



VIVA

About the CREATORS

Karlee Porritt & Max Porritt



Karlee, a seasoned performer with extensive global dance experience, and Max, a skilled hospitality entrepreneur, are the dynamic team that brought Viva to life. Their shared passion for the arts and hospitality inspired them to create a space where dancers, singers, and circus artists can shine without needing to leave Australia.

The journey to Viva's grand opening was no small feat. After securing an old warehouse, Karlee and Max spent nearly two years transforming it into the vibrant theatre and bar it is today. The vision was clear: they wanted a space that offered a sense of adventure and intrigue. From the moment you step away from the city's hustle and into Viva's glamorous front bar and theatre, it feels as though you've been teleported to an overseas cabaret venue.

Karlee's rich performance background, combined with Max's hospitality expertise, brings a unique energy to Viva. Together, they've ensured that Viva is more than just a venue—it's a destination. Guests can indulge in fine wines, handcrafted cocktails, and gourmet cuisine, all while enjoying world-class performances.

At Viva, Karlee and Max invite you to leave your everyday worries behind and immerse yourself in a world of entertainment, where artistry, gastronomy, and hospitality seamlessly blend to create an unforgettable experience.



Meet the CAST

James
Elmer

Creative Director
& Host



James is an innovative creative director, performer, and choreographer whose career spans television, musical theatre, live entertainment, and music composition. A graduate of Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance, he is recognised for his bold creative vision, magnetic stage presence, and dynamic storytelling style.

He was the face of ABC3 for over seven years, with television credits including *Australia's Got Talent*, *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Trip for Biscuits*, *Splatalot*, and *Larry the Wonderpup*.

His stage credits include *Memphis the Musical*, *In The Heights*, *Paw Patrol Live*, *Cruel Intentions*, *50 Shades – The Musical Parody*, Dubai Expo 2020, and the international tour of *Juliet* across Australia and Singapore.

Coming off a successful run as co-director of 'Vogue', James brings an elevated artistic perspective, high-energy creativity, and extensive industry experience as our Creative Director and host for a second season

INSTAGRAM – @jamesxelmer



Dylan
Herrera

Host

Originally from Switzerland, Dylan began his career as an acrobatic artist before naturally evolving into the world of circus and physical comedy. His passion for circus arts has taken him across the globe, including training at the prestigious Circus School of Québec in Canada.

Throughout his international career, Dylan has performed with renowned companies including Cirque du Soleil, Machine de Cirque, Flip Fabrique, and productions with Strut & Fret, captivating audiences with his unique blend of acrobatics, comedy, and fearless stage presence.

Now joining us in Australia, Dylan continues to bring his irreverent humour, dynamic performance style, and infectious playful energy to the Viva stage in our productions this May Society and Scandal

INSTAGRAM – @portoricano8

Taryn Donna

Singer



Since graduating from Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance in 2015, Taryn Donna has built an impressive international career as a triple threat performer. Her stage credits include playing Cassandra in *Cats* and bringing beloved Disney characters Elsa and Rapunzel to life in productions across the globe.

Taryn's career has taken her to Dubai, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Japan, with credits including Royal Caribbean, David Atkins Enterprises, GWB Entertainment, and Disney. She has also worked as a model, appearing in *Vogue*.

After appearing in Viva's last four productions, Taryn is ecstatic to return to the cast for her third season, bringing her experience, versatility, and vibrant stage presence back to the Viva stage.

INSTAGRAM – @taz_donna



Anna Larson

Singer, Dancer
Aerialist

Anna, a Queensland native, is a versatile vocalist and dancer who gained training at the Queensland Dance School of Excellence and ED5 International in Sydney.

Since graduating Anna has performed for audiences worldwide in productions under Universal Studios Singapore, Celebrity Cruise Lines, and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.

Now continuing for a second show season at Viva Melbourne, Anna looks forward to sharing her powerful voice and extensive talents with our eager audiences

INSTAGRAM- @annaglarson

Abi Robertson

Dancer, Aerialist



Abi is a vibrant and versatile performer currently based in Melbourne, where she has completed full-time training at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance.

Her credits include dancing for Tones and I, appearing in the short film Laterz, and performing at numerous high-profile corporate events in the Melbourne area.

Abi is proud to continue her journey with Viva for a second season, bringing her energy into every number and newly crafted aerial acts each night

INSTAGRAM - @abiirbertsonn



Destiny Siegreest

Dancer

Originally from Arizona, United States, Destiny launched her professional career in Los Angeles before taking her talents to stages around the world. Now based in New York City, with time spent refining her craft in London, Destiny has trained and worked alongside some of the industry's most renowned choreographers.

A dynamic dancer and aerialist, Destiny has performed alongside global artists including Katy Perry and J Balvin, showcasing her versatility across immersive, proscenium and aqua theatre productions. Her international career has seen her perform with Royal Caribbean and Virgin Voyages, before stepping into the creative world as an Associate Choreographer and contributing to development labs for Virgin's newest productions.

Most recently, Destiny appeared in Jason Williams' Sexperience cabaret in New York City. Having previously joined the choreography team for VIVA's inaugural production, Exotic, in 2024, Destiny now returns to VIVA in a new role – stepping into the spotlight and bringing her artistry and international experience to the Melbourne stage.

Destiny is thrilled to be part of the VIVA family and bring a little more of her global flair to our stage.

INSTAGRAM - @desisiegrest

Ellie-Rose Waters

Dancer



Ellie-Rose is a versatile performer with extensive training and professional experience across stage, screen, and live events. She honed her craft at Harbour Performing Arts Centre and Transit Dance under the guidance of esteemed instructors including Paul Malek, Kelly Abbey, and Kim Adam.

Ellie-Rose has graced international stages as a dancer with Royal Caribbean and performed at high-profile events such as the AGL Grand Final alongside Robbie Williams and exclusive galas at Crown Casino. On screen, she has appeared in popular productions including Neighbours, Better Homes and Gardens, and Australian Story, showcasing her adaptability across multiple mediums.

With a combination of technical skill, stage presence, and a passion for performance, Ellie-Rose continues to captivate audiences both live and on screen.

INSTAGRAM- @ellierosewaters



Emily Rego

Dancer

Emily is a Sydney-based dancer with extensive training and stage experience.

She completed Brent Street's full-time course in 2021 and The Dream Dance Company's Show Biz program in 2023. Emily has performed with Elysian Creative Productions, as a backup dancer for Sydney Bardot, and as an NRL Cheerleader for the Penrith Pantherettes.

Emily brings her experience, energy, and love of performance to every show and is excited to continue her passion with Viva for our third season

INSTAGRAM- @emillyyy.xx

Ethan Toal

Dancer, Aerialist



Ethan is a versatile professional dancer from Sydney with international performance credits across Royal Caribbean, RWS Entertainment, and Carnival Cruise Lines.

A graduate of Ettingshausens Pro, he has trained and worked in London and New York with choreographers like Miles Keeney and Chase Hudson.

His career includes TV credits (Dance Academy), music videos, and global stage productions. Following his debut contract with Viva, Ethan is excited to bring a new level of artistry and drive into this next set of productions of Society and Scandal

INSTAGRAM- @ethanjameswt



Sarah Bourke

Dancer

Originally from Hobart, Tasmania, Sarah is an Australian performer and graduate of Ettingshausens Pro in Sydney, who also trained on scholarship at Broadway Dance Center in New York.

She recently completed the 40th Anniversary Australian tour of Cats (Crossroads Live) as Tantomile, with her other theatre credits including Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Guys & Dolls on Sydney Harbour (Opera Australia), Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, and An American in Paris as part of the Green Room Award nominated ensemble.

Sarah additionally has performed internationally aboard Royal Caribbean International cruise liners, at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, alongside Starley at Sydney Mardi Gras, touring with Furnace and the Fundamentals, and recently appearing in Rebel Wilson's feature film The Deb.

We are very thrilled to have Sarah's captivating flair and watch her shine on the Viva stage as part of our newest productions.

INSTAGRAM - @sarahbourke_



Tyson Bell

Dancer

Originally from Perth, Tyson began training in dance from a young age, developing versatility across a range of styles with a particular focus on acrobatics and commercial jazz. He went on to complete his Certificate IV in Dance at Dynamite Studios on the Gold Coast, before establishing a professional career both across Australia and internationally.

Tyson's international credits include performing with Royal Caribbean International aboard Ovation of the Seas and Odyssey of the Seas, appearing in productions including Live, Love, Legs, The Dream, Showgirl and The Effectors.

Additional career highlights include working as a backup dancer for Todrick Hall, alongside performing in a variety of professional productions throughout Australia and around the world. Be ready as Tyson can't wait to bring his gravity-defying skills to the VIVA stage this season and share something audiences may not have seen before.

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