

Alexandra Collier



Alexandra Collier is a writer and performer from Melbourne based in New York city. Her play, *Still Waiting*, won the RE Ross Trust Award (2003) and was profiled in the Australian Scriptwriting Centre's collection of the best Australian plays of 2006 and in their *Stand Alone* monologue audition collection (2007). She performed in the premiere of *Still Waiting* at La Mama (2005), and at the Adelaide Fringe Festival (2006). Other awards: Highly Commended in the Marian Eldridge National Women's Australian Writing Award (2006), Playworks development for *Girl's Growing Small*, which also received a mentorship from the Victorian Writer's Centre (2005). Other credits include, *Eclipse*, Melbourne Fringe (2000), Tasmania University (2006) and *The Will of the Cockroach* (NYC, 2007), produced by the Production Company as part of the Australia Project. She was a writer for the Monarch Theatre Company's one minute play festival (NYC, 2007) and for a series of monologues written by female playwrights – *So She Said* – at the Abingdon Theatre (NYC, 2008). Her play *Deathless* was selected to be workshopped by the Soho Think Tank's Sixth Floor Series and was recently read at the Lark Playwright's Development Center. She is currently the Literary Manger for The Production Company in New York, an Australian-American Alliance. She is also a freelance writer, whose work has been featured in *The Age*, *Lonely Planet*, *Eureka St* and *Arts Hub*.

Alexandra has been awarded an artists fellowship at the MacDowell colony in New Hampshire in April 2009. The MacDowell colony is America's oldest artist colony, established in 1907 to, according to their website, "nurture the arts by offering creative individuals of the highest talent an inspiring environment in which to produce enduring works of the imagination." Since its inception, the colony has hosted numerous celebrated artists, many of whom are Pulitzer prize winners, National Book award winners and Guggenheim fellows - their role call includes Leonard Bernstein, Thornton Wilder, James Baldwin, Alice Walker and many others.