



## Faculty Profiles

### Zoe Jones

Miss Zoe has studied dance since the age of three and obtained her Diploma of Dance Performance from the National College of Dance in 2007. She has trained in Classical Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Jazz Dance, Modern and National Character dance. Miss Zoe has recently trained closely with Debbie Linnert in both teaching/choreographing contemporary and jazz classes. Over the years Miss Zoe has received tuition from many gifted artists including; Suzanne Davidson OAM – founder Sydney Dance Co, Brett Morgan – Artistic Director, Sydney Dance Co, Adam Blanch – Sydney Dance Co, Daniel Baker – Soloist, Miami City Ballet. Miss Zoe has a long history of dance performance, something which she still enjoys today and hopes to instill into her students.

### James Buckingham

Mr James Buckingham graduated from the Hunter School of the Performing Arts where he was School Captain in his final year and it was here that he gained a great deal of theatrical experience.

In both 2005 and 2006 James was consecutively selected as one of 30 from 30,000 to attend the *Shakespeare Globe Theatre's National Shakespeare Festival* in Sydney. Here James trained with members of the professional acting industry and learnt stage combat from a fight choreographer of *The Matrix* and vocal control from Kylie Minogue's vocal coach. From this James was asked to represent Australia at the New Zealand *Globe Theatre Shakespeare Nationals* and later the XVII *International Shakespeare Congress*. In 2007 James was nominated for a CONDA (City of Newcastle Drama Award) as "best professional actor in a leading role" for his work in the Popular Theatre Company's *School for Clowns*, as well as performing to crowds of over 4,500 in a production of Disney's *High School Musical* at the Entertainment Centre. For which he also received a CONDA nomination as "best supporting actor". James's commitment to the arts was also recognised by the Newcastle City Council in 2007 when he was named *Newcastle City Council's Young Citizen of the Year*.

### Pianist – Miss Jenny Pickering

Miss Jenny Pickering has played successfully for RAD exams for many years. She received a BA Dip Ed from Newcastle University and an AmusA from the Newcastle Conservatorium. Miss Jenny currently plays for classes of the Sydney Dance Company, The McDonalds Challenge (Sydney Eisteddfod), SODA and the Isobel Anderson Competitions. Miss Jenny is a valued member of the National College of Dance/Marie Walton-Mahon Dance Academy.

## Workshop Location

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## 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009

Under the direction of Artistic Director - Marie Walton-Mahon,  
Vocational Examiner with the Royal Academy of Dance



Patron-Suzanne Davidson OAM