



Danielle Cormack.

Height 173 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography
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As offers go, Danielle Cormack counts her invitation by a Bedouin sheik to join his six-strong harem as her most interesting yet; that is, unless you count the one by a Berber family to one of their sons, in Morocco.

In Syria filming her trip for TVNZ travel show Intrepid Journeys, the award-winning actress was propositioned by the sheik in return for some camels. However the Berber family were more subtle and asked her to try on a traditional wedding gown. Danielle guessed their game (she'd met the obviously eligible son) and declined.

It's no surprise that the gorgeous and talented actor is in demand. Shortland St fans will remember Danielle as the popular - and famously jilted - nurse Alison Rayner. She also appeared in the 1980s series Gloss. However, TV soaps are just a small part of what has become a sizeable acting CV.

She's racked up roles in numerous local and offshore productions, such as feature films Topless Women Talk About Their Lives (for which she won a local best actress award) and Via Satellite, and the popular TV shows Xena, Warrior Princess, and Maddigan's Quest. She's also received critical acclaim for her one-woman stage performance as New Zealand's most famous and enigmatic author, Katherine Mansfield, and across the ditch, won praise for her role as Lenka in the Melbourne Theatre Company's production of the Tom Stoppard play Rock 'n Roll. And she won best actress at the Fantasporto International Film Festival 2000 in Portugal for her role in Australian film Siam Sunset and she's about to go global as the star of Australian TV series Underbelly 'Razor' (July 2011).

Danielle loves a good laugh and her quick wit and warm personality make her in-demand as MC and presenter at corporate events. She's crowd-wrangled at events such as the L' Oréal Professionnel Colour Trophy Awards, the New Zealand Music Awards, and a celebrity debate to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Trust. And, if you ask nicely, she may even sing, something she did with a couple of fellow actors to earn extra cash and keep fans entertained at Xena conventions. Note: rock 'n roll requests preferred, and she does a mean Janis Joplin.

She's not just a rock chick though, having established and for two years hosted weekly dub show High Noon Tea on radio station KiwiFM. And if you're into experimental music set to poetry give her a call; she and friend Johnny Brugh have set up a band called Bob Geldolf (they aim to lure Sir Bob into performing one day)

An inspirational and down-to-earth speaker, she's told her story at high schools and performing arts schools, giving an insider's view of performance and of the industry.

She does her bit for charitable causes, stepping up as MC for several charity bashes held by the Raukatauri Music Therapy Trust, a children's charity, and organising and hosting a fundraiser art auction for Rape Crisis. She also sponsors two children in Brazil and Uganda through the ChildFund.

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When she's not working or turning down marriage proposals, Danielle sews her own clothes, and dabbles in play and short story writing. She's also a huge rugby fan and regularly flexes her vocal cords from the sideline at her eldest son's games.

Testimonials.

Danielle was a guest presenter and MC of the Finalist Announcement event for the Air NZ Screen Awards in 2005. Danielle stepped in at quite short notice to MC the Finalist Announcement Event for approximately 200 media and finalists. Danielle has great stage presence, is polished and professional and great to work with.

- The Air New Zealand Screen Awards

Danielle has been a guest presenter of the NZ Music Awards twice. Danielle was selected both times because of her charisma, presence and sense of humour. This event is NZ's biggest night in music and Danielle contributed to another very successful event.

- The Vodafone NZ Music Awards

Danielle kindly donated her time to support this very high profile Children's charity. Danielle's enthusiasm and great sense of humour helped set the tone for a very exciting night and enabled us to raise close to \$200,000 from the live auction. Danielle has the personality to hold an audience and an ability to entertain while still maintaining the serious and sensitive nature of the event.

- Raukauri Music Therapy Trust

Danielle was all that we could have asked for as an MC and more with her larger than life personality. Danielle has a natural charm, confidence and quick wit that worked really well for us in this environment. She kept the crowd entertained, interacted well with them and kept the event flowing smoothly and in a timely fashion.

- Raukauri Music Therapy Trust