

**HEIGHT:** 165cm  
**HAIR:** black  
**EYES:** brown



## BACKGROUND

Aruna Po-Ching started her formal training with Pacific Theatre in 1990. Film, television, theatre, musicals and freelance singing, Aruna gained her experiences in both Auckland and Australia and became a professional Polynesian dancer and singer from 1998. In 2014, Aruna appeared BBC TV series Tatau and currently working on Foxtel series Fighting Season aired in 2018. Aruna's skills expanded to and included Hawaiian hula dancer, backing vocalist for bands, radio announcer on Koori Radio, MC for dance shows and festivals and featured dance spots on TVCs and short films. In 2017, Aruna graduated with a diploma for Documentary Directing and Research at South Seas Film and Television and is currently working on short film documentary. Aruna has recently appeared in season 4 of WESTSIDE and in the feature film THE WAITING ROOM.

YEAR	PRODUCTION	ROLE	COMPANY/VENUE	DIRECTOR
<b>TELEVISION</b>				
2020	THE BROKENWOOD MYSTERIES 7	Sue	Brokenwood Productions Ltd	Aidee Walker
2020	THE GULF 2	Stella	The Gulf Productions Ltd	Robert Sarkies
2019	WESTSIDE V	Nurse	South Pacific Pictures	Various
2018	RUNAWAY MILLIONAIRES	Journalist #4	Fearless Productions	Danny Mulheron
2018	BAD SEED	Alia	South Pacific Pictures	Helena Brooks & Caroline Bell-Booth
2017	FIGHTING SEASON	Tina Ulalei	Goalpost Pictures	Kate Woods & Ben C. Lucas
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2017	WESTIDE IV	Nurse	South Pacific Pictures	Murray Keane
2014	TATAU	Paeta	Tatau Productions Limited	Wayne Yip
2012	HARRY	Sina	Desert Road Productions	Peter Burger
1999	COOKING WITH FRANK	Dancer	Channel SBS Sydney	
1993	SHORTLAND STREET	Mrs. Sene	South Pacific Pictures	Various
<b>SHORT FILM</b>				
2020	WAITRESS	Jodie	Someday Stories/Connected Media	Ella Hope-Higginson
2017	THE WAITING ROOM	Samoan Mother	Craig Gainsborough	Ghazaleh Goldbaksh
2008	LOOP	Lead	NZ Film Academy	Bruce Ashton
2004	TWIRL	Lila		
2001	THE GENTS	Vanessa		Pip Malone
2000	WILLIAM P	Television Reporter		Peter Melov
1995	MALAMA	Mother	He Taonga Films	
<b>THEATRE</b>				
2019/20	MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	Margaret	Pop-Up Globe	Miriama McDowell
2019/20	ROMEO & JULIET	Lady Capulet	Pop-Up Globe	Dr. Miles Gregory
2016	OFFICER 27	Lead - Tulia	Basement Theatre	Janelle Bish
2013	A LONG WHITE CLOUD	Actor	Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts	William Pope L
2008	THE DRAGON OF AN ORDINARY FAMILY		The Pumphouse	Tim Bray
2007-08	FLINTLOCK MUSKET	Chorus	The Edge	Rachel House/Cameron Rhodes
2001-02	TAMASESE		Wverly Council Bondi Pavillion, Sydney	

1991	LUPE & SINA		Auckland University Peanut Slab Festival
1990-92	PACIFIC THEATRE		Justine Simeii-Barton

#### MUSICAL THEATRE

2001	MAUI & MAHUIKA	Singer/Dancer/Actor	Casulla Powerhouse, Sydney
1998	LEADER OF THE PACK		Eastern Musical Society, Sydney
1997	ANYTHING GOES	Chorus Dancer	Cocatour Production, Sydney
1992	HAIR, THE MUSICAL	Chorus	Auckland Operatic Society

#### VOICE

2011	SOUTH PACIFIC FESTIVAL	Online Channel Peresenter	ABC Radio, Sydney
2008-09	ZOH ZOH	Siner/Dancer	Afro Ejo Music
2005-06	JERVAIS KOFFE & THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	Backing Vocals/Dancer	African Reggae/Pop
2004	CHRIS KAYANA GUDU	Backing Vocals/Dancer	African Groove
2003	GRACE	Backing Vocals	Polyphony Entertainment
2003	SAMOAN DREAMING	Broadcaster	Koori Radio, Sydney
2002	CITY TATTESALLS CHOIR	Musical Director	Sydney
2001	WOMEN UPFRONT	Featured Singer	Carnivale Festival, Sydney Opera House
2000	SOUL FOOTE	Singer	RnB Soul Duo
2000	JON GOD	Backing Vocals	Covers Band
2000	OUR SEA OF ISLANDS	Voice Over	Polynesian Programme
1999-PRESENT	4 D DIVINE	Singer	RnB/Soul/Funk/Rock the Basement, Sydney
1999	STEVE PRESTWICH	Backing Vocals	
1998	PETER HEALY	Lead/Backing vocalist	
1997	GIRLS ON TOP	Freelance Singer	

#### NON-BROADCASTING

1998	COURT PROCEDURES	Jury Supreme Court	Elmac Productions Sydney
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#### OTHER

2010	HAWAIIN HULA	Guest Lecturer/Dance Tutor	AUT
2010	PACIFIC DANCE FONO	Dancer	Lab Fono
2009-PRESENT	HALAU KA WAIHKAHE LANI MALIE	Founer	Hawaiin Hula School for Children
2008-PRESENT	HAWAIIN HULA	Guest Tutor	Pacific Institute of Performing Arts
2008-PRESENT	HULA PROJECT	Director/Choreographer	Pasifika Festival
2008	WEST GUINEA DANCE	Dancer	Jimi Dale
2007-08	LALAU O KAHELELANI	Kumu Hula	Dee Dee Nielson
2006	PASIFIKA SWAY SHOW	Dancer	Polynesian Cultural Centre
2005-PRESENT	HAWAIIN/COOK ISLAND DANCE	Teacher	DANCE CENTRAL, SYDNEY
2005	FERNANDO - SYDNEY SEXY CITY	Dancer	Music Video
2004	PASIFIKA SWAY SHOW	Dancer	Pasifika Festival
2004	WORDS - KID CONFUSIS	Dancer	Music Video
2002-PRESENT	PASIFIKA SWAY	Director, Choreographer, Event Coordinator	
2002	BODIES	Choreographer/Dancer	Dance Festival, Sydney
2001-02	POLYNESIAN VOYAGERS SHOW	Dancer	Sydney Circuit
2001-02	GROOVE LOUNGE	Choreographer/Dancer	Bondi Beach, Sydney
2001	UNMASKED	Dancer	Riverside Theatre Company, Sydney
2001	SPACIFIC VIBRATIONS	Dancer	Pacific Wave Festival
2001	POLYNESIAN VOYAGERS SHOW	Dancer	Pacific Wave Festival
2000	WIRI WAHINE - FASHION WEEK	D/Model	Djamu Gallery, Sydney
2000	DISTORTION	Dancer	NSW Museum of Contemporary Arts
1999-2002	POLYNESIAN DANCER/TUTOR	Dancer/Tutor	Wahine Dance Troupe, Sydney
1999-2002	CULTURE EXPRESS	Choreographer/Dancer	Co-Director Polynesian Dance Group
1999	MULTI-CULTURAL AWARENESS	Polynesian Tutor	Minda Juvenile Detention Centre

1998-99	WAITANGI FESTIVAL	Dancer/Tutor	Wahine/Kila Productionz, Bondi Pavillion, Sydney
1998-2000	FREELANCE POLYNESIAN DANCER	Dancer	Able Promotions, Sydney
1998	FLAX MAT THEORIES	Dancer/Tutor	On Point Productions, Sydney
1998	TRIBE VIBE FASHION SHOW	Dancer	Pacific Wave Festival

#### TRAINING

2003 - 2006 Dance Central Studio Sydney- Salsa, Latin Funk, Samba, Belly Dancing  
 1998 - 2002 West Guinea Dance Sydney - West Guinea Ballet  
 2007 - 2008 Hawaiian Hula Auckland - Hawaiiin Hula, Kumu Hula  
 2008 - Present Belly Dancing  
 2008 West Guinea Dance Auckland  
 2009 - 2011 IndepenDANCE - Muscle and Bone, Mau Rakau  
 2010 Presenter's Platform Level 1  
 2006 - 2010 Halau Ka Waikahe Lani Malie Ka Lauae Foundation Hawaii - Hawaiiin Hula, Kumu Blaine Kia  
 2014 - Screen Workshop with Peter Feeney

#### RELEVANT SKILLS

Restricted Drivers License.  
 Highly Skilled Hula dancer, Singer (Gospel, RnB - Soprano)  
 Basic Samoan and Spanish language.  
 Accents: Samoan, Spanish, Italian.  
 Basic Skills: Kickboxing, ukelele.  
 Siva dancing