michael Edgely AUS Tour*
- **Mother Goose** : Lead role acting/singing opposite Mel Gibson *Rockdale, AUS*
- **Babes in the Boat** : Fairstar Cruises - Lead role Young Company *Sydney AUS*
- **Snow White** : Singer, Dancer, Acrobat - *National Tour, Rudas International AUS*
- **Ali Barber** : Lead Role, Singer/ Dancer/ Acrobat – *Sydney Regional Production*
- **Brophy Bros. Circus** : Solo Trapeze Artist/High Wire Stunt Performer - *National Tour*
- **Intl. Year of the Child Festival** : Featured Trapeze artist/ Gymnast/Choreographer – *NSW*

LIVE SHOW BAND PERFORMANCES :: AUSTRALIA / EUROPE / USA

AUSTRALIA

- **Guest Artist & Vocal Coach/Mentor** *The Green Room Project* with Matt Ward - Arts Center QLD
- **Lead Vocalist & MC** for dozens of Sydney (Australia) bands - from duos to 20 piece swing bands. Corporate clients include: Sheraton Wentworth Hotel, Hilton Hotel, ANA Hotels, SBS Business awards, National Toyota Convention, Cut price Deli international, Pan Pacific Marketing Conventions and many more ..
- **National Touring Artist** performing backing vocals on Australian tours for many famous Australian bands including Radio Freedom, Melissa, and The Robertson Brothers
- **Lead Vocalist/Dancer/Choreographer** for the "Blues Brothers Little Sisters", "Street Talk", "The Booze Brothers" show band, "Break the Funk" show band and SBS Special - "A Night of Big Band and Swing."
- **Lead Vocalist/Dancer** on Sydney Harbour Dinner Show Sunset Cruises
- **Lead Vocalist/Dancer** on P&O Fairstar cruise ship production shows with "Young Company"

EUROPE

- **Corporate Client Shows** .. Devised, choreographed and performed for many corporate functions in Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Greece. Corporate clients include Chateaux St. Gerlach (President Bush's residency for Liberation of Europe celebrations), Holland Casinos, De Kuip stadium Rotterdam, Hotel Des Indes The Hague (Residency for Royalty and Ambassadors), Private shows for ambassadors, and many more.
 - **Lead Vocalist** .. toured extensively for seven years with my bands "Synergy", "Elisa James & Guests", and "Baroness Elisa".
 - **Featured Guest Artist** with Mick Taylor from the Rolling Stones, rock legends Snowy White and Rick Wakeman for the "First European Rock Prize" in Athens, Greece.
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- **Featured Cabaret Artist** and Lounge Entertainer for P&O cruises (Fairstar) Silversea Cruises, Radisson/Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Windstar/Holland America Lines, Fred Olsen Cruises, Celebrity Cruises and Oceania Cruises.

USA

- **Piano Bars & Jazz venues** – Kansas City MO
- **One Woman Cabaret shows:** “*Embarrassing Moments*”, “*Great Ladies of Song*” and “*Swinging Down Memory Lane*” on 6-star cruise ships worldwide and in Huge Cabaret Theatres across Florida
- **Cabaret Performances:** Hundreds of shows performed as opening act for New York artists such as Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna (from “The Nanny” fame), Jimmy JJ Walker (from “Good Times” fame) and New York comedienne Wendy Leibman and many more....
- **Palm Beach Stonewall Ball head line Act** - Harriet Himmel Theatre in Palm Beach
- **The Crest Theatre Cabaret Series:** Performed / wrote /produced /choreographed - New York style Cabaret “*Embarrassing moments*”
- **Palm Beach Post TV Feature** : Featured guest Circus Arts teacher with host Frank Cerabino
- **WXEL TV:** televised excerpts of the show “*Embarrassing Moments*” and in depth interview
- **Condo Theatre Shows:** Performed shows for 750 to 2000 people in Florida Theatre Venues.
- **World premiere in Florida:** Original play , based on Elisa James' Inspirational Children's Book - “*A Butterfly called Happiness*”

VOICE OVER ARTIST AND SESSION WORK :: (SINGING AND SPEAKING) AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE

- **Children's Book Narrator:** A Butterfly Called Happiness, and WeePee The Strawberry (USA)
- **Patak Indian Sauces:** Radio Voice Over series, USA
- **Featured Session Vocalist** for BMG and EMI Records with artists Radio Freedom, Melissa, The Robertson Brothers, Barnum Cast Album, Beam Me Up, Spock (JJJ Radio compilation), and European 90's Top 40 Dance Bands: Twenty-4 Seven, Junior, Papa Bear, Alice DeeJay.
- **Featured Vocalist for radio and TV Jingles:** Including - Kicks nightclub, Suzanne wear, Rebel Sportswear, Katies wear, Greenwood shopping plaza, Angus and Coote Jewellery, Sunbeam, Clearview, Sunherald news, Fleets, Hyundai, Mida Mufflers. (Specializing in character voices) and more.
- **Featured Singer and Backing Vocalist for CNR Records** and Red Bullet Records in Holland
- **Publishing Contract with “CNR Records”** for writing and releasing original compositions
- **Featured Vocalist and Recording Artist** with European Pop act “Twenty-4 Seven” (20 million CD sales worldwide)

SONG WRITING CREDITS & AWARDS

- **Leiden Song writing and Performance Festival (NL):** 1st prize (Holland)
 - **First European Rock and Pop prize (EU):** Chosen as finalist out of thousands of contestants Europe wide. Performed my composition “*All I Need Is You*” at Likavitos Stadium, Athens, Greece, to a live audience of 4000 and TV audience of millions. Received highest score.
 - **“Make a Star”** song writing competition (USA/EU): “*Flying with the Stars*” - Chosen as one of 16 finalists out of thousands of contestants worldwide. Received 2nd prize over all. (American/European)
 - **IMG Song writing and Performance competition (CA):** Won “Featured Artist of the Month” 2001 for our original album “*Arisja*” (Canada)
 - **Sound on Sound magazine (UK):** Won “Featured artist of the month” for album “*Arisja*” (UK)
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- **Solo Junior Champion** (AUS): National Baton Twirling championships (Australia)
- **Junior Strutting Champion** (AUS): Australian Baton Twirling championships

TEACHING EXPERIENCE :: GROUP AND PRIVATE AUSTRALIA & EUROPE

- **On-Camera Performance Mentor**- Corporate Speakers and Presenters, 2016, 2017
 - **Toastmasters Mentor and Voice Coach** - For Championship and competition preparation
 - **Voice and Performance Coach** – To Celebrity Speakers, Actors, Journalists, Hypno-Shows, Pop Singers and Presenters all over Australia, 2016, 2017
 - **The Lord Mayors Cabaret Project** – Mentor and coach for the Cabaret Festival Brisbane, 2017
 - **The Green Room Project** – Mentor for young musical theatre stars – Arts Center QLD, 2015, 2016, 2017
 - **Voice Skills for Actors** – Warehouse Workshop Internship Training Helensvale QLD, 2014 - 2017
 - **Founder, Director and Holistic Voice Coach** - Elisa James Holistic Vocal Coaching Studios QLD, 2014 - 2017
 - **Founder/Director** – Paradise Kids Angel Choir
 - **Head Voice Coach** – For the Brisbane Armed Forces 2015
 - **Head Voice Skills Coach** – UCP Life Coach Training QLD, Australia 2015, 2016, 2017
 - **Head Vocal and Performance Coach** – QLD Conservatorium teacher 2015
 - **Head Voice Coach for Motivational Speaker Company** – “Get Motivated!” USA 2007 – 2013
 - **HAPS Vocal Performance Workshops/Private**s – Standing Ovation Performing Arts USA 2007 - 2013
 - **Head Vocal Performance Tutor** – Head Vocal tutor for Music and Performing Arts schools in The Hague, Holland & Sydney, Australia (*Panov Music Academy, Musicon The Hague, Lighthart Music Studio*)
 - **Dance teacher** - Jazz Ballet, Tap Dancing, Trapeze, and Acrobatics Instructor: 10 years -YMCA, RSL clubs, Roundabout Theatre and Community Projects
 - **Aerobics Instructor**: Taught Aerobic Floor classes for 5 years - Sydney YMCA and RSL clubs, and high schools
 - **Owner of Singing and Performance Studios**: 10 years in Australia, and 7 years in Holland – 50 students per week.
 - **Adult and Kids Singing Performance workshops** (Australia and Holland). Panov Music Academy (Aus), Roundabout Theatre Academy (Aus), Lighthart Music school (NL), Cesar Zuiderwijk music school (NL)
 - **Taught Theatre Sports, Singing and Drama workshops** at Sydney high schools – Australia
 - Owned/Directed the Singing Dept. at the famous Cesar Zuiderwijk Music Station in The Hague, The Netherlands (from the “Golden Earring” fame)
 - **Directed 20-piece Pop Choir**: Cesar Zuiderwijk School of Music (Musicon) - The Netherlands
 - **Choreographed, Produced and Directed** student and pop choir concerts in The Hague, The Netherlands
 - **Corporate Teambuilding Workshops** for Dept. of Foreign Affairs in The Hague (Singing, Breathing, and Harmony singing).
 - **Designed and Taught Original Vocal Syllabus "HAPS"** in Private Schools Australia.
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VOCAL COACHING EXPERIENCE :: USA

- **Designed, produced and Taught HAPS workshops** as both a 10 week program OR weekend Intensive for Performing Arts schools including: *Southern Dance* Boynton Beach FL , *Standing Ovation Performing Arts*, Palm Beach FL, *Diane Gwynn's Studio of Music*, FL, Coral Ridge Yacht Club Summer Camps, FL.
- **Circus Skills Workshops:** Held workshops for various venues : Palm beach County Schools and Performing Arts schools- Rola bola, Trapeze, Acrobatics, Juggling Rings, balls, clubs etc and balance tricks.
- **Audition Prep Workshops:** Workshop leader - Performing Arts Schools Intake Audition Classes: designed and taught classes to prepare Palm Beach County children for the Arts schools auditions (Bak, Dreyfoos)
- **Taught Private and Group Tuition** – 2 years at *Marathon Music* and 3 years at *Diane Gwynn's Studio of music*.- www.dianegwynnsstudioofmusic.com
- **Starlight Theatre Kansas City Missouri** – teaching artist for the Musical Theatre 2 classes and workshops

ELISA JAMES PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS :: USA/ AUS

1. **The 7 Deadly Sins of Public Speaker and How to Avoid them** (Kindle and Hard copy)
 - https://www.amazon.com/Deadly-Sins-Public-Speaking-Professional-ebook/dp/B01KPTJQAK/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1502066340&sr=8-1-fkmr0&keywords=the+7+deadly+sins+of+public+speaking+and+how+to
2. **Find Your Voice: The 10 steps from anxiety to confidence for aspiring speakers** (Kindle & hard copy)
 - https://www.amazon.com/Find-Your-Voice-Confidence-Aspiring/dp/1541258479/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1502066486&sr=8-1&keywords=find+your+voice+the+10+steps
3. **Change Your Voice Change Your Life: The Psychology Behind Your Sound** (mini online course)
 - <http://voice-training-the-missing-link-to-success.thinkific.com/courses/change-your-voice-change-your-life>




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