



VANESSA RARE

Location: Whangamata | **Height:** 178 cm

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

Vanessa Rare, a name that has become synonymous with excellence in the New Zealand film and television industry, has captured the hearts of audiences across the nation for her exceptional talents both in front of and behind the camera. As one of New Zealand's most recognized faces in the entertainment world, Vanessa's journey started in front of a camera playing scheming solo mum Rata, in Gaylene Preston comedy hit *Ruby and Rata* (1990).

Herald critic Peter Calder wrote that she filled "the screen with a presence one would expect of a veteran performer". Daughter of a runner and a champion ballet dancer, Rare went on to co-star in one-off drama *Kahu & Maia* and her status grew in the NZ industry as, 'Te Hana Hudson' on *Shortland Street*, this was a chore cast role that solidified her as a staple in the NZ screen industry.

Vanessa's dedication to her craft and tireless work ethic led to back-to-back award-winning performances, establishing her as a force to be reckoned with in the industry.

Driven by an insatiable creative spirit, she explored other avenues of expression. As an accomplished writer and director, she brought her unique vision to life through various projects, leaving an indelible mark on the New Zealand film scene.

As a multi-talented actress, writer, and director, Vanessa Rare's contributions have undoubtedly enriched New Zealand's film and TV landscape. Her compelling performances, dedication to storytelling, and commitment to making a difference in the world have solidified her place as a true icon and a beloved figure in the hearts of her fans and peers alike. With an unwavering passion for her craft and a boundless determination, Vanessa Rare continues to push the boundaries of her artistry, leaving a lasting legacy in the annals of New Zealand's entertainment history.

AWARDS



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2017	Film and TV Awards - The Z Nail Gang	Best 'Supporting Actor'
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FEATURE FILM

2014	The Z Nail Gang	Role: Aunty	CommonUnity productions - Director: Anton Steel
1991	Te Rua	Role: Helen Marangai	South Pacific Pictures
1990	Ruby and Rata	Lead: Rata	Robyn Laing Productions

TELEVISION

2023	The Gone	Wiki [Lead]	Blinder Films (Ireland), Kingfisher Films (NZ), Southern Lights Films - Director: Peter Burger
2022	The Brokenwood Mysteries	Mamma Sass	South Pacific Pictures - Dir: Various
2021	Tender Trap	Role: Rita	Greenstone Productions - Director: Sima Urale
2020	The Sounds	Role: Pania Cottle	Acorn TV - Director: Peter Stebbings
2018	Fresh Eggs	Role: Bev	Warner Bros - Director: Britta Hawkins
2016	This is Piki	Role: Tarnz	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions (pre production) - Directors: Various
2015	Find me a Maori Bride	Role: Actor Cameo	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions
2007 - 2008	Kai Korero	Role: Charlotte Spalding	Front of the Box Production
2005	Last Man Standing	Tish Panoho	Seven Network
2004	Akina	Role: Brenda	Cinco Cine
2000 - 2007	Shortland Street	Role: Te Hana Hudson	South Pacific Pictures
1998	Jack of All Trades	Sacajawea	Renaissance
1997	Greenstone	Hine	South Pacific Pictures
1997	Letters to Blanchy	Irihapeti	Issabaards
1994	Dead Certs	Tanya	Cino Cine
1994	The Call up	Midwife	Montana Theatre
1993	Kahu and Maia	Lead: Maia	Nga Puna Productions
1992 - 93	Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior and Hercules		Renaissance Pictures



SHORT FILM

2015	The Lost Pearl	Role: Mum	Tenati Productions
2015	Thunder Down Under (Pilot)	Role: Mrs Fraser	Tenati Productions
1995	The Find	Supporting Role	
1992	Voyages, Short Film for Brisbane Expo	Historic and present day wife.	NZ Seville Expo

THEATRE

2015	Patua	Role: Dina	Te Pou Theatre
1997	Taki Rua, Purapurawhetu	Role: Aggie Rose	Down Stage Theatre

TRAINING

2010	Music Business Course		PACE Programme
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NON-BROADCAST

2005 - 2006	Ask your Auntie	Role: Presenter	Greenstone Pictures
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