

Location: Rotorua | Height: 170 cm

Hair Colour: Black | Eye Colour: Brown | Ethnicity: Māori | Ethnicity: Pacific Islander

Bitten by the acting bug at age 12, when he was cast in a production of Hone Kouka's masterpiece Nga Tangata Toa (The Warrior people). He is also an alumnus and graduate of the renowned South Seas Film and Television School, where he studied on-screen acting.

Nepia is part of the Rotorua Kapa Haka group Te Pikikotuku o Rongomai, and he believes his time performing gave him the skills of voice projection and the confidence required to perform to a live audience- essential tools in any successful thespian's repertoire.

While Ahikaaroa and social media have kept him in the public consciousness, Nepia is also adept as a stage actor, starting in 2014 with the play Ngunguru I te ao, I te po Nepia. He found time to return to the stage in te Reo M?ori production, 2018's He Kura E Huna Ana.

In an interview with the Rotorua Daily Post, Nepia said he weaves M?ori culture with his creative passions and promotes the use and acceptance of te Reo. "I just hope that we can all come together and there's a deeper understanding towards things M?ori, towards the indigenous people and that there's more awareness of the history."

Uniquely, Nepia, and his siblings, spoke te Reo from birth, and now he uses his huge social media presence as a platform to tohatoha the word.

After cutting his teeth in short films like Huhu (in which he is credited as a writer) Blindside, and Gone Tomorrow. The 2022 film Muru, which dramatises the events of the 2007 Uruwera Raids and stars M?ori acting royalty Cliff Curtis, propelled Nepia onto the silver screen as a character named Pana.

Blending a remarkable social media presence with skills as an actor, writer, performer and teacher, he will work your branding like no-one else in a



very cool, unique way and makes for an entertaining and welcoming speaker at any event.

Nepia is an exceptional talent who is well on his way to establishing his place in Aotearoa's performing arts shopfront.

TELEVISION

2023 Te Reo Rangatira Series Role: Presenter [Lead] Awa Films NZ

2018 - Ahikāroa Role Hemi [Lead] Kura Productions - Directors:

2024 Various

THEATRE

2018 He Kura E Huna Ana Role: Lead Touring Theatre - Director: Taki

Rua

2015 Ngunguru I te ao, I Te Po Role: Lead Te Rakau Trust

TRAINING

2015 - South Seas School of TV and Acting For Screen

2016 Film

SKILLS

Dance Break Dancing, General movement, Hip Hop, Māori » Kapa Haka

InstrumentsGuitar, PianoLanguagesTe Reo MāoriOtherComedy

Singing Classical, Musical, Pop

Sports Athletics, Badminton, Bareback Horse Riding, Baseball, Basketball,

Boxing, Golf, Horse Riding, Kayaking, Netball, Roller Skating, Rollerblading, Rugby Union, Running, Skiing, Snorkelling, Soccer / Football, Softball, Swimming, Ten Pin Bowling, Touch Rugby, Waka

Ama, Weight lifting

SOCIAL MEDIA

INSTAGRAM: 17,800 Followers

TIK TOK: 182,800 Followers

