



John Bell (Scottish actor)

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John Bell (born October 20, 1997) is a Scottish actor who played Bain in two installments of the *Hobbit* film series, Angus in *Battleship*, Helius in *Wrath of the Titans* and as Toby Coleman in *Tracy Beaker Returns*.

Career

Bell made his TV debut in 2007 when he played Creet in the episode "Utopia" of *Doctor Who* after he won the role in a *Blue Peter* competition. In March 2008, he was the lead singing boy in a promotional trailer for the BBC 1 talent show 'I'd Do Anything'. In 2009, Bell played the lead role of Connor in *Transit*, a short drama.

Bell appeared in his first film role in 2009 when he starred as young orphan Tomas in *A Shine of Rainbows*.^{[2][3][1]} From 2009 - 2010, he portrayed Anthony Weaver in TV series *Life of Riley*, and, in 2011, appeared in TV movie *Hattie* as Robin Le Mesurier. From 2010 - 2011, Bell starred as Toby Coleman in BAFTA winning children's television series, *Tracy Beaker Returns*.^[4] In July 2011, he was named by *Screenterrier* as one of the top 12 British rising stars.

In 2012, Bell portrayed Helius in the fantasy film *Wrath of the Titans*.^{[5][6][7]} and then as Angus in the science fiction war film *Battleship*.^[8] He then appeared as Billy Bempsey in TV mini series *Hatfields & McCoy*s. In 2013 and 2014, he portrayed Bain, son of Bard the Bowman, in epic adventure fantasy films *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* and *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*.^{[9][10][11]} Also in 2013, he portrayed Jamie Carr in an episode of TV series *Midsomer Murders*.

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Bell at the *Hobbitcon III* convention in Bonn, Germany on April 5, 2015

Born	October 20, 1997 <div>Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland, U.K.^[1]</div>
Occupation	Actor
Years active	2007–present

Bell is currently playing a teenage "Young" Ian Murray in *Outlander* Series 3. His character first appears in Episode 6: "A. Malcolm".

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	<i>Transit</i>	Connor	Short film
2009	<i>A Shine of Rainbows</i>	Tomas	
2012	<i>Wrath of the Titans</i>	Helius	
	<i>Battleship (film)</i>	Angus	
2013	<i>The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug</i>	Bain	
2014	<i>Tracks</i>	Ed	Short film
	<i>The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies</i>	Bain	
2015	<i>Billy the Kid</i>	Billy	Short film
2017	<i>T2 Trainspotting</i>	Young Spud	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2007	<i>Doctor Who</i>	Creet	Episode: "Utopia"
2009-2010	<i>Life of Riley</i>	Anthony Weaver	
2010-2011	<i>Tracy Beaker Returns</i>	Toby Coleman	
2011	<i>Hattie</i>	Robin Le Mesurier	TV Movie
2013	<i>Midsomer Murders</i>	Jamie Carr	Episode: "The Sicilian Defence"
2017	<i>Into the Badlands</i>	Gabriel	
2017-present	<i>Outlander</i>	Ian Murray	

Audio drama

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2015	<i>The Extraordinary Adventures of G.A. Henty: The Dragon And The Raven</i>	Young Harold	

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