

Profile Creative



Paul Mercurio AM

One of Australia's most accomplished and recognised television personalities, Paul Mercurio has explored and succeeded within many facets of the entertainment industry. These feature his pursuits in dance, choreography, acting, television presenting, MC'ing, cooking, beer brewing and writing.

Many will know Paul from his role in Baz Luhrmann's critically acclaimed film, 'Strictly Ballroom'. Since then, Paul has carved out an impressive dance and acting career, having worked alongside notable figures such as Sir Ben Kingsley and Christian Slater, performed in 16 feature films, countless Australian television shows, choreographed over 30 dance works for stage and screen and performed in various theatre productions.

Paul has been nominated for both a Logie, an AFI award for acting, was nominated for a Green Room Award for his choreography, Won a Mo Award for his dancing and in 2020 was awarded A Member of The Order Of Australia. His first presenting gig was way back in 1996 as a presenter for a channel Nine TV lifestyle show called Time out for Serious Fun where - you guessed it – he had to go out and do lots of fun things.

It was also around this time that Paul started to MC rather large events, dinners, charity events, corporate events etc. Most often held at the Crown Palladium with 1000 – 1500 people in attendance. Over the last 25 years he has lost count as to how many small, medium and large events he has MC'd and how much money he has helped to raise but let's just say many and not just in Australia! He has also MC'd a handful in New Zealand and a very, very large event in Buenos Aires.

As well as the live Presenting and MC'ing Paul has hosted several successful television shows and also co – presented segments for TV shows. He has hosted 72 half hour episodes of his own cooking shows – Food Trail, Mercurio's Menu, NZ on a Plate. He was a judge for 91 episodes of the Australian version of Dancing with the Star and also 39 episodes of the NZ version. In 2012 he was a featured chef on the Morning Show Channel 9 and in 2013 a presenter on Mornings with David and Sonia.

In amongst all of this he also has been a featured chef/cook at various food festivals around Australia - the biggest being Australia On A plate twice. He is regularly hired to present cooking demos for a variety of large and small companies. Most recently Paul has been hired as an on board presenter on P&O Cruises to teach Tai Chi, do cooking demonstrations and to do talks about his experiences in life.

Paul has been quoted in various newspaper/weekly magazine/TV and radio interviews as saying to be in this industry you need to have many fingers in many pies. After 37 years in the biz he has a unique perspective on a life well-travelled through the entertainment industry in all its glory and drudgery. From dancer to choreographer to actor to TV personality to Host to MC to brewer of beer to TV cook to cookbook author, to restaurateur and most recently Tai Chi teacher. Yep, many fingers in many pies and a few stories to tell about the journey.

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