

Eleni Schumacher  
Ignite Elite Artists

Eleni is a Sydney-based actor, writer and theatre-maker. She graduated with a Bachelor of Global and International Studies at the **University of Sydney** in 2012, before completing a Conservatory Program at the **Atlantic Acting School** in New York City, USA (2012-13). During her time at Atlantic she appeared in an independent feature film *Night and a Switchblade*.

Prior to her actor training, she cut her teeth on the Sydney University Dramatic Society's repertory-style programming and rehearsal process, encouraging a rigorous and holistic attitude to theatre-making and performance over three and a half years' membership. She performed in productions such as *Night Letters* for SoWhat? Productions at the **Sydney Mardi Gras Festival**, *Creditors* and *Eurydice* for Verge Arts Festival, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Six Characters in Search of An Author*, *Antigone*, *Oh, The Humanity and Other Good Intentions*, and *Franny and Zooey*. Other theatre credits include Hitchcock Blonde and Measure for Measure for the **Factory Space Fringe Theatre** (Sydney) and Macbeth for **Rough Hewn Theatre Troupe** (Sydney).

Eleni writes, devises and directs for theatre, having written and performed for **Griffin Theatre** Company's GriffFRINGE, as well as a stage adaptation of *Singing My Sister Down* (by fiction writer Margo Lanagan) for SUDS. This interest has led to her involvement in live performance art projects such as *ZinGen* by Zin Collective at **Underbelly Arts Festival**, and "Camenzind" for Volta Collective (Ivan Cheng). She is currently writing a series of short plays, one of which is to be performed at the upcoming Surry Hills Festival 2014 as a live and semi-improvised performance, called *Just Try to Sit Still and Relax*, directed by Pierce Wilcox. She has co-devised an original play, *Dead Time* (Lace Balloon Productions), to be staged in Sydney in 2015.

She has featured in a Sydney Institute Film Academy short film *Earth Hour*.

Eleni has also appeared on **The Discovery Channel**'s *Deadly Women* television series, *The Killer* music video for Triple J Unearthed and **NIDA**, as a voice artist for **ABC Radio National**, and in an **Allianz Insurance** television commercial.