



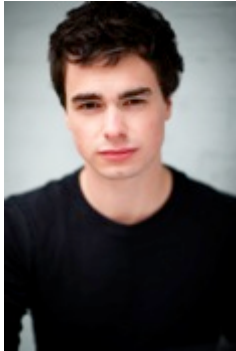
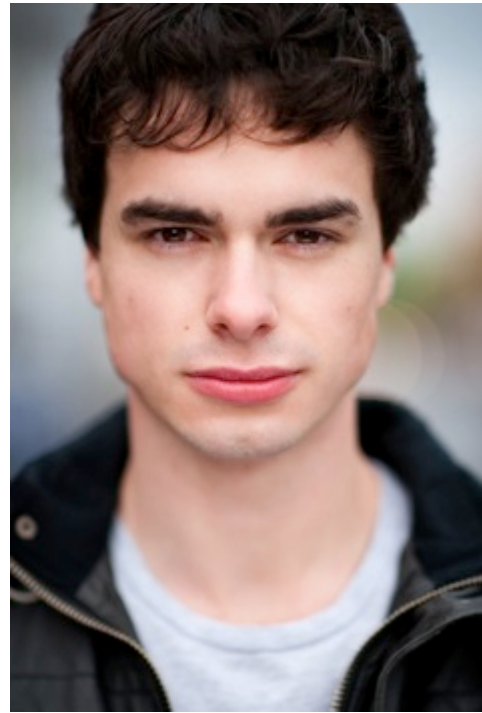
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Blake Davis: Biography.

Blake Davis has emerged as one of the most exciting young actors in Australia today. His work on the highly acclaimed adaptation of Christos Tsiolkas' novel 'The Slap' for the ABC has accorded him a great deal of praise and a nomination for the 'Out of the Box' award at the 2011 Inside Film Awards.

Blake's breakthrough role came in 2008 as Max in 'Tangle' for Showcase, opposite Ben Mendelsohn, Catherine McClements and Kat Stewart. The series has been critically acclaimed and Blake went on to shoot three series.

Other credits include lead guest roles in 'Mr & Mrs Murder', 'Blue Heelers', 'Bed of Roses' and 'Rush', the short films 'Wiccan' and 'The Gidji' and a lead in the ABC/BBC co production 'Dead Gorgeous.' Blake has studied drama at the Screen Actors' Studio, The Rehearsal Room, TAFTA, Victoria Youth Theatre, The National Theatre and the NIDA Open Program.

Blake's stage debut came opposite Alison Whyte and Wendy Hughes in the Melbourne Theatre Company's production of 'All About My Mother', under the direction of Simon Phillips. Most recently he appeared alongside a stellar cast in a reading of '8' the play, in both Melbourne and Sydney.

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The gripping finale of ABC1 drama *The Slap* had us TV WEEKers in tears. Make sure when you tune in to watch Richie's (Blake Davis) episode on November 24 you have a box of tissues handy – we guarantee you'll need them!

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Blake Davis, 20

FROM: Melbourne
STAR ON THE RISE: He's scored some awesome reviews and award noms for his role as Richie in the homegrown smash, *The Slap*. Next stop, Hollywood.

QUICK Q&A
DOLLY: What's your fave way to waste some time?
BLAKE: YouTube! I can sit on it all night and look up funny stuff. Like a cat jumping on a fence and falling or searching for talking animals. It's so funny, I'll start crying."
DOLLY: Do you believe in romance?
BLAKE: "Yes! My girlfriend was really stressed with exams, so I went over to her house at 6am to make her breakfast for when she woke up."
DOLLY: What sorts of things would totally turn you off a girl?
BLAKE: "If they were too serious. I like to muck around and have fun – being able to laugh together is a big part of being in a relationship."

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Blake Davis



DAVIS burst on to the scene playing gay teenager Richie in *The Slap*, but in *Tangle* we saw the emotional maturity and adolescent awkwardness that the actor - who is about to turn 21 - could bring to the screen. Richie was Connie's friend who mistook loyalty for consequences when he disseminated an ugly lie about Hector, but it was his vulnerability rather than malice that we took away.



Teenagers play crucial roles in the drama, including Sophie Lowe as Connie.



Alex Dimitriades and Blake Davis look pretty Slap happy. Picture: NICOLE OLIVER

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It's the novel that divided book groups nationwide on its 2008 release. This week *The Slap*, Christos Tsiolkas' controversial look at the private lives of a group of Melbourne inner-suburbanites, makes its small-screen debut on ABC1.

Melbourne actor Blake Davis' character, Richie, plays only a peripheral role in early episodes, as the action centres around the disparate group of couples whose friendships threaten to implode after one hastily-delivered slap to a disobedient child at a backyard barbeque.

But as those who've read the book would remember, it's Richie — arguably the only character in *The Slap* not to buckle under Tsiolkas' scrutinising eye — who's thrust to the forefront of the story's climax, offering a glimmer of youthful hope amidst all the suburban ennui.

The 19-year-old Davis admitted it took some time for him to realise just what it meant for him to land such a pivotal role in the highly anticipated series.

"Once I got the part and started telling people, everyone I mentioned the show to knew about the book — from friends my age right up to my grandparents. It was probably good that I didn't initially know that though. I think it would've made the audition too nerve-wracking.

"I knew it would be a good ABC show, but I didn't know it already had such a cult around it."

Coincidentally, Davis and his mother had finished reading the book just days before he was called up to audition.

"She was reading it with her book club, and we'd been passing the book back and forth and talking about it — it really helped me out. I felt like I already had a head start on everyone else auditioning."

Fresh from roles in Foxtel's *Tangle* and the Melbourne Theatre Company's production of *All About My Mother*, Davis joined a stellar international cast including Academy Award-nominated Brit Sophie Okonedo (nailing an Aussie accent as Aisha), Melissa George (wonderfully fragile as Rosie, the earth mother out to defend her slapped child) and Alex Dimitriades (a ball of testosterone as Harry, whose split-second slap threatens to ruin his life).

