

Things I know to be True - Cast bios



Stephen Lovatt

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Character: Bob Price

Aged 63. Bob Price is a Retrenched Auto Factory Worker and is the patriarch of the Price family

Stephen has performed in theatre, film, and television productions throughout Australasia for the past 30 years. His most notable television credits include six years as Max Hoyland in Neighbours; Tullius in Spartacus: Gods Of The Arena; Pete in Top Of The Lake; Lumsden Pennebaker in Penn Rides Out; Sheriff Tom in Ash vs Evil Dead (season 2); Arkwright Bimpen in Foolish Wings (series 5); Pompey in Roman Empire: Reign Of Blood; and Dean O'Bannon in Making Of The Mob.

Stephen has over 100 theatre credits. He won Best Male Performance in the 1995 Wellington Chapman Trip Awards for his performance of Septimus Hodge in Arcadia; Best Male Performance in the 2010 Herald, Herald On Sunday, and The Listener Awards for his work in When The Rain Stops Falling;

Stephen's most prized theatre work includes Henry in The Real Thing; Roy Cohn in Angels In America; Macbeth in Macbeth, and Arkwright Bimpen in Pilots On Patrol.

Stephen is currently in development of his one-man show Gerry - A Mixed Bag.

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Lara Macgregor

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Character: Fran Price

Aged 57. A Senior Nurse.

Lara works primarily as an actor, director, dramaturg and performance coach in New Zealand.

She studied acting in New York City with Uta Hagen, Anthony Abeson and Tony Greco and subsequently worked for ten years as an actor in the U.S.

She holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Directing from The National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney and has directed over 40 productions throughout America, Australia and New Zealand.

In 2009, Lara was appointed Associate Artistic Director at The Court Theatre in Christchurch, and, in 2010 went on to become Artistic Director at Fortune Theatre in Dunedin. Her directing highlights include *Red*; *In the Next Room* (or the vibrator play); *Play*; *Tribes*; *Souvenir*; *The Caretaker*; *Punk Rock*; *Time Stands Still* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

Since 2015 she has freelanced with multiple companies including Auckland Theatre Company, Circa Theatre, Centrepoint Theatre, South Pacific Pictures, The Actors' Program and University of Otago Theatre Studies.

Her most recent performance credits include: Annie Wilkes in *Misery* (The Court Theatre), Sgt Gillian Carmichael in *Clickbait* (Netflix), Judy in *This Town* (Feature Film), Headmaster in *The Wilds* (Amazon), and Di in *Di and Viv and Rose* (Circa Theatre).

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Simon Leary

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Character: Mark/Mia Price

Aged 32. An I.T Specialist.

Simon was born and raised in Timaru and is a graduate of Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School (Bachelor of Performing Arts) and Otago University (Bachelor of Arts).

His most recent Court Theatre credit was Cinderella in Space by Kathleen Burns.

Other recent credits include: Filthy Business (Auckland Theatre Company), Hudson and Halls Live (Clarence Street Theatre), A Doll's House (Twist Productions), Cock, Under Milkwood, and The Father (Circa Theatre).

TV credits include: Friend to the Friendless, Dirty Laundry, Shortland Street, Hilary, and the voice of 'Spottywot' in Pukeko Pictures' animated series: Kiddets.

He has written radio plays Exit Stage Left and the award winning You. Me. Now for Radio New Zealand. He also co-wrote Cinderella - The Pantomime and Alice in Wonderland - The Pantomime (Circa Theatre).

Simon was nominated for "Best Actor" and "Outstanding Performance" at the Wellington Theatre Awards for his performances in A Servant to Two Masters and Switzerland.

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Daniel Watterson

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Charterer: Ben Price

Aged 28. A Financial Services Worker

Daniel graduated from The Actor's Program in 2014. He also holds a BA with double majors in Theatre and English Literature, and an LLB (Hons 1st).

Venus in Fur marked Daniel's Court Theatre debut in 2017, followed by Les Liaisons Dangereuses in 2019. He is thrilled to return to the Court for Things I Know to be True. Other theatrical highlights include The Effect (Q Theatre), Lucrece (Auckland Shakespeare Company), and the sell-out 12-week season of Twelfth Night at the Pop-Up Globe, in which his performance as Olivia received great acclaim.

Daniel's numerous film and television credits include The New Legends of Monkey (Netflix), Falling Inn Love (Netflix), and local shows Dirty Laundry, Westside, Why Does Love?. He plays a lead role in feature film Ablaze, based on the true story of the 1947 Christchurch Ballantynes Fire, New Zealand's deadliest fire.

Daniel continues training through regular participation in acting Masterclasses with such greats as Howard Fine, Miranda Harcourt and Larry Moss. In a former career, Daniel practiced law as a Barrister and Crown Prosecutor.

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Heather O'Carroll

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Character: Pip Price

Aged 34. An Education Department Bureaucrat.

Heather O'Carroll is a graduate of Toi Whakaari: New Zealand Drama School (Bachelor of Performing Arts).

Her previous Court Theatre credits include *The Shape of Things* in 2007. Other theatre credits include directing the New Zealand Premiere of *Fleabag*, based on the hit UK TV show of the same name at Centrepoint Theatre in 2016. At Circa Theatre she has performed in *The Cherry Orchard*; *West End Girls*; *The Lead Wait* and *Tigers of Wrath*. Most recently she performed in *MoodPorn* at BATS Theatre.

Heather O'Carroll is also the Marketing and Audience Development Manager at PANNZ (Performing Arts Network of New Zealand)

This is Heather's first show at The Court

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Caitlin Rivers

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Character: Rosie Price

Aged 19. Who doesn't know who she is or what she wants to be yet.

Caitlin is a recent graduate of Unitec, Bachelor of Performing and Screen Arts – Acting. She's also taken Miranda Harcourt's acting workshop.

Originally from Queenstown, she currently resides in Auckland. Things I Know to be True is Caitlin's debut performance at The Court Theatre. Her other theatre credits include, As You Like It and Orpheus Descending (Unitec).

This is not only Caitlin's first show at The Court, but it's her first professional play after graduating from Unitec.

[Caitlin's full bio](#)

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