



Actor Biography

Johnson&Laird

Matthew Sunderland

Height 183 cm

Awards.

- 2022** Cannes 75th Annual Film Festival - Un Certain Regard: The Stranger
- 2022** Nominated for a Best Actor In a Short Film - The Finding
- 2018** The Nightingale Special Jury Prize Venice Film Festival
- 2014** Nomination: Best supporting Actor The Weight of Elephants (2013)New Zealand Film&Television Awards
- 2010** Vostok Station - Entry into Sundance Festival 2010
- 2008** Qantas TV &Film Winner - Performance By an Actor in a Leading Role - Out of the Blue
- 2007** Best Short Film - Winner - Nature 's Way - Paris Film Festival
- 2006** Best Actor in a Short Film -Nomination - Nature 's Way - New Zealand Screen Awards

Feature Film.

2022	Pearl	Pearl's Father (Supporting)	Dir. Ti West Prd. A24
2022	Super Rosa	Charlie (Lead)	Dir. Sauro Morganti Prd. Breathless Films
2022	A Mistake	Owen Williams (Supporting)	Dir. Christine Jeffs Prd. Matthew Metcalfe
2022	The Stranger	Controller	Dir. Thomas M Wright Prd. See Saw Films/Anonymous Content
2020	Bloody Hell	Father	Dir. Alister Grierson Prd. Steven Matusko
2019	Savage	Dad	Dir. Sam Kelly Prd. Vicky Pope
2018	The Nightingale	Davey	Causeway Films Dir. Jennifer Kent

Feature continued...

2017	6 Days	Tom Lovett (Guest)	GFC Films Ltd Dir. Toa Fraser Prd. Matthew Metcalfe
2016	The Lost City of Z	Dan	Dir. James Gray Prd. Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, Anthony Katagas and Dale Johnson; Exec Producers: Marc Butan, Mark Huffam, Felipe Aljure
2015	Backtrack	Steve	Backtrack Productions Dir. Michael Petroni
2014	A Little Death	Wiry Guy	Dir. Joshua Lawson
2012	The Weight Of Elephants	Uncle Rory (Lead)	Zentropa Entertainments 5, Severe Features LTD Dir. Daniel Joseph Borgman Prd. Leanne Saunders, Katja Adomeit & Jonas Bagger
2011	Existence	Rider	Existence Ltd Dir. Juliet Bergh
2010	The Devils Rock	Klaus Meyer (Lead)	The Devils Rock Ltd Dir. Paul Campion
2009	Tracker	Posse Soldier Crowther (Support)	Feature Film
2008	Under The Mountain	Wilberforce Drone (Support)	Redhead Productions Ltd Dir. Jonathan King Prd. Richard Fletcher
2007	A Song of Good	Denis (Support)	Robbers Dog Films Dir. Gregory King Prd. Mark Foster
2007	The Strength of Water	Hunter	Filmwork Dir. Armagan Ballantyne Prd. Fiona Copland and Karl Baumgartner
2006	Out of the Blue	David Gray (Pivotal Lead)	Southern Light Films Dir. Robert Sarkies Prd. Tim White & Steven O'Meagher

Feature continued...

2005	The Last Magic Show	Lemuel (Support)	Tamarrilo Films Dir. Andy Conlon Prd. Alex Lee
2004	Stringer	Jake Stringer (Lead)	Stringer Films Dir. Steve Morrison Prd. Ann Bilek
2004	Christmas	Brett (Support)	Severe PicturesFilm Festivals: Melbourne International Dir. Gregory King Prd. Leanne Saunders
2000	Woodenhead	The Strongman (Support)	Pictures for Anna ProductionsFilm Festivals: New Zealand International Dir. Florian Habicht
1994	Absent Without Leave	Prison Inmate (Support)	Robin Laing Productions Dir. John Laing Prd. Robin Laing
1993	Desperate Remedies	Chorus Member (Support)	James Wallace Productions Dir. Peter Wells&Stewart Main Prd. James Wallace

Short Film.

2022	That Workman's Arm	Greg (Lead)	Dir. Simon London
2022	Freedom Fighter	Uncle (Supporting)	Dir. Tusi Tamasese
2022	Morning Hate	Sunken Man	Dir. Dean O'Gorman
2022	Saviour	Reed	Dir. Alistair MacDonald Prd. Simone Ashton
2021	The Finding	Sanders (Lead)	Dir. Rebecca Tansley Prd. Ruru Films Limited
2021	The Calf	Mike	Dir. Matthew Sunderland & Simon London

Short continued...

2019	A Moray	Marlon	Swag Film (AU) Dir. W. A. M Bleakley Prd. Lucy Knox&Kate Roydhouse
2016	Cradle	Mark	Dir. Damon Duncan
2014	Ron	Danny	Dir. Brett O'Gorman & Mick Andrews
2014	Cold	Jaden	Dir. Kirsty Hamilton
2013	Killing Phillip	Charlies Dad (Lead)	Automatic Films /Robbers Dog Dir. Adam Gunser Prd. Mark Foster, Adame Steevens and Kristian Eek.
2012	The Dam		Smythe and Hipkins Ltd Dir. Gavin Hipkins Prd. Gavin Hipkins
2010	Where Dad Walked	Dad (Lead)	Dir. David Coyle
2010	Superman	Man (Lead)	Dir. Peter O'Donoghue
2008	Poppy	Paddy (Lead)	Supercollider Ltd Dir. James Cunningham Prd. Paul Swadel
2006	Vostok Station	Man (Lead)	Dir. Dylan Pharazyn
2005	Nature's Way	International (London International)	Severe PicturesFilm Festivals: Cannes Dir. Jane Shearer Prd. Leanne Saunders
2004	Home Video	Man (Lead)	Severe Pictures Dir. Steven Sinclair Prd. Leanne Saunders
2004	Fish	Fish (Lead)	Stray Bullet FilmsFilm Festivals: Auckland International Dir. Dominic Hannah Prd. Dominic Hannah

Short continued...

2002 D.O.T Matrix	Duff (Lead)	God Zone Pictures Dir. Reuben Pollock Prd. Liz DiFiore
2001 Letters About The Weather	Kade (Support)	God Zone Pictures Dir. Peter Salmon Prd. Liz DiFiore
2000 Teach You a Lesson	Guy (Lead)	Simon Marler Productions Dir. Gregory King Prd. Simon Marler
1998 Pop	Guy (Lead)	Simon Marler Productions Film Festival: Melbourne Dir. Gregory King Prd. Simon Marler

Television.

2025 Bust Up	Kelvin (Supporting)	SKY Originals /SKY Open onboard and German broadcaster ZDF Dir. Max Currie&Awanui Simich-Pene
2024 Territory	Elton (Supporting)	Netflix Dir. Greg McLean Prd. Netflix
2024 Plum	Bukowski (Supporting)	Dir. Margie Beattie&Wayne Blair Prd. ABC TV&Modern Convict Films
2018 The Luminaries	Joseph Pritchard	BBC /TVNZ Dir. Claire McCarthy Prd. Tim White, Lisa Chatfield, Judith Trye
2017 Wanted - Season 2	Bryce	MBZ Wanted Prd. Chloe Smith
2015 Rake	Phil	Essential Media &Entertainment Dir. Rowan Woods
2012 Harry	Spud Jarvis	Desert Road Ltd Dir. Chris Dudman Prd. Steven O'Meagher

Television continued...

2009	This Is Not My Life	The Cleaner (Guest)	GRST LTD Prd. Tim White/Steven O'Meagh/Rachel Lang
2008	Piece of my Heart	Mr Sharpe (Guest)	MF Films Dir. Fiona Samuel Prd. Michelle Fantl
2007	Second Chance - USA Telefeature	Vigo	Auckland Film Studios Dir. Dale Bradley

Theatre.

2019	The Secret River - UK Tour	Sagitty Birtles, Suckling	Sydney Theatre Company Dir. Neil Armfield Prd. Sydney Theatre Company
2016	The Secret River	Sagitty Birtles, Suckling	Sydney Theatre Company - Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne Dir. Neil Armfield Prd. Sydney Theatre Company
2014	The Generation Of Z	Richard	Christchurch, Edinburgh, London Dir. Michael Hurst
2013	The Secret River	Sagitty Birtles, Suckling	Sydney Theatre Company - Sydney, Canberra, Perth Dir. Neil Armfield
2006	Peninsula	Jack/Alex	Brisbane Arts Festival Dir. Garry Henderson
2005	Peninsula	Jack/Alex	The Court Theatre, Christchurch Dir. Garry Henderson
2004	Blasted	Soldier	The Silo Theatre, Auckland Dir. Michael Lawrence
2001	Trainspotting	Begbie	Herald Theatre, Auckland Dir. Chris Mead
1999	Fool For Love	Eddie	The Silo Theatre, Auckland Dir. Burt Turner

Theatre continued...

1998	Coriolanus	Cominius	Auckland University Dir. Oliver Driver&Burt Turner
1995	The Holy Sinner	Chorus	Inside Out Theatre Productions Dir. Mike Mizrahi Prd. Maree Adams
1994	Nick Cave Plays	Various	BATS Theatre, Wellington Dir. James Littlewood
1993	The Dutchess	Cardinal	Little Maidment Theatre, Auckland Dir. Peter Evans
1992	Waiting For Godot	Estragon	Little Maidment Theatre, Auckland Dir. James Littlewood

Voice.

2009	Spartacus	Loop Group	Pacific Renaissance Spartacus Ltd
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Training.

Diploma of Performing Arts, Acting Major, Toi Whakaari: New Zealand Drama School: 1996 - 1997

Visual/Voice Commercial Credits.

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