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Michael Gilroy
Actor – Biography

Spotlight:	1424	Height:	5' 8"	Eyes:	Blue
View Pin:	6214-6729-0830	Build:	Athletic	Hair:	Light Brown

Accents:	American (New York, Southern States, Standard), Australian, Birmingham, Cockney, Geordie, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Nottingham, RP, Scottish (Standard, Glasgow), Sunderland, Yorkshire, very good ear for accents.
Other Skills:	Director, Improvisation, Writer
Sport:	Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Running, Snooker, Swimming
Training:	The Drama Centre, London

Michael trained at The Drama Centre, London. Some of the roles during his time there included Lucas, in 'The Difficult Man', Chevalier de Saint-Ouen in 'Jacques and His Master' and Ernesto in 'Balm in Gilead'.

1998 launched Michael in the area of film and television, he played the role of Terry in 'The Bill' for Thames TV, Chico in the short film 'Secrets, Eddie in 'Card Games', Carl Thomas in 'Home Farm Twins' for the BBC, Billy in 'Family Affairs' for Pearson TV and Mr Spavin in 'Oscar Charlie', a BBC production in 2001.

From 2002 to 2005 Michael spread his time between short film, television and theatre. He continued to work for the BBC in 'Freed' which was a co-production with Stonefish Productions. He starred in his first feature film playing the role of Mark Davis in 'The STDers'. He appeared in 5 short films including the award winning 'Wooden Soul' and he also embarked on a UK tour of 'The Jeweller' by Martin O'Brien.

The last four years have seen Michael working non-stop and starring in his second feature film, playing the lead role of Robert in Laura Melcion's 'An Absent Look'. He was directed by Willy Russell and Glen Walford in a selection of Willy's work. He played William in the European Premier of the American play 'Private Jokes Public Places'. Michael played the lead roles in two short films, Simon in 'Not Yet' and Jimmy in Dog Men. He also played Rob in Carlo Ortu's film 'Safe Zone' which has recently been short-listed to the final 20 films for the TCM Classic Short Award as part of the BFI London Film Festival. Nominated for the UK Film Council Award for Best Film at the 5th London Short Film Festival and selected for Shorts R Us special screening in the Palais at the 61st Cannes Film Festival.

In 2008 Michael played the lead role of Colin Stagg in the BBC1 drama 'Innocent – The Colin Stagg Story' about the Rachel Nickel murder on Wimbledon Common in 1992.

Michael is also the writer, director and producer of the award winning short film 'Dance For Eternity' in which he also played the lead role. The film has received Official Selection status at film festivals worldwide and has been shown on Channel 4.