YOUNG STAR HITS HEIGHTS

DARVALL SHOWS VERSATILITY AS HEATHCLIFF

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FROM screen to theatre, is there anything rising actor Anthony Darvall can't do?

Darvall, 21, who recently starred in the Hollywood hit movie, Wolverine, is starring as Heathcliff in Anthony Edgar-Stirling new stage production of Wuthering Heights.

"I've felt blessed to be cast as the lead in this new play," Darvall said.

"I heard Ruby Production was casting for Heathcliff and thought, why not audition? I had read Emily Bronte's book before, so I was already familiar with the plot and the language.

"I'm always ready to try new roles and expand my skills."

The Actors College of Theatre and Television graduate's resume speaks for itself when it comes to experience.

"I can't decide if I like stage or screen more," he said.

"I guess there are great things about both that makes that question difficult to answer. It was pretty awesome to work alongside Hugh Jackman on the set of Wolverine and to see what goes on behind the scenes, but starring as the lead in Hamlet on stage taught me a lot too.

"I picked up a lot of useful tips on how to act and perform in front of a live audience.

"It can be daunting getting up and speaking in front of a live audience, but once you do it a few times you end up loving it more and more.

"There is nothing like the thrill of performing and having people appreciate what you are doing on stage."

On top of rehearsing for the play, Darvall has also been filming a webseries called Nameless: Blood and Chains, which is an intricate, twisting tale of world weary mercenaries who converge on an old safe house to piece together roles in the bloody war to come.

"It's been full on but very rewarding to see my work come to fruition," he said.

"It's a phenomenal mini-series. I'm really looking forward to seeing it when it's released later in the year.

"Hopefully the series will be picked up for a second season and I can further explore my character as an assassin."

The adaptation of Wuthering Heights will cover the full 30 sweeping years of Catherine and Heathcliff and encompass the mysterious, mystical, darkly obsessive and wildly passionate themes, as set out in the original novel.

Anthony Darvall and Tiffany Hoy will star in Anthony Stirling-Eagar's Wuthering Heights production.