

HEIGHT: 170cm
HAIR: black
EYES: brown

BACKGROUND

Rachel graduated from Toi Whakaari (New Zealand Drama School) in 1992 and has been involved in the creative arts industry ever since, both as an actor and a director. She has performed in numerous productions from contemporary Maori plays to Shakespeare, some of which have toured nationally and internationally. She has appeared in the international award winning feature film "Whale Rider", and Taika Waititi's "Thor: Ragnarok", "Hunt for the Wilderpeople", "Boy" and "Eagle vs. Shark", as well as numerous television productions including the BBC co-production of "Maddigan's Quest", "The New Legends of Monkey" and "Hope and Wire". She is also a director for both stage and screen and attended the Prague Film School in 2008.



AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

- 2001 - Director of the Year - "Have Car Will Travel" - Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards
- 2001 - Best Director - "Have Car Will Travel" - New Zealand Listener Awards
- 2002 - Outstanding Performance - "Woman Far Walking" - Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards
- 2018 - Te Waipuna-a-Rangi Award for Arts & Entertainment - Matariki Awards
- 2003 - Best Supporting Actress - "An Enemy of the People" - Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards
- 2016 - WIFT NZ Mana Wahie Award
- 2012 - New Zealand Arts Foundation Laureate Award
- 2012 - Director of the Year - "The Maori Troilus and Cressida" - Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards
- 2010 - Best Supporting Actress - "Boy" - Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival
- 1996 - Best Supporting Actress (Nominee) - "King Lear" - Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards
- 1995 - Most Promising Female Newcomer - "Nga Pou Wahine" - Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards

YEAR	PRODUCTION	ROLE	COMPANY/VENUE	DIRECTOR
FILM				
2017	THOR: RAGNAROK	Topaz	Marvel Studios	Taika Waititi
2016	MOANA	Grandma Tala	Walt Disney	Ron Clements & John Musker
2015	THE REHEARSAL	Rewia	Rehearsal Films	Alison McLean
2015	HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE	Paula	Majestic Pictures	Taika Waititi
2012	WHITE LIES	Maraea	South Pacific Pictures	Dana Rotberg
2008	BOY	Aunt Gracey	Whenua Films	Taika Waititi
2005	EAGLE VS SHARK	Nancy	Sad Animals Ltd	Taika Waititi
2004	PERFECT CREATURE	Forensics	Perfect Creature NZ Ltd	Glen Standing
2002	CRIME STORY	Taxi Driver	KahuKura Films	Larry Parr
2001	WHALERIDER	Shilo	South Pacific Pictures	Niki Caro

TELEVISION

2017	THE LEGEND OF MONKEY	Monica	Jump / Seesaw Productions	Gerard Johnstone
2016	WOLF CREEK	Ruth	Stan Original Series	Greg McLean & Tony Tilse
2015	FIND ME A MAORI BRIDE	Aunty Kuini	BSAG Productions Ltd	
2014	SOUL MATES	Mum - Core Cast	ABC Australia	Christiaan & Connor Van Vuuren
2013	HOPE & WIRE	Joycie	Gaylene Preston Productions	Gaylene Preston
2012	THE BLUE ROSE	Tina	South Pacific Pictures	Various
2010	SUPER CITY	Roimata	Super Fumes	Taika Waititi
2005	MADDIGANS QUEST	Goneril - core cast	South Pacific Pictures	various
2005	ASK YOUR AUNTIE	Panelist	Greenstone Pictures NZ	Mandy Toogood
2002	REVELATIONS	Ocelot	Cloud 9 Screen Entertainment	
2002	MATAKU II - Going to War	Rachel	South Pacific Pictures	
2002	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF TE TUTU	Hine - core cast	Pipi Productions	Matt Bowkett
2002	TIGER COUNTRY	Faenza	Gibson Group NZ	Yvonne McKay
2002	DUGGAN - Tele Feature	Warder	Gibson Group NZ	

1996	QUEENIE AND PETE	Queenie		John Banas
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THEATRE

2003	THE WORLD'S WIFE	various	International Festival NZ Tour	Miranda Harcourt
2003	ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE		Circa Theatre, Wellington NZ	Catherine McRea
2003	CHERISH	Mother	Circa Theatre, Wellington NZ	Catherine McRea
2002	SOUTH PACIFIC	Bloody Mary	Court Theatre, Chch	Cathy Downes
2002	THE BELLBIRD	Tapairu	Auckland Theatre Company	Oliver Driver
2002	THE WORLD'S WIFE			Fiona Samuel
2001	WOMAN FAR WALKING - Tour	lead	National Tour NZ	Christian Penny
2000	WOMAN FAR WALKING	lead	International Festival of the Arts	Cathy Downes
2000	WIT	Suzie		Cathy Downes
2000	WHEN SUN & MOON COLLIDE	Travis		Roy Ward
2000	SERIAL KILLERS	Simone		Cathy McRae
1998	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	Sister/Maid	International Festival of the Arts	L. Bosewell
1997	NGA POU WAHINE	5 roles - solo	National Tour NZ	Nancy Brunning
1997	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	various		Sam Scott
1997	WAIORA	Ameria	National Tour NZ	Murray Lynch
1996	KING LEAR	Cordelia/various		Christian Penny/Anna Marbrook
1996	WAITAPU	Jackie	National Tour NZ	Nancy Brunning
1996	WAIORA	Ameria	International Festival of the Arts	Murray Lynch
1995	FIVE ANGELS	Carol/Api		Alison Quigan
1995	THE MAIDS	Claire		Anatole Frusion
1995	NGA POU WAHINE	5 roles - solo	National Tour NZ	Nancy Brunning
1995	RISKY RISQUE	Baby		Lucy Schmidt
1994	SAVAGE HEARTS - MANAWA TAU	Tahutu/Queen Victoria/Narrator		Christian Penny/Anna Marbrook
1994	BY DEGREES	Donna	Auckland Theatre Company	Alison Quigan
1994	TALES OF THE PACIFIC	various		Justine Semei-Barton

VOICE

2017	DISNEY ON ICE "DARE TO DREAM"	Grandma Tala	Disney	
2017	THE LION GUARD	Mamma Binturong	Disney	
2005	KING KONG	loop Group	Big Primate Pictures	Peter Jackson

TRAINING

Graduate of Toi Whakaari, the New Zealand Drama School.
Directing - Prague Film School

RELEVANT SKILLS

SPORTS, ATHLETICS, BOWLS, BOXING, DIVING, HORSE RIDE, ICE SKATE, ROW, SAIL, SHOOT, SNOOKER, SNOW SKI, SWIM, YOGA
MUSIC - BASS, PIANO, RECORDER, SING
LANGUAGE - MAORI, FRENCH

