

# Merrin Cavel



Age: 47  
Ethnicity: New Zealand  
Height: 170cms  
Eye: Hazel  
Chest: 92cm  
Waist: 70cm  
Hips: 91cm  
Hair: Brown  
Shoe size: 7



**Bio:** "I cannot remember an actor I have met recently who is as passionate and driven to succeed and find fulfilment in her craft as with Merrin Cavel. I believe that true success occurs when a talented individual is finally recognised for not only their willingness to perform but their inability to do anything else. There is a fire in her and I hope the World gets to benefit from it." - Sir Ian McKellen (Actor)

**Presenting:** "Already a skilled and effective actor, Merrin has considerable talent and potential as a presenter. She relates well to the camera and will be very good as her experience in writing and presenting grows. I believe Merrin to be a valuable member of any creative team." - Ian Johnstone QSO – Presenter & Producer

**Training:**

2019 Audition Workshop with Catch Casting  
2016 4 Week Introduction to Acting with Juliet Furness  
National Academy of Singing & Dramatic Arts - BPA (Musical Theatre Major)  
Avalon Film & TV School - Certificate in TV Production  
Certificate in TV Commercial Presentation  
Certificate in Screen Acting

**MASTERCLASSES**

Voice Recording with Anthony Hurst & Mark Kennedy  
American Accent with Terry D'eath & Jacque Drew  
Westend Master Class (UK)  
Auditioning for Musical Theatre with Danielle Tarento (UK)  
Spoken Voice with Cameron Rhodes  
Directing for Stage with Amanda Rees  
Physical Theatre with Red Leap Theatre  
Acting On Screen with Ron Rodgers  
Stage Combat with Peter Hassell  
Voice For Theatre with Joan Melton (US)

**TV/Commercials Experience:**

2024 Bupa  
2023 KFC - Boardroom  
2020 End of Life Choice Act  
2012 What Britain Loves - Extra  
2012 T Mobile  
2011 ASB - Extra  
2011 Sky Sport - Extra  
2010 Westpac - Featured  
2010 Harvey Norman - Extra  
2010 Milko - Extra

## TV/Film Experience:

### FILM

Home For Christmas  
Lord Of The Rings Trilogy - Elf  
Heavenly Creatures

### SHORT FILM

Straight Talk

### TELEVISION

2025 Shortland Street - Trish Kinnock  
2020 Centrepont  
2019 The Wilds - Diving Judge  
2016 Kiwi Living 'Anxiety' - Featured Actor / Re-enactment  
The Strip - Dancer  
What Now - Field Reporter  
The Missing (TVNZ)  
Paradise Cafe (BBC)  
Duck Quacks Don't Echo - Pilot Panel Show  
The Politically Incorrect Guide

### TELEFEATURE

Billy  
Until Proven Innocent

### MUSIC VIDEO

Plans 'Fiveandahalfminutes'

### CONFERENCE VIDEO

2020 Greta Gordon

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## Theatre Experience:

### New Zealand

2024: Much Ado About Nothing - Beatrice  
2023: Sweeney Todd - Mrs Lovett  
2010 'Rent' DIR Richard Neame - Joanne Understudy/Company  
2009 'An Ideal Husband' DIR Barry O'Connor – Lady Chiltern  
2009 'Blood Brothers' DIR Mary Gray – Mrs Lyons  
2008 'Sound of Music' DIR Grant Meese – Maria Understudy / Elsa Schroder  
2007-2008 'Bent Not Broken' Solo Show DIR Anthony Whiting  
2006 'Guid Sisters' DIR Tony McCaffrey – Pierette  
2006 'And the World Goes Round' Kander & Ebb Revue DIR Stephanie McKellar Smith  
2006 'Little Shop of Horrors' DIR Peter Bucher – Ronette  
2005 'Marat/Sade' DIR Tony McCaffrey – Polpoch  
2005 'My Favourite Year' DIR Stephanie McKellar Smith - Harriette Lee  
2004 'Cloud Nine' DIR Christina Stachurski – Edward/Victoria  
'III Day' – Stage Show & Original Cast Recording

### United Kingdom:

2013 'Sing Happy: Kander & Ebb Revue' DIR Katy Baker  
2012 'In This Together' DIR Randy Smartnick  
2012 'Stephen Sondheim Society Revue' DIR David Ovenden  
2012 Cloud Nine DIR Janine Clements - Maud/Victoria  
2012 'Bent Not Broken' Solo Show DIR Randy Smartnick

### Theatre In Education Tours

2014 'Hi Rez & Cyber Busters' T.I.E. Anti Bully Show Tour - Soren Bennick (Canada)  
2011 'Power Of One' T.I.E. Anti Bully Show Tour - Sore Bennick (Canada)  
2010 'Jungle Bungle' T.I.E. Anti Bully Show Tour - Echelon Productions (Australia)  
2009 'Duffy & The Story Snatcher' T.I.E. Books In Homes Tour - Duffy Books In Homes (NZ)

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## Music/Dance experience:

### SINGING

Classical Singing with Vernon Midgley, Angela Johnson & Juliet Midgley

DANCE  
Tap, Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT  
Drums

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Voice Over:

2014 - 2015 George FM Advert Voice Artist

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Skills: Drivers Licence (Full), Stunts, Musical Instrument, Dancing

Sports: Swimming, Basketball, Netball, Roller Blading, Cycling, Yoga, Gymnastics

Natural Accent: NewZealand

Accents: American, New Zealand

Languages: English

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