



DONNA BOTH A

Location: Nelson | **Height:** 161 cm
Eye Colour: Brown | **Hair Colour:** Brown | **Ethnicity:** European

Donna Botha's been quietly carving out her spot in the acting world of Nelson, with a knack for slipping into roles across film, TV, and theatre. From her early days on "Shortland Street" to her more recent roles in the short film scene and on stage, she's shown a range that spans from heartfelt leads to quirky supports. Notably, her roles in films like "James Blonde" and "Northspur" have not only showcased her talent but also earned her accolades, including a Best Actress win at the Top of the South Film Festival. Off-screen, Donna's dedication to her craft is evident in her continuous pursuit of training, from acting workshops to singing lessons, all while keeping it real with that laid-back Kiwi charm. 2023 saw her taking the lead on stage again in CHONA - [The Complete History of Nelson Abridged, directed by Mark Hadlow.](#)

AWARDS

2025	Reality Check	Award: Best Actress	Top of the South Film Festival
2025	The Good Man	Award: Best Actress Nominee	Top of the South Film Festival
2024	Guard the Gate and Manager	Award: Best Actress Nominee	Top of the South Film Festival
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2022	Amity	Award: Best Supporting Actress Nominee	Top of the South Film Festival
2022	James Blonde	Award: Best Actress	Top of the South Film Festival
2021	Blood Barn	Award: Fan Favourite	48 Hour Film Festival
2020	Epoch Ellipse	Award: Best Actress Nominee	Top of the South Film Festival
2020	Gone	Award: Best Supporting Actress	Top of the South Film Festival



FEATURE FILM

2019 Northspur Role: Locton Gang Member North Park Productions - Director: Aaron Falvey

TELEVISION & STREAMING

2016 All Bi Myself Role: Sonya Director: Aimee Bentall
2014 - 2015 Shortland Street Role: Featured Nurse South Pacific Pictures - Director: Various

SHORT FILM

2025 Micro Heist Role: Donna Moose Ninja Studios - Director: Douglas Brooks
48 Hour Film Festival - #2 Fan Favourite

2025 Reality Check Role: Eve Vision Co - Director: Martyn Van Tonder
Nominated Best Actress

2025 Too Keen Role: Natalie NorthPark Productions - Director: Geoff Anderson

2024 A Quiet Cinema Role: Girlfriend Moose Ninja Studios - Director: Neil Benson

2024 Gangster Nicknames Role: Subtext Susie Director: Justin Eade

2024 Guard the Gate Role: Annie Oakley [co-lead] Moose Ninja Studios - Directors: Dave Kwant & Douglas Brooks
Producer & Writer: Neil Benson

2024 Hellblade Roles: Tisiphone, Megaera & Allecto [voices] Moose Ninja Studios - Director: Neil Benson

2024 Manager, please! Role: Kaylee Director: Justin Eade

2024 One Up Role: Moze Moose Ninja Studios - Director: Neil Benson

2024 The Good Man Role: 48 Hour Short Film Competition - Director: Benjamin Stiles

2023 Shuffled Role: Grace [supporting] Director: Matt Stevens
Writer: Chris Lippiatt

2023 The Brush Off Role: Sam [co-lead] Vision Co - Writer & Director: Dave Kwant

2023 War of the Woods Role: Lara [co-lead] Director: Douglas Brooks
Writer: Naomi Strain

2022 One For All Role: Molly Director: Naomi Strain

2022 The Temple Role: Tessa [co-lead] Director: Joachim Lang

2022 Uncle Bill Role: Neighbour Director: Joachim Lang



2021	Amity	Role: Adira	Director: Naomi Strain
2021	Blood Barn	Role: Wife	48 Hour Film Festival - Director: Doug Brooks
2021	James Blonde	Role: Imelda	Director: Jonathan Lopardo
2021	The Cure	Role: Isla	Director: Naomi Strain
2021	Tinsel Over Twizel	Role: Mona	Director: Pamela Guha
2020	Epoch Ellipse	Role: Zelda	Director: Justin Eade, Jonathan Lopardo
2020	Gone	Role: Sam	Director: Naomi Strain, Cameron Ross
2020	Stason Jatham	Role: Carrie	Director: Justin Eade
2018	Ace of Spades	Role: Sheila	Director: Matt Johnstone
2017	After T&L	Role: Bianca	48 Hour Film Festival - Director: Amie Bentall

THEATRE

2024	Vinegar Tom	Role: Goody Haskins	Nelson Repertory Theatre Inc - Director: Anton Bentley Theatre Royal Nelson - Writer: Caryl Churchill
2023	CHONA = Complete History if Nelson Abridged	Role: Female Nelsonian [lead]	Nelson Professional Theatre Company - Director: Mark Hadlow Writer: Gregory Cooper
2023	Love Me Tinder	Role: Harriet [lead]	Philomena Donlon - Director: Gwen Daly Dover

TRAINING

2023	Acting Workshop	Tutor: Alice O'Donoghue	
2022 - 2024	Acting Coaching	Tutor: Elena Stejko	Actors Studio
2020	The Radical Actor	Tutor: Jon Hunter	
2019 - 2020	Actors Lab	Tutor: Peter Feeney	
2015 - 2020	One on One Singing Lessons	Tutor: Sarah Radford	
2015	Screen Acting	Tutor: Paulo Rotondo	
2014	Comprehensive Acting	Tutor: Jennifer Ward-Lealand	
2014	Stage Combat	Tutor: Alexander Holloway	
2010 - 2015	One on One Singing Lessons	Tutor: Marvin Smith	

VOICE



2023

Law Zero

Role: Central Computer

Director: John Herd

SKILLS

Accents

American - Standard, English

Other

Stage Fighting

Singing

Alto, Bass

Sports

Horse Riding

