

# Ali Harper

## (Performance CV)



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### AWARDS

2018 **Best One Woman Show:** United Solo Festival, New York (Songs for Nobodies)  
 2014 **Best Actress:** United Solo Festival, New York (Bombshells)  
 2008 **Chapman Tripp Actress of the Year:** Wellington, NZ (Bombshells)

### QUALIFICATIONS

2021 NLP Practitioner Training (Christchurch)  
 2019 100hrs Hansa Yoga Teacher Training (Christchurch)  
 2019 200hrs Tantric Yoga Teacher Training (Shri Kali Ashram, Koh Phangan, Thailand)  
 1993/94 Toi Whakaari: The New Zealand Drama School (Acting)  
 1989 Secretarial & Business Diploma, Christchurch Polytechnic  
 1988 Trinity ATCL in Speech and Drama  
 1988 Royal School of Music Grade 8 Piano  
 1988 Trinity Singing Grade 7

### Other TRAINING

2005 10-day Yale University Cabaret Symposium  
 2003 The New York Summer City Advanced Performers Workshop  
 2003 New York Master classes with Lina Koutrakos / Andy Gale

### PERFORMANCE TEACHING

2010 - current Private Singing and Performance coach  
 2022 Singing Coach 3<sup>rd</sup> Year NASDA students  
 2021 Masterclass 1<sup>st</sup> Year NASDA students  
 Performance class 2<sup>nd</sup> Year NASDA students  
 2018 3 hour Acting Masterclass at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts  
 2014 Artist in Residence at Christ College & Rangī Ruru for their production of 'Cats'  
 2012 St Andrews College Itinerant singing teacher  
 Contours Gym, Sydney & Healthy Bodies, Wellington

## MUSICAL THEATRE

Year	Production	Role	Company	Director
2019	<b>A Doris Day Special</b> (South Island Tour – 4 venues)	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2019	<b>A Doris Day Special</b> at Ashburton Trust Event Centre	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions ATEC	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2018	<b>Songs for Nobodies</b> New York – United Solo Festival	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2018	<b>Songs for Nobodies</b> (New Zealand Tour – 20 venues)	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2017	<b>A Doris Day Special</b> (Season) at Circa Theatre	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2017	<b>Songs for Nobodies</b> (Season) at Centrepoint Theatre	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions Centrepoint Theatre	Ross Gumbley
2017	<b>Songs for Nobodies</b> (Season) at The Court Theatre	Solo show	The Court Theatre	Ross Gumbley
2017	<b>A Doris Day Special</b> (North Island Tour – 4 venues)	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2016	<b>Legally Blond</b> (Season)	Paulette	The Court Theatre	Stephen Robertson
2016	<b>Doris Day Special</b> (New Zealand Tour – 4 venues)	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2016	<b>Doris Day Special</b> at The Southland Arts Festival	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2016	<b>Doris Day Special</b> (Season) at The Court Theatre	Doris Day	Ali-Cat Productions	Stephanie McKellar-Smith
2015-2016	<b>Mary Poppins</b> (Season)	Mrs Banks	The Court Theatre	Ross Gumbley & Stephen Robertson
2015	<b>Mamma Mia</b> (Season)	Donna	Hamilton Operatic	David Sidwell
2014	<b>Oklahoma</b> (New Zealand Tour – 12 venues)	Ado Annie	Ben Macdonald Prods	Geraldine Brophy
2014	<b>Blood Brothers</b> (Season)	Mrs Johnstone	The Court Theatre	Stephen Robertson
2014	<b>Mamma Mia</b> (Season)	Donna	Tairei/DKCM Prod	Doug Kamo
2013/14	<b>Grease</b> (Season)	Ms Lynch	The Court Theatre	Stephen Robertson
2013	<b>Pirates of Penzance</b> (New Zealand Tour - 12 venues)	Edith	Ben Macdonald Prods	Raymond Hawthorne
2012	<b>Side by Side by Sondheim</b> (Season)	Soloist	The Court Theatre	Ross Gumbley
2009	<b>I love you, you're perfect, now change</b> (Season)	Soloist	The Court Theatre	Sandra Rassmussan
2006	<b>Guys and Dolls</b> (Season)	Sarah Brown	The Court Theatre	Sandra Rassmussan
2006	<b>Jacques Brel is alive and well and living in Paris</b> (Season)	Soloist	Circa Theatre	Ellie Smith
2005	<b>Jerry's Girls</b> (Season)	Soloist	The Court Theatre	Sandra Rassmussan
2004/5	<b>The Rocky Horror Show</b>	Columbia	The Court Theatre	Cathy Downes
2004	<b>Evita</b> (New Zealand Tour)	Eva Peron (alt)	Stetson Productions	Michael McClean
2003/4	<b>The Sound of Music</b> (Season)	Maria Von Trapp	The Court Theatre	Cathy Downes
2002/3	<b>South Pacific</b> (Season)	Nellie Forbush	The Court Theatre	Cathy Downes
2002	<b>Song and Dance</b>	Solo show	Wellington State Opera	Graeme Holland
2001/2	<b>My Fair Lady</b> (Season)	Eliza Doolittle	The Court Theatre	Cathy Downes
2001	<b>Rush</b> (Season)	Sarah McKenzie	Wellington State Opera	Graeme Holland
2001	<b>The Jungle Book</b> (Season)	Raksha/ Messua	Circa Theatre	Elric Hooper
2000	<b>Dirty Weekends</b> (Season)	Marigold	Circa Theatre	Danny Mulheron
1999	<b>Sweeney Todd</b> (Season)	Mrs Lovett (alt)	Downstage Theatre	Colin McColl
1999	<b>Tell Me on a Sunday</b> (Season)	Solo show	The Court Theatre	Stephen Robertson
1998	<b>Tell Me on a Sunday</b> (Season)	Solo show	Circa Theatre	Stephen Robertson
1997	<b>Caught In The Act</b> (Season)	Soloist	Westpac Theatre	David Sidwell
1991	<b>Chess</b> (New Zealand Tour)	Chorus	Stetson Productions	Peter Walker

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2023	<b>End of the Rainbow</b> (Season) at the Wellington Opera House	Judy Garland	Pinana Productions	Jeff Kingsford-Brown
2014	<b>Bombshells</b> New York – United Solo Festival	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2013	<b>Bombshells</b> (New Zealand Tour – 19 venues)	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2012	<b>Calendar Girls</b>	Celia	The Court Theatre	Alison Quigan
2011/12	<b>Shortcut to Happiness</b>	Natasha	The Court Theatre	Ross Gumbley
2010	<b>Eros</b>	Ingrid	The Court Theatre	Yvonne Martin
2010	<b>On the Rocks</b>	Frieda Lawrence	The Court Theatre	Lara McGregor
2008	<b>Bombshells</b> At Circa Theatre	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2008	<b>Bombshells</b> (North Island Tour – 6 venues)	Solo show	Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2007	<b>Bombshells</b> (South Island Tour)	Solo show	The Court Theatre Ali-Cat Productions	Ross Gumbley
2006	<b>Backwards in High Heels</b>	Stella	The Court Theatre	Tony McCaffrey
2001	<b>The Country Wife</b>	Alithea	Circa Theatre	Ken Blackburn
1992	<b>ANZAC</b>	Lily	Fortune Theatre	Campbell Thomas
1992	<b>Stretch</b>	Sally	Fortune Theatre	Campbell Thomas

## CABARET / CONCERTS Vocal range – C (below middle C) to high G

Year	Production	Role	Company	Musical Director
2022/2023	<b>Bee Gees</b> CSO/Orchestra Wtn/ Aklid Philharmonic	Guest soloist	Ben McDonald	Tom Rainey
2022	<b>A Natural Woman</b> (Season) Circa Theatre/ The Piano ChCh	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Tom Rainey
2020/2021	<b>Yesterday</b> (NZ Tour)	Singer	Stetson Productions	Tom Rainey
2022	<b>The Look of Love</b> (Season) Circa Theatre/ The Piano ChCh/NZ Tour	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Tom McLeod/Tom Rainey
2020	<b>The Look of Love</b> The Piano Centre for Arts & Music	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Tom Rainey
2020	<b>Christmas Joy</b> The Piano Centre for Arts & Music	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Andy Manning
2020	<b>Up Close and Personal</b> The Court Theatre	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions The Court Theatre	Tom Rainey
2020	<b>The Look Of Love</b> Nelson Theatre Royal	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Tom Rainey
2019	<b>Legendary Divas</b> Carterton Event Centre	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2019	<b>Legendary Divas</b> Napier Century Theatre	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2019	<b>The Music is Bond</b> Christchurch Town Hall	Soloist	Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	Tim Beveridge
2019	<b>Legendary Divas</b> Pumphouse Takapuna	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	David Sidwell
2019	<b>Legendary Divas</b> Waiheke Artworks Theatre	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	David Sidwell
2019	<b>Legendary Divas</b> Nelson Theatre Royal	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett

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Year	Production	Role	Company	Musical Director
2018	<b>Christmas Joy</b> The Piano Centre for Arts & Music	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Ali Harper/Julian Hay
2017	<b>Legendary Divas</b> Rangiora Town Hall	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Michael Williams
2017	<b>Christmas Joy</b> The Piano Centre for Arts & Music	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Ali Harper/Julian Hay
2016	<b>Legendary Divas</b> at Circa Theatre	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Michael Williams
2016	<b>Christmas Joy</b> The Piano Centre for Arts&Music	Soloist/Producer Writer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2015	<b>Legendary Divas</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre, New Plymouth	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	David Sidwell
2015	<b>Legendary Divas</b> at Ashburton Event Centre	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2015	<b>Legendary Divas</b> at The Court Theatre	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2014	<b>A Down Under Diva!</b> <b>Cabaret</b> The Metropolitan Room, NYC	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Alex Rybeck
2013	<b>Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park</b>	Soloist	Best Events, Christchurch	Penny Dodd
2013	<b>A Down Under Diva!</b> <b>Cabaret</b> The Metropolitan Room, NYC	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Alex Rybeck
2013	<b>Naughty and Nice Concert</b> at The Court Theatre	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2013	<b>Naughty and Nice Concert</b> at The Southward Theatre	Soloist/Producer	Ali-Cat Productions	Richard Marrett
2013	<b>The Golden Age of Hollywood</b> Christchurch Town Hall	Soloist	Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	Luke DiSomma
2012	<b>The Music is Bond</b> CBS Arena	Soloist	Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	Tim Beveridge
2011	<b>Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park</b>	Soloist	Best Events, Christchurch	Penny Dodd
2010	<b>Rodgers &amp; Hammerstein Concert</b> Christchurch Town Hall	Soloist	Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	Richard Marrett
2010	<b>From Sondheim to Bernstein</b> Christchurch Town Hall	Soloist	Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	Richard Marrett
2009	<b>Broadway Broads</b> Christchurch Town Hall	Soloist	Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	Richard Marrett
2007	<b>Ali Harper &amp; Friends</b> Sandwiches Bar, Wellington	Soloist	Ali-Cat Productions	Tim Solly
2006	<b>Life is Not a Dress Rehearsal</b>	Solo show	Christchurch Cabaret Festival	Richard Marrett
2004	<b>The Lady &amp; Her Tramps</b> Downstage Theatre, Wellington	Solo show	Wellington Fringe Festival	Mark Lipman
1995	<b>Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park</b>	Soloist	Best Events, Christchurch	Penny Dodd

## TELEVISION

Year	Production	Role	Company	Director
2013	<b>Hope and Wire</b>	Dr Ali Green		Gaylene Preston
2008	<b>The Investigator</b>	Kirsty		Bryan Bruce
2007	<b>Paradise</b>	Angela	Gibson Group	
2006-2008	<b>Dancing with the Stars</b>	Resident singer	TV One	MD: Carl Doy
2001	<b>The Strip</b>	Stella	Gibson Group	Danny Mulheron
2000	<b>Ivanhoe</b>	Pregnant mother	Palana Productions	Declan Eames
1998	<b>Market Forces</b>	Fiona McGregor	Gibson Group	Danny Mulheron

## WRITER

2021	A Natural Woman	Cabaret Show with 5-piece band
2020	The Look of Love	Cabaret Show with 3-piece band
2019	Release Our Love	Song (Recorded as a fundraiser and tribute to the ChCh Mosque Shootings)
2016	A Doris Day Special	One-Woman Musical
2015	Legendary Divas	One-Woman Cabaret Show

## ALBUMS (7 Commercial)

2021	A Natural Woman (12 tracks)
2020	The Look of Love (13 tracks)
2017	Songs for Everybody (9 tracks)
2016	A Doris Day Special (12 tracks)
2015	Legendary Divas (12 tracks)
2013	Naughty and Nice double album (19 tracks)
2004	Something So Right (12 tracks)

## CRUISE SHIP GUEST ENTERTAINER

2014 to current	Holland America (Westerdam) Sea Princess (x2), Majestic Princess Pacific Pearl (x2), Pacific Dawn (x2), Pacific Jewel (x2), Pacific Eden (x2), Pacific Aria (x1) Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary II Aurora and the Arcadia (x2)
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## MC & CORPORATE WORK

2022	Probeauty Awards Gala – ChCh Town Hall
2022	NZPA National Conference - Rydges Hotel, ChCh
2022	Airways Safety Control Conference – Te Pae, ChCh
2019	Mistress of Ceremonies – HINZ, Hamilton
2019	Mistress of Ceremonies – HINZ, Christchurch
2017	Mistress of Ceremonies - Singapore Airlines
2015	Mistress of Ceremonies – Home and Family Dancing with the Stars
2014	Mistress of Ceremonies - Singapore Airlines
2013	Mistress of Ceremonies – Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser
2013	Mistress of Ceremonies – SKAL
2012	Mistress of Ceremonies – HANZ
2012	Mistress of Ceremonies – SKAL
2000	BNZ Insurance Video Dir: John Hagen
1995	Inland Revenue Department Video

## TELEVISION COMMERCIALS

2003	New World TVC
2003	QV Property Valuation TVC
2002	Land Transport Safety Association TVC
2002	BP TVC

## RADIO

2012-2015	Voice-overs for Whitebait Studios (Christchurch)
1999-2009	Voice-overs for The Radio Network (Wellington) and Stooges Studio (Wellington)
2005-2006	Morning Breakfast Co-host for Wellington's Classic Hits
1993-2015	Voiced Radio plays & stories for Radio New Zealand