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## Details

Gender	Female
Age Range	50 - 59
Height	163cm
Base Location	Auckland
Available In	International
Skills	Actor, Corporate, Presenter, Prof. Musician, Prof. Singer
Hair	Black
Eye	Brown
Ethnicity	Maori

## Credits

### 2016

- SF Nan **How the Light Gets In** Gifthorse Films, Anya Beyersdorf
- SF Grumpy Old Kuia **The Spectacular Imagination of the Pohara Brothers** Independent, Todd Karehana

### 2013

- DO Presenter **The Black Legacy** Maui Productions, Ngatapa Black / Reuben Collier

### 2012

- FF Paraiti **Medicine Woman** South Pacific Pictures, Dana Rotberg

## Skills & Attributes

Shoe Size	9
Clothing Size	Female - 18
Waist	112cm
Natural Accent	New Zealand
Accent Skills	New Zealand, Maori
Languages	Maori Language Family, English
Hair Length	Shoulder Length
Hair Style	Wavy
Instrumental	Guitar
Dance	Maori
Singing	Blues, Contemporary, Jazz
Singing Range	Mezzo
Drivers Licence	Car

## Notes

2016 Winner Ngā Whanaunga Māori Pasifika Shorts 2016 NZIFF Award for Best Actress for her performance in "The Spectacular Imagination of the Pohara Brothers"

2013 Nominee Asia Pacific Screen Awards for Best Actress for her performance in "White Lies"

2013 Nominee MOA NZ Film Awards for Best Actress for her performance in "White Lies"

2008 Winner New Zealand Music Tui for Best Jazz Album

2006 Awarded New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Maori Music

2004 APRA Maioha Award for her songwriting in Te Reo Maori

2001 Winner New Zealand Music Award for Best Maori Album

### ENTERTAINER

New Zealand's soul diva, Whirimako Black has built up a loyal jazz, blues and Maori fan base with her sublime Te Reo Maori and English songs. She is, undoubtedly, one of New Zealand's finest musicians. Whirimako has performed through out New Zealand, Europe and Australia over the past decade. She creates a truly unique, intimate presence in her performances with sublime and exceptionally expressive voice that has been described as 'pure velvet'. Whirimako's distinctive sound, her use of traditional Maori musical forms and Te Reo Maori make her a unique and

powerful voice for New Zealand!

Whirimako has performed all around the world as a collaborator and guest artist and on numerous projects, including the internationally successful One Giant Leap album. This album celebrates cultural diversity and Whirimako was asked to headline at the European Festival of Song in Greece in the tour to celebrate its release. With performance credits in Korea, Gallipoli, Taipei and all around the globe, Whirimako has cemented her place as one of New Zealand's finest exports.

Whirimako studied music theory in 1983 at the Sydney School of Music and obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Auckland University of Technology in 1997. She has also studied classical piano, guitar theory and attended workshops on Mataatua Waiata and cultural and intellectual property.

She continues to pursue her educational aspirations and in 2010 completed a business management certificate at Te Wananga o Aotearoa.!

Whirimako wrote the title theme songs for historian James Bellich's acclaimed Television series The New Zealand Wars and recorded hymns for services in Gallipoli. In the 1990s Whirimako was involved in translating scripts for children's programs into Te Reo Maori for Aotearoa TV as well as providing voices for some of the characters which are still played today on Maori Television.!

In 2012 Whirimako appeared in her debut acting role as the lead actress in White Lies, a New Zealand feature film, produced by South Pacific Pictures, directed by Dana Rotberg with Producer Chris Hampson.!

For more information on one of New Zealand's award winning entertainers please go to the following links!

<http://www.whirimako.org/wordpress>