

XAVIER SAMUEL

Xavier Samuel graduated from Adelaide's Flinders University Drama Centre in 2005 where he played Hamlet in his graduating production. In the past four years he has generated both local and international attention for his standout performances, which has culminated in him landing a role in the third feature film of the Twilight Series '*Eclipse*'.

He made his screen debut in the highly acclaimed independent feature *2:37*, which chronicles the lives of six students over the course of day and ends in a devastating suicide. Directed by newcomer Murali K. Thalluri and featuring a relatively unknown cast, the film, which screened in competition at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival in "Un Certain Regard" received a standing ovation.

Following this, he was cast in the feature, *September*, alongside Mia Wasikowska, a moving story of friendship and racial division which premiered at the Melbourne International Film Festival to rave reviews. Shot in the beautiful country side of Yass in NSW, the film was also selected to screen in both the Berlin and the Toronto International Film festival.

Premiering at the Tribeca International Film Festival, Xavier played the co-lead in, *Newcastle*, a coming of age surfing drama set in the local surfside town of its' title. Xavier's standout performance saw him play a conflicted gay teenager troubled by his family and dealing with adolescence.

Most recently Xavier has completed filming the local thriller film *The Loved Ones* directed by Sean Byrne which will premiere at Melbourne International Film Festival and will have a theatrical release at the end of the year..

Roadtrain directed by Dean Francis Both is Xavier's fourth film.