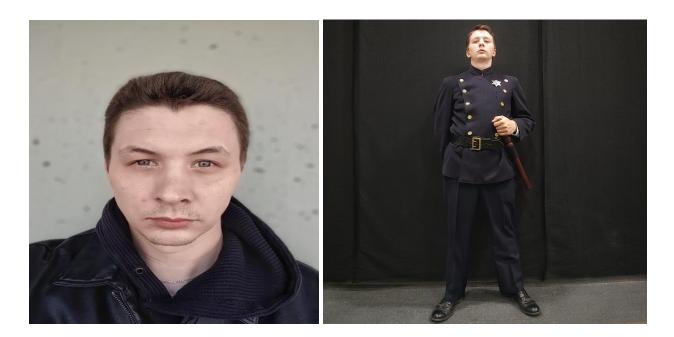
# **JOE BERG (R.Joseph Edmundson)** ACTOR, BACKGROUND PERFORMER, MUSICIAN

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## **About Myself:**

Born in Edmonton, AB Canada, Trauma was a big part of my life, and yet for me to say life was tough, well that would be quite the understatement and extremely unoriginal, and it almost makes me feel egotistical. Everyone goes through tough times and I believe what truly matters is how we perceive it, as well as how we come out of the situation with a silver lining. Although I was raised by many people who left a positive impact on me, mostly due to the fact my parents had separated when I was 3, which caused my family to have a strange dynamic. My Jamaican grandfather was my very first inspiration for music & entertainment. He had raised my father from a young age, and I would end up living with him for years when I was young. He was a DJ in Jamaica and grew up/performed in the same environment as Bob Marley and other Reggae legends. Having moved to Edmonton to work and have a better life, he left his music things downstairs for when they would throw parties. So going down into the basement to play with all of his music equipment was my favorite thing to do. I was absolutely

obsessed with everything from the turntables, to the speakers. I learned at a very young age how to use and set up audio equipment, thus leading me to being a musician.

I ended up getting my own music equipment so that I could start to make my own songs, and I taught myself everything from using the music programs/software (DAW'S), to actually playing piano and guitar, etc - & recording it all in my room. I was extremely motivated, and that motivational feeling has never left me, even throughout all the traumatic experiences I have been through. From many broken bones to many surgeries, I just never gave up. Sometimes I would be stuck in bed due to surgery recovery, and I was so motivated to make a song that I would have my mother help me set up my MIDI Piano/Keyboard on my lap while in my bed with my laptop, so that I could at least lay down some ideas and record them.

It was tough for me, as during this time I realized what I truly wanted to do in life, I was in the middle of a serious hockey career.

See, since I was a child my father had put me into Hockey, and because my great uncle "Gary Duke Edmundson" played in the NHL with the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs during the original six, I was highly pressured by my dad to follow through the footsteps of being in the NHL. I absolutely loved hockey, and I was very good at it. I played AAA throughout every year until I got to the point of WHL Camp for the Edmonton Oil Kings. This was when I realized what I truly wanted to do, and it was not being a fighter in hockey.

I wanted to be in the entertainment industry, and so I started planning a move to Vancouver.

#### Skills :

- Hockey / Ice Skating Skill Level : 9/10
- Skateboarding Skill Level : 7/10 & Style : 9/10
- Longboarding Skill Level : 7/10 & Style : 9/10
- Guitar Skill Level : 6/10 (6 string Acoustic & Electric)
- Music Production (Recording, Mixing, Mastering) Skill Level 7/10
- Writing / Freestyling My Own Original Music Skill Level : 7/10
- **Bike Riding -** Basic Street Riding Skill Level : 8/10 (Great Style)
  - Mountain Riding Skill Level : 7/10 (Great Style)
  - BMX Riding Skill Level : 6/10 (Great Style)
- Rollerblading Skill Level : 9/10
- Beatboxing Skill Level : 6.5/10
- Rapping Skill Level : 7/10 & better with practise/good energy
- Stunt Work High Pain Tolerance, Mass experience with injuries, Made of Metal, Proper Falls/Contact
- Dancing Self taught natural talen stay on tempo. Fast Learner with teacher/choreographer
- Speaking/Reading Out Loud
- Improv/Acting Accordingly
- Respect & Team Work

#### Accomplishments :

- 1st Place Beat Boxing Competition in Cuba (300 people in Crowd)
- 1 of 7 finalists for an Edmonton Radio Competition for creating/producing an original dance/pop song.
- Made Team Canada Roller Hockey Team (2009)
- Made a beat with "Bone Thugs n Harmony" as they were touring with the artist I was working for.
- Nominated By Fire/Paramedics for Citizen Hero Award due to saving a man's life by doing the heimlich maneuver. The paramedics showed up when he stopped breathing and that very moment I had succeeded. They told me I 100% saved his life.
- Nominated again in 2021 for saving my landlords life (again 100%)
- Became a proud Father on January 1st, 2016
- Joined the UBCP/ACTRA Union

#### Work Experience :

- Kitchen/Cook @ Panago Pizza : 2007-2008
- Kitchen ASST Manager/Cook @ Royal Pizza : 2008-2010
- Roofer @ CCS Roofing : 2009-2011
- L1 Crew Leader/Driver @ City Of Edmonton : 2011-2015
- Snow Removal @ Multiple Companies Throughout the Winters 2009-2015
- Landscaping @ White Rock Landscaping : 2015
- Auto Body Tech Apprentice @ Prime Collision : 2016
- Delivering Phone Books : White Rock 2015
- Music Production & Recording (Self Employed) Randomly throughout 2011-2021
- Actor, Background Performer, Double, Stand In etc @ Film Industry PICOBELLO TALENT

### **Overall Goal:**

Life is full of change, so there will never be a point where I want my goal to be a stagnant position. I want to follow my life motto which is "Movement Is Life", as well as "Compassion over Competition". I am an artist, and not in the sense of where I claim to be one because I can draw pictures, but an artist in the sense of releasing all of my life trauma and experiences into a form of art. Release. I always thought I would have a career of releasing through Music, but I now know exactly what my calling is. That is Acting. I want to cry the tears I have held in, for a character of a passionate story. I want to be that person that a producer, director, anyone can depend and trust on. I want to be respectful and compassionate to every single person around me.

I want to work in an environment where I have felt at home for the first time in my life. As hectic as it is, and as long as the hours can be? I love it. I love film, and I want to do everything I possibly can to use my life experience, my happiness and success and my pain and heartbreak to help tell someone's story.

I AM an Actor.