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Biography

Yoji Tatsuta started his career in film industry as Set Decorator and Prop Master while growing up in Japan. After moving to Sydney, the Japanese/English speaking actor capitalized on opportunities including being featured as a samurai and Army Officer in director James Mangold's "The Wolverine" (2012) and Naoetsu Guard in director Angelina Jolie's "Unbroken" (2013).

From there on, Yoji became more serious about the craft of acting in the Australian film & television industry and where possible will use his martial arts background in Judo and Kendo to his advantage. Of course, he also endeavours to bring a little bit of Japanese cultural history into his roles, even if it's done in a very send-up way as seen in "America V China - Rap Battle". Overall he has been treating his career as a steep learning curve but has been enjoying 'going to school' on set at the same time.

Yoji's character face is can be wizened, weathered, haggard while slick, deadly and inscrutable, making him ideal as a gangster, military, outdoorsy or bureaucratic type. Of course, he does like to go against the elemental grain as well by being the everyman and unspoken philosopher upholding good values. His lifelong goal is to connect with colleagues with similar backgrounds in the industry all around the world.

D.O.B: August 15, 1967
Age Range: 40-55
Height: 177cm / 5' 9½"
Hair: Short-Medium Black with Greying Straight
Body Type: Slim
Ethnicity: Asian / Japanese

Experience

FILM

- 2017** "Abandoned: Growing Up" Sci-fi action short film, Trigger Media Productions, Sydney, NSW (Bishop)
Dir: Nathan Colquhoun
- 2017** "The Life of Baldrick" Mockumentary short film, Ruby Reaux Productions, Sydney, NSW (Hiro) Co-dirs:
Frazer Ruddick & Brendan Byrne
- 2016** "Riceballs" Family drama short film, Metro Screen & Screen Australia, Sydney, NSW (Kenji's Colleague)
Dir: Shingo Usami
- 2015** "Hacksaw Ridge" War biography feature film, Summit Entertainment & Cross Creek Pictures, Sydney, NSW
(Japanese General) Dir: Mel Gibson
- 2015** "The Challenge Letter" Martial arts action feature film, Wild Clan Productions, Sydney, NSW (Sakaguchi)
Dir: Nathan Colquhoun & Robert Chen
- 2014** "Yesterday's Girl" Feature film, Sydney, NSW (Husband) Dir: Mike Garrick
- 2014** "Locust" Drama short film, Sydney, NSW (Father) Co-dirs: Jonathan Blumberg & Jack Taylor
- 2013** "Unbroken" War feature film, Universal Pictures, Sydney, NSW (Naoetsu Guard) Dir: Angelina Jolie
- 2012** "The Wolverine" Superhero fantasy feature film, Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, Sydney, NSW
(Army Officer 2) Dir: James Mangold

TELEVISION

2017 "Pulse" Medical drama TV series, Clandestine Beyond & ABC, Sydney, NSW (Renal Patient)

Co-dirs: Peter Andrikidis, Jennifer Leacey & Ana Kokkinos

2016 "Top Knot Detective" Comedy action Mockumentary Telemovie, Blue Forest Media & SBS, Perth/Sydney, WA/NSW (Cat Talk Host/Old Man) Co-dirs: Dominic McCann & Dominic Pearce

2015 "Abandoned" Sci-fi action pilot TV series, Wild Clan Productions, Sydney, NSW (Takashi Otomo)

Dir: Nathan Colquhoun

2015 "Peter Allen: Not the Boy Next Door" Biographical Telemovie, Shine Australia & Seven Network, Sydney, NSW (Fisherman) Dir: Shawn Seet

LIVE EVENT

2016 "Premier's Lunch with International Delegates" Welcome dinner, Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit & Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Rydges Fortitude Valley, Bowen Hills, QLD (Japanese MC & Interpreter for Iron Chef) Exec. Prod: Theresa Famularo

COMMERCIAL

2017 Lexus "Experience A Different Perspective – Exhilarating Performance, the Lexus IS" TVC, M&C Saatchi, Sydney, NSW (Takumi Engineer) Dir: Carl Rinsch

VIDEO

2017 Flight Facilities: "Stranded" Music video, Sydney, NSW (Inmate's Father) Dir: Tom Noakes

2014 Superwog: "If Santa was a wog PT II" YouTube video, Sydney, NSW (Elf)

2015 Eves The Behaviour: "Electrical" Music video, Sydney, NSW (Inuit/Eskimo) Dir: Josh Logue

2014 Eves The Behaviour: "TV" Music video, Sydney, NSW (Inuit/Eskimo) Dir: Josh Logue

2014 "I found another way into UTS" Promo video, University of Technology, Sydney, NSW (Executive Businessman)

2014 Superwog: "America v China - RAP BATTLE" YouTube video, Sydney, NSW (China Man)

2014 "Oz Artist of the Year" Promo clip, Channel [V], Sydney, NSW (Gambler)

2014 The Griswolds: "Beware The Dog!" Music video, Sydney, NSW (Victim)

Education

2008 Statement of Attainment for 3D Modelling, Character Design & Advanced Animation in Maya, TAFE NSW, Sydney, Australia

1991 Bachelor of Literature for Film, Seijo University, Tokyo, Japan

Skills

Languages: English, Japanese

Accents: Australian, Japanese

Instrumental: Guitar (acoustic), harmonica, piano

Activities: Badminton, baseball, martial arts (Judo, Kendo), snow skiing, tennis, pool, table tennis, basketball, dodge ball, soccer, softball, volleyball, marathon, relay, running, scuba diving, snorkelling, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, cooking, gaming, fishing, golfing, hiking, juggling, yo-yoing

Military: Army trained for filming purpose

Technical: Set dressing, prop mastery, video editing

Driver's Licence: Car, Motorcycle (Australia/Japan)