

# MEM FERDA

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## Personal Details

Eyes: Blue  
Height: 6 ft 2'  
Hair: Brown  
Physique: Powerful / Muscular  
Playing Age: 35 - 45 yrs  
Ethnicity: British – Caucasian, Turkish  
Place of Birth: London UK

## Training

LAMDA Post-Graduate in Classical Acting  
RADA Advanced Drama in Television  
MCSL Master Classes

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art  
The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art  
Michael Chekhov Studio (London)

## Education

MBA Master of Business Administration  
BSc Bachelor Of Science (Hons) Psychology

Middlesex University (London)  
Goldsmith's College (University of London)

## FILM

<u>Production</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>
PUSHER	Hakan	Luis Prieto	Vertigo / Embargo Films
ILL MANORS	Vladimir	Ben Drew	Film London
THE VETERAN	Hakeem	Matthew Hope	DMK Productions
DEVIL'S DOUBLE	Kamel Hannah	Lee Tamahori	Corsan World Sales
LEGACY	Andriy	Thomas Ikimi	Black Camel Productions
THE CREW	Dusan	Adrian Vitoria	Syndicate Films / Momentum
REVOLVER	Macha's Goon	Guy Ritchie	Europa Corp
EMULSION	Egor	Suki Singh	White Lantern Film Ltd
SADDAM'S TRIBE	Taras Rabinovich	Christopher Menaul	World Productions
EXPERIMENT	Vladimir Miszich	Dan Turner	Magician Pictures
A GOOD MURDER	Andrei	Graham Theakston	Sally Head Productions
ELSHERA	Mustafa Kara	Damian Wood	NMS Productions
HIDE & SEEK	George	Nicholas Demetrious	Goldsmith Films
IFFY	Ben	Paul Cons	Cons Films Ltd
DISAPPEARED	Turkish Cop	Adrian Shergold	Size 9 Productions
PLANESPOTTING	Violent Prisoner	Christopher Menaul	ITV Productions (tv movie)
LAND OF THE BLIND	Guard / Voice	Robert Edwards	Bauer Martinez Studios
EVITA	Officer	Alan Parker	Hollywood Pictures

## **TELEVISION**

WHISTLEBLOWERS	Mustafa Doglu	Paul Gay	Carnival Films
HEARTBEAT	A. Beschastnych	Gerry Mill	iTV 1 / Yorkshire TV
EASTENDERS	Gaz	John Greening	BBC TV
TRIAL&RETRIBUTION	Sgt. Crocker	Aisling Walsh	La Plante Productions
SUPPLY & DEMAND	PCI Johnson	Peter MacDonald	La Plante Productions
FAMILY AFFAIRS	Danny	Chris Kelly	Thames Television
KAVANAGH QC	Sgt. Wright	Charles Beeson	ITV Productions
GAME ON	Barney	John Stroud	BBC TV
MI-5	Doorkeeper	Alrick Riley	BBC TV
DREAM TEAM	Manager	Tim Murrell	SKY ONE
SEE HOW THEY RUN	Scott	Graeme Harper	BBC TV / ABC
THIS LIFE	Mike	Joe Ahearne	BBC TV
LONDON'S BURNING	Joe	Les Blair	LWT
THE BILL	Henchman	Laurence Moody	Thames Television
BIRDS of a FEATHER	Hunky Man	Sue Bysh	Alomo Productions
LONDON BRIDGE	Mario <i>the waiter</i>	Justin Hardy	ITV Productions

For a full credit list please see the IMDB at <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1570873/>

## **THEATRE**

SUMMERFOLK	Dr Dudakov	John Link	McCowan Theatre
THE MERCHANT	Shylock	Pamela Bernard	McCowan Theatre
DUCHESS of MALFI	Bosola	Jonathan Chadwick	Chiswick Centre
MIDSUMMER ND	Francis Flute	Jenny Lipman	Chiswick Centre
JULIUS CAESAR	Brutus	John Link	Diorama Theatre
FUCKING GAMES	Terrence	James Kerr	New Ambassadors Theatre

## **RADIO**

MAADAI – KARA	Reader / Voiceover (with B. Zephaniah)	Ruth Hedges (Producer)	BBC RADIO 4 Whistledown Productions
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## **COMMERCIALS**

RAC Car Insurance	Featured 'Boxer'	James Griffiths	Abbotts Mead Vickers Ltd
GORDON'S GIN	Featured 'Corridor'	Carolyn Corben	The Pink Film Company
MERCEDES SLK	Hero 'Wings of Desire'	Harvey Brown	Liberty Films

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC**

Numerous International Press / Magazine Advertisement Work  
*Commercial Photographic Modelling (portfolio available)*

## **PRODUCER**

BAD COMPANY	Executive Producer	Dir. Jason King Sparkler Productions Ltd
EMULSION	Executive Producer	Dir. Suki Singh White Lantern Film Ltd
GRIDIRON UK	Associate Producer	Dir: Ed Bye Brushy Creek Films Ltd
DON'T CALL BACK	Associate Producer	Dir. Chris Nicholson You Think Pictures

## **SKILLS**

### **Languages**

English (Native)      Turkish (Fluent)

### **Accents**

Eastern European : Russian, Serbian, Ukraine  
Mediterranean: Turkish, Greek, Spanish  
American (General and Southern States)  
RP, London, Cockney

### **Athletic**

Qualified Gym Instructor - Fitness For Industry, Swimming, Bodybuilding, BADC Combat, Yoga, Tai Chi.

### **Driving**

Full Clean Driving License

### **Music and Dance**

Basic Guitar and Piano, Ballroom dancing, Modern, Disco

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## **BIOGRAPHY.**

Mem Ferda has long been sought after for his hypnotic presence on screen. Equally comfortable as hero or villain, he has a continually expanding filmography. This extremely talented and intelligent actor was born October 1963 in Chelsea, South West London. The son of a Turkish Agricultural Minister he became fascinated with the art of acting from a very young age. However, it was not until he had achieved a BSc Honors degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Business Administration (M.B.A.) that he went on to act professionally.

Mem trained and graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Classical Acting from The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA). His pulsating enthusiasm to perfect his craft, led to further classes at RADA and to further workshops and explorations into various acting techniques.

Mem is bilingual, speaking English and Turkish fluently. He is a master of Eastern European and American accents as well as native regional English accents. At 6 ft 2' with a powerful physique and rugged appeal, he often commands audiences into dangerous places of gangsters, psychopaths and killers, 'having such magnetism that leads one to believe he has the word 'charisma' tattooed across his chest'. Mem's list of notable 'baddies' are forever growing, these include; Dusan (The Crew), Hakeem (The Veteran), Vladimir (ill Manors), Andriy (Legacy), Egor (Emulsion) and recently Kamel Hannah in (The Devils Double).

Mem's versatility however, is limitless and by no means confined to aggressive personalities alone. In ITV's popular drama 'Heartbeat', in which he plays the guest lead role, Andrei Beschastnykh, he can be seen delivering a very insightful and acutely perceptive performance of a softer, gentler type, which ultimately touches the hearts of viewers.

Mem's real life background, is as colorful, as some of the characters he leaves burnt into our memories. As a child he witnessed and assassination attempt on his father, as a student he was held at the Serbian border as a suspected drug smuggler and in Istanbul he was threatened at gunpoint. During his rebellious teens he narrowly avoided being the getaway driver in a real life heist! Obsessively punctual, by making him late, the heavy London traffic saved him from drowning on the pleasure craft Marchioness, a delay for which he is eternally grateful.

In his soon to be published Autobiography one message is crystal clear - he is both passionate and compassionate about his craft and in helping others to succeed. He is also an active and generous supporter of many international charities.