

T.M.HORO MANAGEMENT

Poroaki Merritt-McDonald

Actor



Ethnicity: Māori European

Iwi: Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāiterangi, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Kauwhata, Rangitāne, Ngā Rauru

Height: 5' 8" / 175cm

Eye Colour: Brown

Hair Colour: Brown

Location: Auckland

Social



Background

Poroaki Merritt-McDonald has quickly captured the attention of the entertainment world with his remarkable talent. At 20 years old, he is already being hailed as the next big Kiwi actor, having made impressive appearances in acclaimed New Zealand films like "Muru", "Savage," and TV shows like Kairākau, The Gone, along with the theatre play "Little Black Bitch."

After his first audition for the lead role in the short film "My Brother Mitchell," which was deeply connected to the director's personal experience, Poroaki's passion for acting began to grow. With each successful role, his confidence and dedication to the craft expanded. Notably, his involvement in the film "Muru" became a transformative experience, both professionally and personally.

Poroaki's talent and charisma have garnered him opportunities beyond New Zealand. He's signed with a prominent UK talent agency. While he acknowledges the demanding schedule, he embraces the chance to explore his passion for acting and create pathways for others in the process.

He was also the NZ Youth Ambassador for FestPAC 2024.

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Resume

FEATURE FILM

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2022	Muru	Rusty (Lead)	Jawbone Pictures	Te Arepa Kahi
2020	Savage	Red	Domino Films	Sam Kelly

SHORT FILM

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2016	My Brother Mitchell	Todd Karehana (Lead)	Jump Film & TV LTD	

TELEVISION

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2024	Untold Tales of Tūteremoana	Tamatea	Tūteremoana Productions Limited	Hiona Henare
2024	Kōkā (post Production)	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 (Guest)	South Pacific Pictures	
2023	Kairākau Season 2	Tarakawateipu - Old (Guest)	Velvet Stone Media	Julian Arahanga

THEATRE

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	Director
2020	Little Black Bitch	Rangi (Lead)	Tuatara Collective	Jason Te Mete

PRESENTING-EVENTS

Year	Production	Part	Production Company	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	

Skills

Accent

American - Urban | Māori | Pacific Islander

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

Water Sports

Body Surfing | Kayaking | Snorkelling | Swimming | Waka Ama

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