# T.M. HORO MANAGEMENT



## Poroaki Merritt-McDonald

Actor

**Ethnicity:** Māori European

Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti

Kauwhata, Rangitāne, Ngā Rauru

Height: 5' 8" / 175cm
Eye Colour: Brown
Hair Colour: Brown
Location: Auckland

**Age:** 23

Social:





## **Background**

Poroaki Merritt-McDonald is a rising star in New Zealand's entertainment industry, known for his powerful performances in *Muru, Savage, Kairākau*, and *The Gone*. At just 21, he's earning acclaim as a major Kiwi talent, with upcoming roles in *KōKa, The Gone (Season 2)* 

His breakthrough came in *My Brother Mitchell*, igniting a passion for storytelling that has defined his career. His role in *Muru*—a \$5M production—resonated deeply, while *Savage* (\$3.2M) earned global recognition at major film festivals. *The Gone*, a NZ-Ireland crime drama, expanded his reach through Acorn TV and Prime Video.

Beyond acting, Poroaki is the New Zealand Youth Ambassador for FestPAC 2024, dedicated to uplifting indigenous narratives. With his growing international presence, he is set to shape the future of New Zealand cinema.

Poroaki is also signed to CSM Management in Australia.

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#### Resume

**AWARDS** 

2014: Kapa Haka - Won best leader for Kapa Haka Group - Regionals

FEATURE FILM

Year	Production Big Girls Don't Cry (post production) Matewa Media and Walt Disney Animation Studios	Part	<b>Production Company</b>	Director
2025		Diggy	POP Film	
2024		Bruno ( Lead )	Encanto	Tweedie Waititi
2022	Muru	Rusty ( Lead )	Jawbone Pictures Domino Films	Te Arepa Kahi
2020	Savage	Red	Domino Films	Sam Kelly
SHORT FILM				
Year	Production	Part	<b>Production Company</b>	Director
2016	My Brother Mitchell	Todd Karehana ( Lead )	Jump Film & TV LTD	Todd Karehana
TELEVISION				
Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2024	Untold Tales of Tūteremoana	Tamatea	Tūteremoana Productions Limited	Hiona Henare
2024	Kōkā	Harry	Awa Films Limited	Kath Akuhata- Brown
2024	The Gone Season 1 & 2	Ginge	Southern Light Films	Peter Burger, Hannah Quinn
2024	Shortland Street	Kane Tapsell ( Gues )	<sup>t</sup> South Pacific Pictures	
2023	Kairākau Season 2	Tarakawateipu - Olo ( Guest )	<sup>d</sup> Velvet Stone Media	Julian Arahanga
THEATRE				
<b>Year</b> 2020	<b>Production</b> Little Black Bitch	Part Rangi ( Lead )	<b>Production Company</b> Tuatara Collective	<b>Director</b> Jason Te Mete
PRESENTING-EVENTS				
Year	Production	Part	<b>Production Company</b>	Director
2024	Hawaii FestPAC 2024	NZ Youth Ambassador	FestPAC	
TRAINING				
Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2020	SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company		Shakespeare Globe Theatre Group	

Group

## **Skills**

Accent

American - Urban / Māori / Pacific Islander

Company

Dancing

General movement / Break Dancing / Hip Hop / Maori

Driving

Go-karting

Horse

Horse riding

Language

Te Reo Māori

Māori

Kapa Haka / Kapa Haka - Māori Weaponary

Singing

Pop

Sports

Volleyball / Basketball / Boxing / Kapa Haka / Rugby Union / Running/Jogging / Ten Pin Bowling / Touch Football

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