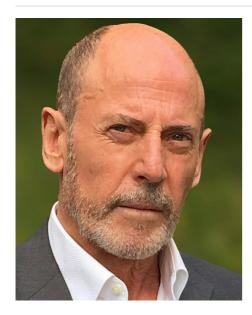
# Craig Walsh-Wrightson





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### Details

Gender Male 60 - 70 Age Range Height 178cm Base Location Auckland Available In International

Actor, Commercial Talent, Composer, Director, Model, Presenter, Prof. Skills

Musician, Prof. Singer, Voice Artist, Writer, Musician

Hair Greying, Dark Brown

Eye

Caucasian, New Zealand Ethnicity

Credits		
2018	TV	Ved The Bushermand Musteries Covies F
	IV	Karl The Brokenwood Mysteries Series 5,
2016	TV	Charles Hernu, Minister of Defence 'Bombshell - The Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior' Screentime, Ric Pellizzeri
2015		
	VO	TV etc voice over <b>ToyotaRacingSeries'Boy'</b> Saatchi & Saatchi Auckland, Jane Oak
	TV	General Monro <b>Deadline Gallipoli</b> Gallipoli Pictures Pty Ltd, Michael Rymer
2014		
	TV	lan Johnson <b>Venus and Mars</b> Screentime NZ Ltd of Auckland, John Laing
2013+		
	VO	Multi-media v/o <b>Bank of New Zealand</b> Colenso BBDO Auckland, NickWorthington/JenStorey
	VO	Tvc series voice over <b>Chorus 'UFB-Gigatown'</b> Chameleon Auckland, SimonShattky/Nic Craig
2013		
	VO	TVc series voice over <b>Nissan Duke (Australia)</b> Whybin/TBWA Melbourne, Steve Rogers
	С	The Banker <b>TSB Bank</b> Flying Fish, Gregor Nicholas
2012		
	V SF	Targuiled (Voice) <b>Path of Exile</b> Grinding Gear Games, Damien Caine Thom <b>Snooze Time</b> , Ivan Barge
	эг TV	Anger Management Counsellor <b>Auckland Daze</b> Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions Limited, Kiel McNaughton
	С	Handsaw man <b>Hornbach Baumarkt AG (Germany)</b> Curious Films (NZ line producers), Martin Kejci
2011		
	TV	Det. Sgt. Len Johnstone 'The Investigator: The Crewe murders' Red Sky, Bryan Bruce
	TV	Williams 'Entsheidung des Herzens' ('Whisky Island') telefeature GFC Germany, John Delbridge
	С	Wheat farmer 'Three fields' TVc Stouffers USA / Cherokee Films, Josh Miller
2010		
	TV	Solonius (Series Regular) Spartacus [PREQUEL]: Gods of the Arena Pacific Renaissance Pictures Ltd., Various
2009		
	TV	Solonius (Series Regular) <b>Spartacus: Blood and Sand</b> Pacific Renaissance Pictures Ltd, Various



TV

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2008

Fraden Legend of the Seeker Pacific Renaissance for Walt Disney/ABC-TV series, Mark Beesley, Luke Robinson

Fraden Legend of the Seeker 'Prophecy' The Walt Disney Company New Zealand Limited, Mark Beesley

Delegate James Mason The Pretender Series 2 Great Southern Television, Peter Berger, Jonathon Brough

2007

TV Mike McCarthy Outrageous Fortune 3 South Pacific Pictures series, Mark Beesley, Britta Johnstone

TV Tom Burying Brian Eyeworks Touchdown series, Peter Berger, Chris Bailey

2004

TV Aldous Means Maiden Voyage Carlton America, Colin Budds

2003

FF Aldous Means Maiden Voyage - Ocean Hijack Village Roadshow / Carlton America, Colin Budds

2000

FF Partygoer **The Vertical Limit** Mountain High Productions, Martin Campbell

DO Narrator6x90'series 'OurPeople,OurCentury' Ninox Films, David Harry Baldock

TV Roman Captain Xena: Path of Vengeance Pacific Renaissance Pictures, Chris Martin-Jones

TV Darkman Dark Knight - Spellbound Palana Productions, Mark Ezra

1999

TV Harvey **Duggan - Sneakers** Communicado Productions, Mike Smith

1997

TV King Lynaeus Xena: For Him the Bell Tolls Pacific Renaissance Pictures, Josh Becker

TV Lysis The Priest **Xena**: **The Furies** Pacific Renaissance Pictures, Charles Siebert

1989

P Presenter / Interviewer New Zealand Marketing Awards Show Visibility/TVNZ, Mike Bird

1988

P Presenter / Interviewer NZ Marketing Awards ,

1986

P Series Presenter **Money Go Round** TVNZ, Diane Gilliam-Knight

P TVNZ Anchorman / Interviewer **Money Go Round** Television New Zealand,

P TVNZ Panellist vs Brian Edwards Let Me Speak Television New Zealand,

### Skills & Attributes

 Shoe Size
 10

 Clothing Size
 Male - M

 Waist
 85cm

 Neck
 42cm

 Chest
 105cm

Natural Accent English, New Zealand

Ballroom

Accent Skills American Standard, Australian, English, French, German, Irish, Italian, New Zealand, Russian, Scottish, Cockney, South

Accent Skills

African, Welsh

Languages

French, English

Hair Length

Balding, Short

Hair Style

Instrumental

Guitar

Singing Blues, Country & Western , Jazz, Musical Theatre, Rock, Folk, Pop, Contemporary

Singing Range Baritone

Sport and Athletic

Boxing, Fencing, Horse Riding, Ice Skating, Martial Arts, Rowing, Sailing, Snow Skiing, Swimming, Water Skiing,

Motorcross, Table Tennis

Drivers Licence Car, Motorcycle

## Notes

Dance

Seen on U.S. TV as 'Solonius' in Season One of the Starz' international hit show 'Spartacus Blood and Sand' and then the Prequel season 'Spartacus Gods of the Arena', New Zealand-born Craig Walsh-Wrightson brings to acting the experience of several real-life roles adventurously lived

Educated partly in England, where he was a summa cum laude student, he declined the offer of a Charterhouse Scholarship to return home, later completing a double Bachelor's degree in History and English Literature from Victoria University of Wellington, while also reading Politics, French and Economics.

During post-graduate studies in Modern History, he was recruited by the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation as a documentary-maker, then was headhunted by a national advertising agency as a writer and TV producer.

At age 24 he co-founded January Productions, Australasia's first multi-media creative consultancy and production house. With Craig as Executive Creative Director, this partnership developed into a top national advertising agency, Campaign Advertising Group. Ten years later Craig and his partners sold their company to UK interests and Campaign became Saatchi & Saatchi New Zealand.

Craig has written, produced (and occasionally directed) over 110 major TV commercials.

He has also created dozens of radio and TV commercial music soundtracks as a composer, lyricist and music producer.

Craig is a multi-AXIS Award winner (the NZ equivalent of the U.S. advertising industry's 'Clio' awards) as a writer, art director, producer, and film director.

As presenter/anchorman/interviewer he fronted the primetime TVNZ series 'Money Go Round'.

An award-winning international voice-over artist and narrator, Craig's credits include Cadbury's, Coca Cola, Lexus, L'Oreal, Rexona, Vodafone, Repsol, Skins Athletic, CBS Records. EMI, Mitsubishi, McDonalds, Suzuki and BNZ. His full-length narration on the NZ Book Council's 'Going West' animated cinema commercial contributed to its winning a host of awards including Gold Lion at Cannes.

And he has shared 'Best Documentary' honours in the NZFTA Awards (equivalent to a U.S. 'Emmy') as narrator of Television New Zealand's 6 x 90-minutes millenium production 'Our People. Our Century'.

Obviously, given such busy former lives, Craig came late to screen acting as a career, but quickly established his reputation as a charismatic performer on series such as 'Xena Warrior Princess', 'Outrageous Fortune', 'Burying Brian', 'The Pretender' and Disney's 'Legend of the Seeker'.

In what was to be a brief guest role in the first 'Spartacus' season, Craig so impressed producer Chloe Smith and executive producers Rob Tapert, Josh Donen, Sam Raimi and Steven DeKnight - especially in his intense scenes with John Hannah's 'Bataiatus' and Lucy Lawless' 'Lucrezia' - that his character 'Solonius' was written into 8 of the 13 episodes... culminating in a magnificent death-duel with 'Spartacus' himself. (Guess who won?)

And then 'Solonius' returned to life - this time as 'Batiatus' closest friend - for all 6 episodes of the top-rating Prequel season 'Spartacus Gods of the Arena'.

For Craig 'Solonius' has proved truly an international breakthrough role - with the Emmy-nominated 'Spartacus' screening in 15 languages to tens of millions of viewers in 150 countries including the USA, Mexico, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Korea, Turkey, and Russia

(And all that even before it aired on Netflix.)

Other recent portrayals include British general Sir Charles Monro in the mini-series 'Deadline Gallipoli', French Minister of Defence Charles Hernu in the Netflix movie 'Bombshell: The Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior', and Emperor Tiberius in the upcoming season two of the Netflix Original series 'Roman Empire'.