

MA'AOLA FAASAVALA

Location: Auckland | **Height:** 164 cm
Hair Colour: Black | **Eye Colour:** Brown | **Ethnicity:** Mixed Ethnicity | **Ethnicity:** Pacific Islander | **Ethnicity:** Samoan

Ma’aola Faasavala is a Samoan actor from Aotearoa New Zealand with credits across film, television and theatre. Her screen work includes Our Flag Means Death (HBO Max), Duckrockers (TVNZ) and Shortland Street. On stage, she’s performed with the award-winning Red Leap Theatre company in Moe Miti at Q Theatre, a production praised for its inventive storytelling and Pasifika heart.

A graduate of The Actors’ Program, Ma’aola brings cultural depth and emotional range to every role, with a natural ease that connects with audiences on screen and on stage.

FEATURE FILM

2025	Notes from a Fish	Role: Fisherman	Lumin Productions - Director: Romy Hooper New Zealand International Film Festival - Producers: Eva Trebilco, Thomas Levesque & Romy Hooper
2017	Into The Rainbow	Role: Natasha	Libertine Pictures - Director: Norman Stone Beijing Tianrun Media - Producers: Richard Fletcher & Iain Brown

TELEVISION & STREAMING

2023	Duckrockers	Role: Katrina [recurring]	South Pacific Pictures - Directors: Oscar Knightley & Sima Urale TVNZ - Producer: Tina Archibald
2023	I Got You - Season 2	Role: Lulu	Cadness Street Ltd - Director: Stallone Vaiaoga-Ioasa TAHI - Radio NZ - Producer: Abba-Rose Dinah Vaiaoga-Ioasa
2023	Our Flag Means Death - Season 2	Role: Zheng's Foreperson	Emporium Productions Limited - Executive Producer: Taika Waititi HBO Max
2023	Shortland Street	Role: Lynn Esera	South Pacific Pictures - Director: Grundy Television Productions - Producer: Oliver Driver

SHORT FILM

2026	What is Left Unsaid	Role: Lani	Herstory Collective Productions - Directors: Connor Amor-Bendall & Shay McKendrick Producers: Danika Leigh & Connor Amor-Bendall
2024	The Necklace	Role: Angel	Yeah Nah Productions - Director: Meg Robinson Prodicer: Diamond Langi
2023	Cuppa Tea	Role: Tessa	Director: Mhairi Johnstone
2021	The Seance	Role: Jade	Love, Blood & Rhetoric - Director: Peter Burger
2018	The Visit	Role: Claire	Director: Rituraj Sapkota
2015	The Engagement Party	Role: Sammy	Candlelit Pictures - Director: Katherine McRae

THEATRE

2026	A Kind of Fury	Role: Marjorie	Extracurricular - Director: Harriett Maire Q Theatre - Creative Producer: Isabella McDermott
2024	Where's Mele	Role: Mele [lead]	Director: Diamond Langi Māngere Arts Centre - Producer: Jason Manumea
2023	Moe Miti	Role: Ensemble	Red Leap Theatre - Director: Katrina George Q Theatre - Producer: Grant Mouldey

2022	Maybe Something Different Will Happen	Role: Jocasta	The Actors Program - Director: Julia Croft
2019	Shortland Street	Role: Tara	Manakau Institute of Technology - Director: Amber Curreen
2018	Rosalina	Role: Dancer	Sau E Siva Creatives - Director: Troy Tu'ua
2018	The Protest	Role: Choir	BATS Theatre - Director: Various
2017	Mirror Mirror	Role: Choir	Mangere Arts Centre - Director: Alison Quigan & Troy Tu'ua
2016	Bad Girls	Role: Prisoner Kat	Harlequin Theatre - Director: Susanne Dell Writer: Maureen Chadwick & Ann McManus

NON-BROADCAST

2022	City Rail Link Safety Video	Role: John's Wife	VideoTaxi - Director:Rupert McKenzie Producer: Dan Arnold

TRAINING

2022	Micheal Chekhov Technique	Tutor: Elena Stejko	The Actor's Studio
2021	Diploma in Achievement - Performing Arts	Tutors: Various	The Actors Program
2019	Acting Workshop	Tutor: Peter Feeney	The Actors Lab
2019	American Accent Challenge	Tutor: Sarah Valentine	The Actors Accent Coach
2019 - 2020	American Accent Training	Tutor: Jacque Drew	
2018 - 2019	Screen Acting & Audition Technique	Tutors: Kacie Stetson & Dawn Glover	Kacie Stetson Studio
2016	Diploma of Performing Arts	Tutors: Various	Manukau Institute of Technology

TV COMMERCIAL

2026	New World	Role: Produce	Flying Fish - Producer: Belle de Silva
2025	Archgola	Mum [hero]	Daymark Producer: Miryam Jacobi

SKILLS

Dance	Contemporary

Languages	Samoan
Sports	Billiards, Combat Fighting, Hiking, Hockey, Netball, Rowing, Volleyball, Wu Shu Kung Fu