

# EDMONTON Examiner

Bowes Publishers Limited  
A Subsidiary of Sun Media Corporation  
A Quebecor Company

[www.edmontonexaminer.com](http://www.edmontonexaminer.com)

## NEWSROOM

March 19, 2008

[HOME](#) | [ADVERTISING](#) | [CLASSIFIEDS](#) | [DISTRIBUTION](#) | [SITE MAP](#)

newsroom -> entertainment -> story 3

Story 1: [Authoring a tale of inspiration](#)

Story 2: [Local playwright dominates Stage Struck! awards](#)

## Actor Kevan Kase still has soft spot for Edmonton

Kevin Maimann  
EXAMINER STAFF

Local actor Kevan Kase is living a dream out in Vancouver, currently sharing a set with Keanu Reeves, Jaden Smith and Jennifer Connolly for a remake of the 1951 sci-fi film *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

He can't give away too much about his role due to a confidentiality agreement, but he has no problem talking about his old hometown. He says Edmonton still tugs at his heartstrings every now and then.

"It's so crazy every time I go back because it's changing so much," he says. "I remember one time I left for a little while and South Edmonton Common was just kind of emerging, and then I came back and it was like this huge thing."

Not all his memories are so fond, though. "I don't miss it too much in the winter," he laughs.

Kase said he has loved acting and entertaining since he was a little kid, and he began acting professionally as a teen while attending Harry Ainlay high school. He started off doing docudramas through Alliance Atlantis and "a couple indies here and there," always managing to fit it into his school schedule.



Photo Submitted

Local actor Kevan Kase is filming a movie with Keanu Reeves.

### Menu

News

Sports

Entertainment

Arts Notes

Editorial

Activedmonton

Communities & Crime

Community Matters

Councillor Connection

Estate Law

Technology in action

Aboriginal Insight

Volunteer Edmonton

Life Experience

On the Road

Down to Earth

Letters to the Editor

The Last Word

Simply Delicious

Superintendent's Notebook

Pharmafacts

Contact Newsroom

After making all-too-frequent drives from Edmonton to Calgary and Edmonton to Vancouver, in 2002 Kase decided it would be best for his career to permanently move where the most film opportunities arose.

"Edmonton has a great acting community and they have phenomenal theatre, but we don't get as many films," he says. And so, it was off to Vancouver and the big screen.

But as glamorous as the acting world seems, at one point Kase wanted to be a CSIS agent instead. He says he had a whole plan to go to University, join the military for tactical training and later join the RCMP to work up the ranks. It wasn't until his acting caught the attention of agents that he decided it was film that he was destined for.

Appearing on TV shows like Smallville and Battlestar Galactica and getting the chance to meet and work with many of the actors he's watched and admired, it would be fair to say he's satisfied with his choice.

"Everybody I've met has just kind of blown me away. They've all been super nice and really cool people," he says. "It's a little surreal because I remember growing up watching these people and thinking they're so cool and blah blah, and then you're actually standing there having a conversation with them about the weather or their car."

Kase has also written, produced and directed numerous films and plays and is currently shooting a film with his best friend. He also started up a company called Headcase Creations to help his friends develop and promote their careers with demo reels and fight choreography.

"I couldn't imagine doing anything else with my life but being in this business, 'cause there's so many things you can do," he says.

For other Edmontonians hoping to follow his path, Kase says don't listen to anyone's discouraging words along the way.

"As soon as that happens – as soon as you let those things that they say affect you – you lost. They won," he says.

The Day the Earth Stood Still is set for release in December, and Kase recently completed a film called The Betrayed with The Mummy star Oded Fehr that is also due later this year.

[Top of page](#)

.....  
[home](#) | [classified extra](#) | [contact us](#) | [privacy policy](#)

Copyright © 2008, The Edmonton Examiner, All rights reserved.