

# Passion for performing

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North Shore actor Jennifer Corren speaks with Kate Hutchinson about her love of the stage, her latest projects, and why life is “delicious”.

“I’ve tripped over on stage, forgotten lines – all the usual stuff,” North Shore actor Jennifer Corren laughs. “But one time I had to hack another character’s ear off in a play. An audience member fainted at the sight of the fake blood,” she winces.

Such is the life of an actor, and apart from the stuff ups, the

fainting, the “rollercoaster with success at one turn and rejection the next”, Ms Corren loves it, and is good at it.

“There is nothing like collaborating and connecting with fellow actors. There is nothing more electrifying for me than being on set with creatives contributing our unique talents to the whole,” she explains.

The Cremorne resident says there wasn’t one exact moment when she knew she wanted to be an actor, but more of a combination of different experiences.

“Mum took me to the theatre as a little girl to see *The Princess and the Pea* and another time to see the Russian Ballet perform. I remember being in awe of the performers and some part of me

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Jennifer Corren (left) starred in the hilarious comedy *CAMP* at the Ensemble Theatre with Karen Pang and Michelle Doake

thought, 'I want that to be me,'" Ms Corren smiles.

"I used to torture my parents all the time by making them watch my performances at home. If I wasn't creating my own radio shows or drawing, I was putting on concerts with me as the lead singer and dancer, with my brother on air drums!"

The actor's resume is growing – being filled with more and more prestigious roles. She has just finished working on a short film about betrayal from the talented writer and director team Kate Walter and Cam Smeal called *Entailment*. Ms Corren plays the lead role of 'Beck' alongside Julian Garner and Jane Phegan.

"It's a visually stunning film with the use of colours cleverly telling a story," she explains. "I cannot wait for it to hit the film festival circuit."

She is currently working behind the scenes developing her own TV web series. "I can't say too much about it just yet, but episodes are

Kilmurry was a joy to work with.

"I love the intimacy of the Ensemble stage, but more so the energy of the people who work there. Everyone is such a delight – it really is like a big family and I love that. I always feel welcome."

So apart from learning her lines, producing, and all things acting (as well as being a life coach), Ms Corren says she likes to keep a balance between her personal and professional life.

"There is a huge crossover between my 'on' and 'off' time. My focus is on living a joyous life and doing things that make me feel good. I live with my partner Gary (and our two guinea pigs Bella and Dinky), and we love to go to the movies, eat at healthy cafés, go hiking and paddle boarding. My life is a big blur of deliciousness," she sums up with a smile. **N**

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