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Aussies fell in love with him as Mick Holland in beloved series *Offspring*, but Eddie Perfect is now taking on a very different role as misogynistic boss Franklin Hart Jr in *9 to 5 the Musical*. Here, he chats to New Idea all about it...

One strange thing about auditioning for the role included... I auditioned on video because I was living in New York at the time. I remember thinking how odd it felt. I had no idea it would become the new normal.

My favourite memory from rehearsals is... Just sitting on the side of the room in awe watching Marina Prior,

Casey Donovan and Erin Clare singing and acting the hell out of these Dolly Parton songs.

My favourite character from the film is... Everyone loves Dolly, so I'm going to say Doralee.

My favourite Dolly Parton song is... 'He's Alive', which is an epic retelling of the resurrection of Jesus from the perspective of the disciples. Who else could rock a song like that?

Before I go on stage I always... Say a little non-denominational prayer, asking the universe to remind me to trust myself, to be relaxed and to give all of my energy and

focus to *this* audience to make *this* show the best show ever.

Something fans would be surprised to learn about me is... I make an incredible lasagne from scratch – fresh pasta, slow-cooked tomato ragu and a bechamel sauce. It takes me 5 hours to make.





Eddie and co-star Caroline O'Connor have been busy rehearsing.

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