

JO HOLLEY

Location: Auckland | **Height:** 178 cm
Hair Colour: Blonde | **Ethnicity:** European | **Eye Colour:** Hazel | **Ethnicity:** Māori

Jo Holley (Ngāti Porou) is a versatile screen actor whose work spans television, film and theatre, bringing warmth, intelligence and emotional depth to every performance.

Her early career included stage work as Shelby Eatenton in Steel Magnolias, alongside appearances across New Zealand television in series such as Young Hercules, The Mike King Show and Amazing Extraordinary Friends, as well as a range of comedy sketch productions. These early roles helped establish Jo's natural screen presence and instinct for character driven storytelling.

Her screen work has also been recognised through short films including The Waiting Room and Glow, with Glow receiving accolades at the 48 Hour Film Festival. Jo's feature film credits include Sione's Wedding: Unfinished Business and Players, adding further range to a body of work that moves comfortably between drama, comedy and contemporary screen storytelling.

Alongside her acting career, Jo spent more than a decade working internationally as a television presenter and host. Through live television, documentary and hosting roles she developed a strong on camera confidence, quick improvisational instincts and a natural connection with audiences that continues to inform her acting work.

Recently returning to scripted performance with Blind Bitter Happiness, Jo brings a wealth of life experience and emotional authenticity to the screen. She continues to refine her craft through ongoing training with Peter Feeney, Elena Stejko and Britta McVeigh.

Jo's performances are grounded, layered and often unexpected, with strong comedic timing and the ability to move effortlessly between drama and dark humour.

FEATURE FILM

2012	Players	Role: Head Cop	Viacom 18 Motion Pictures - Directors: Abbas Alibhai Burmawalla & Mastan Alibbal Burmawalla
2012	Siones 2: Unfinished Business	Role: Waitress	South Pacific Pictures - Director: Simon Bennett

TELEVISION & STREAMING

2023 - 2021	Blind Bitter Happiness	Role: Connie	Tinderbox Productions - Director: Peter Feeney
2019	That's a Bit Racist [documentary]	Role: Lead Co-Host	Jam Productions - Director: Melanie Rakena TVNZ - Producer: Jane Andrews
2014	The Ex Men	Role: Holly Oakes [supporting]	High Five Productions - Directors: Jonathon Ulrich & Millen Baird Producers: Jonathon Ulrich & Millen Baird
2008	Amazing Extraordinary Friends	Role: Screaming Lady	Director: Stephen Campbell
2006	I Spy - Studio 2	Role: Gertrude [lead]	Taylormade Productions
2006	Studio 2 - Animated Character	Role: Jenna "Fit Girl" [lead]	Taylormade Productions - Director: Jo Holley
2004	Hercules	Role: Lemnos Woman	Hallmark Entertainment - Director: Jeffrey M. Hayes
2003	Mike King Tonight	Role: Guest	Greenstone - Executive Producer: Tony Manson

SHORT FILM

2019	The Waiting Room	Role: Newscaster	Gainsborough Films - Director: Craig Gainsborough
2012	Glow	Role: Jane Brick [lead]	Del Sur - Director: Christobel Araus Lobos
2008	Love in the time of Clymydia	Role: Nurse Celia [lead]	Del Sur - Director: Christobel Araus Lobos
2006	Action At Both Ends	Role: Hot Girl	Taylormade Productions - Director: Katie Brockie
2005	Clean Hard with a Mop	Role: Lead	Rice Digital, The Pa - Director: Christina Asher

TELEVISION PRESENTING & HOSTING

2020	Lexus Melbourne Cup	Role: Presenter	Channel 10 Australia

2019	Vodafone Music Awards	Role: Presenter	Māori Television - Director: Shavaughn Ruakere Red Carpet TV
2018	ITM Fishing Media Awards	Role: Presenter	Tightlines Media - Director: Leigh Hart
2016	On the Water	Role: Co-host	2Tui Productions
2015	Seven Seas	Role: Presenter	WildFilm Productions

LIVE PERFORMANCE

2007	Sky City	Role: Characters	Sky City - Director: Jo Holley
2002 - 2004	All That Jazz CHICAGO	Role: Actor/Dancer	Directors: Cherie & Jack Gaukrodger and Shona Martin School Of Dance
2002 - 2004	Emerald Hotel Xtreme Art Show	Role: Actor/Dancer	Directors: Cherie & Jack Gaukrodger and Shona Martin School Of Dance
2002 - 2005	Xtreme Wearable Arts Show	Role: Actor/Dancer	Directors: Cherie & Jack Gaukrodger and Shona Martin School Of Dance
2001	AMP Wearable Art Show	Role: Actor/Dancer	Director: Jack Gaukrodger
2000	Fantastique Wearable Art Show	Role: Actor/Dancer	Director: Cherie Gaukrodger

VOICE

2015 - 2023	Voiceover Work	Voiceover Artist: Commercial

TRAINING

2024	Actors Studio	Tutor: Elena Stejko
2024	Inner Work Intensive	Tutor: Britta McVeigh
2020	6 Week Self Testing Online Workshop	Actors Lab
2020	Acting Masterclass	Tutor: Jo Kelly
2020	Film and TV Masterclass	Masterclass.com
2020	Māori Language Classes	Onehunga Adults Learning
2020	Online Self Tests and Auditions Workshops	Actors Lab
2019	Vocal Training	Tutor: Stuart Clarke
2017 - 2018	Advanced Screen Acting Workshop	Tutors: Liz Mullane & Rachel Bullock

2016 - 2017	US Accent Training	Tutor: Chris Stewart
2010	Stunt Training	Tutor: Dayna Porter
2006	TV Production Training	Taylormade Productions
2005	'Te Ara Reo Māori' Māori Language Course	Te Wananga O Aotearoa
2005	American Dialect Workshop	Tutor: Chris Stewart
2004	Acting for Television and Auditioning Techniques	Tutor: Rachel Bullock

MUSIC VIDEO

2010	More Love More Healing	Role: Lead	Spy Foundation
2005	Frontline	Role: Lead	Frontline
2005	Where the party At	Role: Lead	Joesph Po
2002	DJ Koru	Role: Lead	

SKILLS

Accents	Australian, English, Japanese, Russian, Samoan, Spanish
Dance	Dancing, Hip Hop, Māori » Kapa Haka
Instruments	Guitar, Keyboard, Piano
Languages	Spanish » Intermediate, Te Reo Maori » Advanced
Other	Character Voices, Journalism, MC Events & Conferences, Modelling, Public Speaker, Screenwriter, Voiceovers, Writing
Singing	Blues, Choir, Pop, Vocalist
Speaking Topics	Celebrity, Environmental, Inspirational, Keynote Speaking, Lifestyle, Motivational, Sustainability, Well-being, Work-Life Balance
Sports	Abseiling, Aerobics, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boating, Body Boarding, Boxing, Cricket, Cycling, Fencing, Fishing, Free Diving, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Horse Riding, Ice Skating, Lawn Bowls, Martial Arts, Motorcross, Mountain Biking, Netball, Pilates, Professional Scuba Diving, Rock Climbing, Roller Skating, Rollerblading, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Sailing, Skateboarding, Skiing, Snowboarding, Soccer / Football, Squash, Surfing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball, Water Polo, Water Skiing, Wind surfing, Yoga, Diving » PADI Certified Advanced Diver