

Location: Rotorua | Height: 180 cm

Eye Colour: Brown | Hair Colour: Brown | Ethnicity: Māori

Hoete Mitai-Ngatai is a Rotorua-based actor of Te Arawa and Mataatua heritage, fluent in te reo Māori, English, and Spanish.

His on-screen work includes portraying Rauru in the Māori-language drama Kairākau and appearing in the educational sitcom Tōku Reo, along with presenting and voice work for Māori Television.

In addition to his screen career, Hoete co-manages Ahu Boutique—a contemporary Māori fashion label founded in Rotorua in 2013—serving as general manager alongside Creative Director Adrienne Whitewood, and expanding operations with a second store in Wellington. He also oversees the couple's Māori-inspired chocolate and gift venture KŌKŌ, rooted in indigenous product innovation.

Hoete's background in kapa haka, live presenting at cultural events, and commercial leadership enhances his naturalistic screen presence and cultural fluency. With proven ability to perform across dramatic and educational genres, and to collaborate across creative and operational domains, Hoete offers directors a uniquely grounded and multi-dimensional performer steeped in cultural integrity and storytelling.

FEATURE FILM

2017 Dead Lands Role: Warrior NZ Film Commission

TELEVISION & STREAMING

2022 Stolen Lands [documentary] Role: Māori Soldier



2015 Kairākau Role: Fighting Warrior Māori Television
2013 - Toku Reo Role: Piki Tiwawe Māori Television

2014

2011 Tamaki Paenga Hira Role: Rangitihi [warrior] Māori Television

[documentary]

2009 Haa Role: TV Presenter Māori Television

TV COMMERCIAL

2022 Te Pūkenga Advert Role: Teacher

TRAINING

2025 The Emotional Core Workshop Tutor: Jon Hunter Hunter Acting Studio

2021 BOP Actors Studio Workshop Tutor: Sabrina Harms
2020 BOP Actors Studio Workshop Tutor: Harry Oram

SKILLS

Dance Māori » Kapa Haka

Instruments Piano

Languages Spanish, Te Reo Maori

Sports Basketball, Hockey, Touch Rugby

