



Jeff Michel

Jeff is an experienced performer and puppeteer who trained with James Thornton in Cleveland, Ohio; then later in New York at The Michael Howard Studios and the School of Russian Art Theatre Summer School at Columbia University. In 2005 he moved to Tasmania with his family and has performed in family and adult shows for many companies including, the Tasmanian Theatre Company, Big Monkey Theatre, and Terrapin Puppet Theatre. For Terrapin, he has toured nationally and internationally in *Love* and the 2012 Helpmann Award winning *BOATS*. Other Terrapin credits include *The Gatekeeper*, *The Falling Room* and *The Flying Room* and he was part of the creative development for *Shadow Dreams*. He co-founded Blue Cow Theatre in 2010 and appeared in: *Simon's Final Sound*; *Terminus*; *100 Reasons for War*; and 'Art', which toured the mainland in 2013. Jeff manages the Cowshed, Blue Cow's script development program and he recently performed a showing of his first play, developed in the Cowshed, as part of the RAWspace initiative. He took this piece to Showcase Victoria in May, and Blue Cow plans to produce it next March followed by a Tasmanian tour managed by Tasmania Performs. He is the voice of Titchit in Blue Rocket's new animated series, *Fanshaw & Crudnut*. Jeff has also taught drama and run workshops around the state and directed musicals for Claremont College.