



## ALI HARPER – BIO

Award-winning Entertainer Ali Harper is a graduate of Toi Whakaari: The New Zealand Drama School. With her career spanning 30+ years, Ali has starred in many of the great theatres throughout Aotearoa. Highlights include *Blood Brothers*, *Mamma Mia*, *Legally Blonde*, *My Fair Lady*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music*, *Guys and Dolls*, *South Pacific*, *A Shortcut to Happiness*, *Side by Side by Sondheim*, *Jacques Brel is alive and well and living in Paris*, *Calendar Girls*, *Jerry's Girls*, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and *End of the Rainbow*.

Ali writes, produces and tours her own shows with her production company Ali-Cat Productions; *JUDY's Encore – The Judy Garland Story*, *A Natural Woman – Tribute to Carole King*, *The Look of Love – Tribute to Burt Bacharach*, *A Doris Day Special*, *Legendary Divas*, *A Down-Under Diva!* along with Andrew Lloyd Webber's one woman show *Tell Me On A Sunday*.

She has also produced and toured The Court Theatre's production of the one woman show *Songs for Nobodies* where Ali was awarded 'Best One Woman Show' at New York's United Solo Festival on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in 2018 as well as The Court Theatre's production of *Bombshells* where Ali was awarded 'Best Actress' at New York's United Solo Festival in 2014 and 'Chapman Tripp Best Actress' in Wellington in 2008.

Other National Tours include the *Yesterday*, *Chess*, *Evita*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Oklahoma*, *Evita* and *Chess*.

Ali has performed her cabaret show *A Down Under Diva!* in New York's cabaret clubs; Don't Tell Mama and at The Metropolitan Room and spends time performing this show as a Guest Entertainer on Cruise ships. She recently performed at the prestigious 35<sup>th</sup> New York Cabaret Convention at the Rose Theatre, Lincoln Centre in October 2024.

She is in demand as an MC, voice-over artist and guest singer with many New Zealand orchestras. Ali also spends time as a singing coach and is fully qualified as a yoga teacher as well as a holistic life coach.

Television credits include *Hope and Wire*, *The Strip*, *Market Forces* and she was the resident singer for 4 years on TV One's *Dancing with the Stars* as well as a Radio Host on Wellington's Classic Hits Breakfast Show.

Ali's seven albums are *A Natural Woman*, *The Look of Love*, *A Doris Day Special*, *Legendary Divas*, *Naughty and Nice*, *Songs for Everybody* and *Something So Right*.

