

VAL LEHMAN

Val is probably best known for her portrayal of Bea Smith, in the highly successful Australian series *Prisoner*. It won Val two best television actress awards in Australia, (Logies 1981 & 1982) as well as the coveted Silver Logie.

Val escaped to make her mark in a number of other television shows, as Mary Facey in the Australian classic *A Fortunate Life*, Mrs Montalban in ABC's miniseries *Outbreak of Love*, and notable guest roles in *The Strange Calls*, *Blue Heelers* and *City Homicide* amongst others.

Her film credits include *Charlie and Boots*, *I Live With Me Dad* and *Kitty And The Bagman*.

More than a just a screen celebrity, Val also has a wealth of stage experience including Eunice in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Lorraine in *A Lie Of The Mind*, Mother in *A Touch Of Silk* (MTC), Fania in *In Duty Bound* (QTC), Mom in *Trafford Tanzi*, Director Rodney Fisher. She layed Mrs Meadows as well as twice directing *Steaming* for Jally Productions tours. .

Her UK stage credits include *Pearl in Summer Of The 17th Doll* (Birmingham Rep), Mrs Boulton in *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, Beatrix Potter in *The Secret of Beatrix Potter* (Redgrave Theatre Farnham), Miss Daisy in *Driving Miss Daisy*, Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias* and Momma Morton in *Chicago* (Key Theatre Peterborough). Kathy Bates, in *Misery* (Wimbledon Theatre), *Empress Of China* (Aladdin Manchester Opera House).

Her musical theatre roles include Margot Channing in *Applause*, Carlotta in *Follies*, The Wicked Witch Of The West in *The Wizard Of Oz*, Momma Morton in *Chicago* (twice) and most recently Aunt Eller in *Oklahoma* for Harvest Rain Theatre Company, as well as the 18 months tour as Miss Lynch in *Grease* for Gordon Frost Org.

Over the years, Val has been interviewed by most of the major interviewers in Australia and the UK, including Michael Parkinson..

In 2016 Val appeared as a contestant on *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here* (Ten Network)

Below is a selection of her long and extensive list of credits:

TELEVISION:

Neighbours

City Homicide

All Saints

MDA,

Secret Bridesmaids' Business,

Blue Heelers,

Something In The Air,

(Joanna Swartz) Fremantle Media

(lead guest, Dorothy Denzel) Seven Network

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(Rita O'Reilly). ABC/Screentime P/L.

(Colleen, Mother of the Bride). ABC Telemovie.

(Ivy Henderson) Dir: Ray Quint

(Joyce Cassidy). ABC/Simpson Le Mesurier.

<i>Pizza,</i>	(Top Dog). SBS
<i>Blue Heelers,</i>	(Bonnie Crossing). Dir: Ray Quint.
<i>Good Guys, Bad Guys,</i>	(Rose Kinsella). Dir: Paul Maloney
<i>Wilderness,</i>	(Vet), Dir: Ben Bolt. Red Rooster Prod. ITV.
<i>Law of the Land,</i>	Roadshow Coote & Carrol
<i>Prisoner,</i>	(Bea Smith), Grundy Television
<i>The Flying Doctors,</i>	Crawford Prod.

MINI-SERIES:

<i>Secrets and Lies</i>	(Patricia),Secrets and Lies Productions Pty Ltd
<i>Strange Calls</i>	(Elaine), Strange Calls Pty Ltd
<i>A Fortunate Life,</i>	(Mum Facey). Dir: Marcus Cole. PBL
<i>Army Wives,</i>	(Mother). Dir: Denny Lawrence
<i>Outbreak of Love,</i>	(Mrs. Montalban). Dir: Oscar Whitbread. ABC.

FILM:

<i>Charlie & Boots</i>	(Bowling Driver) Dir: Dean Murphy, Instinct Entertainment
<i>Call Me Mum,</i>	Script development (2004)
<i>Kitty & The Bagman,</i>	(Big Lil). Dir: Donald Crombie
<i>I Live With Me Dad,</i>	(Barmaid).

THEATRE:

<i>Grease,</i>	(Miss Lynch) Gordon Frost (2013/14/15)
<i>Oklahoma</i>	(Aunt Elle) Harvest Rain Co. Qld (2013)
<i>Inheritance</i>	(Dibs Hamilton), Dir: Chris Bendall, Full Dress Production (2007)
<i>Misery,</i>	(Annie Wilkes). Dir: Kenneth Alan Taylor. TABS National Tour
<i>When We Are Married,</i>	(Mrs Northrop). Dir: Anthony Tuckey. Wolsey Ipswich
<i>Chicago,</i>	(Momma Morton), Dir: Derek Killeen, Key Peterborough
<i>Secret of Beatrix Potter,</i>	(Beatrix Potter). Dir: Adrian Jones, Redgrave Farnham.
<i>Driving Miss Daisy,</i>	(Miss Daisy), Dir: Derek Killeen, Key Peterborough
<i>Steel Magnolias,</i>	(Ouiser),Dir: Derek Killeen, Kenwrights Tour.
<i>Aladdin,</i>	(Empress of China). Dir: Norman Murray, Hazemead Productions.
<i>Summer of the Seventeenth Doll,</i>	(Pearl). Dir: John Adams, Birmingham Rep.
<i>Lady Chatterley's Lover,</i>	(Mrs. Bolton). Dir: Graham Watkins, National No. 1 Tour.
<i>Chatterley - The Trial,</i>	(Oxford Don). Dir: Bill Banks-Jones, Redgrave Farnham.
<i>Wizard of Oz,</i>	(Wicked Witch of the West), Dir: Andrew Richards, Ramsgate Summer
<i>Anyone for Murder,</i>	(Mary). Dir: Andrew Richards, Nat. No. 1 Tour.
<i>Prisoner - Great Escape,</i>	(Self). Dir: Charles Collins, Eve Promotions Tours.
<i>Touch of Silk,</i>	(Mum). Dir: Terry Clarke. M.T.C.
<i>Streetcar Named Desire,</i>	(Eunice). Dir: Roger Hodgman M.T.C.
<i>Lie of the Mind,</i>	(Lorraine). Dir: Simon Phillips. M.T.C.
<i>Trafford Tanzi,</i>	(Mother). Dir: Rodney Fisher. Wilton Morley
<i>In Duty Bound,</i>	(Fania). Dir: Greg Gesh. R.Q.T.C.
<i>The Foreigner,</i>	(Betty). Dir: Terry Clarke.

