



Actor Biography

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Jennifer Ward-Lealand.

Height 180 cm

Awards.

- 2014 Best of The Box Nominee - "Wanda" in Auckland Daze
- 2014 Recipient of NZ Film Commission Professional Development Award
- 2007 Appointment as an Officer of The New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) - Services to Theatre & the Community
- 2006 Capital Times - Most Outstanding Performer for Falling in Love Again
- 2005 New Zealand Screen Awards Finalist - Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role - Fracture
- 2005 Metro Readers Poll Winner - Best New Zealand Actress
- 1998 New Zealand Entertainment Awards - Winner - Best Theatrical Performance
- 1993 Best Actress Award for Dorothea in Desperate Remedies - International Festival of Fantasy Film (Sitges, Spain)
- 1993 NZ Film and Television Awards Finalist - Best Female Dramatic Performance (Film) - The Footstep Man
- 1992 New Zealand Entertainment Awards - Winner - Rising Star Award
- 1987 Guild of Film & Television Arts Awards Winner - Best Actress - Danny & Raewyn
- 1987 Manawatu Evening Standard Awards - Best Actress - Winner - Breaking the Silence

Feature Film.

2017	Vermillion	Darcy (Lead)	Dir. Dorthe Scheffmann
2002	Fracture	Ulla Peet	Kahukura Productions Dir. Larry Parr
1998	I'll Make You Happy	Mel	Ample Films Dir. Athina Tsoulis
1997	The Ugly	Evelyn	Essential Films Dir. Scott Reynolds
1993	Heavenly Creatures	Acting Coach to Melanie Lynsky	Wingnut Films
1992	Desperate Remedies	Dorothea Brook	James Wallace Productions Dir. Peter Wells & Stuart Main

Feature continued...

1991	The Footstep Man	Mireille/Sarah	John Maynard Productions Dir. Leon Narby
1985	Dangerous Orphans	Teresa Costello	Cinepro Dir. John Laing

Short Film.

1999	The Painted Lady	Mother	Second Cine Dir. Belinda Schmid
1996	The Proposal	Frances	South Pacific Pictures Dir. Simon Bennett
1995	The Bar	Woman	This Is It Productions Dir. Dorthe Scheffman
1994	I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry	Jane	Frame Up Films Dir. Michael Hurst
1993	A Game With No Rules	Lauren	Zee Films Dir. Scott Reynolds
1990	Linda's Body	Linda	Front Lawn Films Dir. Harry Sinclair&Don McGlashan
1985	Danny & Raewyn	Raewyn	Hibiscus Films Dir. Gregor Nicholas

Television.

2016	Dirty Laundry	Donna Riley (Core Cast)	Fithy Production Ltd Dir. Danny Mulheron&others TBC
2015	Re-Think	Panelist	Faultline Films
2014	Native Affairs	Profiled	
2014	High Road Season 2	Camilla (Guest)	Tomorrowland Sound & Vision Dir. Justin Harwood

Television continued...

2014	Terry Teo	Barbara Bertinelli	Semi-Professional Pictures Ltd Dir. Gerard Johnstone
2013	Auckland Daze	Wanda	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions
2013	Sunny Skies	Penny	Dir. Mike Smith
2013	The Almighty Johnsons Series 3	Karen	South Pacific Pictures
2012	Sunny Skies	Penny (Guest)	Subtext Ltd Dir. Mike Smith
2012	The Good Word Series 4	Panelist (Regular Recurring)	3rd Party Productions
2012	Buzzy Bee and Friends	Dorable Duck (Core Cast Voice)	Lion Rock Productions Limited
2011	The Good Word Series 3	Panelist (Regular Recurring)	3rd Party Productions
2011	Auckland Daze Season 1 & 2	Wanda (Major Recurring Guest)	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions Dir. Kiel McNaughton
2011	Auckland Daze	Wanda (Major Recurring Guest)	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions Ltd Dir. Kiel McNaughton
2011	Artsville-'Bill Sevesi's Dream'	Interviewee	Dir. Ly Ying
2010	Reel Late With Kate	Film Reviewer (Guest)	Rogue Productions
2010	The Good Word Debate '10	Debater	3rd Party Productions
2010	The Good Word Series 2	Panelist (Regular Recurring)	3rd Party Productions
2009	The Good Word Series 1	Panelist (Guest)	3rd Party Productions
2009	The Montana World of Wearable Arts Awards	Award Show Host	MINC Media Inc

Television continued...

2009	Jaquie Brown Diaries - "Brown's Bush "Part 1&2"	Louise Bouchet (Guest)	Young, Gifted and Brown LTD
2005	Interrogation - 'True Confessions'	Gail Abbott (Guest)	South Pacific Pictures Dir. Murray Keane
2003	Christmas in the Park	Guest Artist	TV3
2001	Love Mussel	Doctor	Frame Up Films Dir. Michael Hurst
1999	Xena: Warrior Princess - "The Play's the Thing "	Zehra (Guest)	Pacific Renaissance Pictures /USA Dir. Chris Graves
1999	Duggan - "A Shadow of Doubt"Part 1&2	Joanne (Regular Recurring)	Gibson Group Dir. Yvonne McKay
1998	Pale Blue	Julie	John Swimmer Productions
1997	Xena: Warrior Princess - "The Deliverer "	Boadicea (Guest)	Pacific Renaissance Pictures /USA Dir. Oley Sassone
1997	Pete & Pio	Guest Artist	Isambard
1997	Christmas In the Park	Guest Artist	TV3
1996	Shortland Street	Isobel Kearney (Regular Recurring)	South Pacific Pictures
1995	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys - "All that Glitters"	Voluptua (Guest)	Pacific Renaissance Pictures /USA Dir. Garth Maxwell
1995	Letter To Blanchy Series 2 & 3	Jane (Regular Recurring)	Isambard Productions
1994	Body & Soul	Profile	TVNZ
1994	Christmas In The Park	Guest Artist	TV3
1993	Full Frontal Series 1- 4	Core Cast Role (Lead/Core)	Artist Services - Australia

Television continued...

1993	20/20	Profile	TV3
1992	Open Home Series 1	Presenter	TVNZ
1990	The Billy T James Show - "No Brain, No Pain"	Raewyn (Guest)	Isambard Dir. Aileen O'Sullivan
1990	For The Love of Mike	Betty Sue (Guest)	Comedia Productions Dir. Tony Holden
1987	Kaleidoscope - Lee Grant Special	Presenter (Guest)	TVNZ
1985	Seekers Series 1	Nardia (Lead/Core)	TVNZ
1978	Close to Home	Jan (Regular Recurring)	TVNZ
1972	Gone Up North For A While	Child	NZ National Film Unit Dir. Paul Maunder

Live Performance Presenter.

2015	Panelist on 'Mental Wellness in the Performing Arts'		PANNZ Arts Market
2013	NZ Architect Awards	MC	
2009	Montana World of Wearable Arts Awards	MC	
2007	RSC's King Lear	Host	Royal Shakespeare Company
2007	Professional Development Session - NZ Dietician Association	Guest Speaker	Auckland Branch
2007	RSC's The Seagull	Host	Royal Shakespeare Comany
2007	Rotary Club		Guest Speaker

Live Performance continued...

2007 Showstoppers Guest Artist Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra

2005 Official Xena Convention Celebrity Guest and Caberet Performer Burbank, Calafornia USA

Theatre.

2015 Lysistrata Kalonike Auckland Theatre Company
Dir. Michael Hurst

2015 Rupert Various Auckland Theatre Company
Dir. Colin McColl

2015 My Name is Gary Cooper Connie White FCC, at TAPAC
Dir. Victor Rodger

2015 The Book of Everything Auntie Pie Silo Theatre /Auckland Arts Festival
Dir. Sophie Roberts

2015 One Night Stand Judge The Basement

2014 Hauraki Horror Dame Kiri Te Kanawa The Basement

2014 Stutter and Scream Vivian Johnson TAPAC/Q Theatre Vault
Dir. Gary Henderson

2014 Rita and Douglas Rita Angus Armstrong Creative
Dir. Conrad Newport

2014 Brel Singer Silo Theatre
Dir. Michael Hurst

2014 Luncheon Elsa Lanchester I'd Like to Thank Productions
Dir. Katie Wolfe

2013 White Rabbit, Red Rabbit Silo Theatre
Dir. Nassim Soleimanpour

2013 A Basement Christmas Carol Helen Clarke The Basement
Dir. Sophie Roberts

Theatre continued...

2013	Between the Sheets		The Large Group /Royale Productions at The Basement Dir. Sophie Roberts
2013	The Heretic	Dianne Cassell	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Alison Quigan
2013	The Apology	Elizabeth	Silo Theatre Dir. Alison Quigan
2013	Love, Loss, and What I Wore	Performer	by Nora Ephron & Delia Ephron Dir. Lara Macgregor
2012	Brel	Singer	Silo Theatre Dir. Michael Hurst
2012	Rita and Douglas	Rita Angus	Armstrong Creative, Otago Festival of the Arts Dir. Conrad Newport
2012	The Smallest Universe in the World	Andrea	Auckland Theatre Company (playreading) Dir. Simon Bennett
2012	8	Sandy Stier	Love, Blood and Rhetoric Productions Dir. Stacie Stetson
2012	The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs	Performer	Silo Theatre fundraiser Dir. Shane Boshier
2012	Copenhagen	Margrethe Bohr	Northern Lights Theatre Company Dir. Alex Bonham
2012	Protection	Claude	Silo Theatre (playreading) Dir. Shane Boshier
2012	Fix	Grace	Auckland Playwrights Collective (playreading) Dir. Scott Wills
2012	Checkout-The Musical	Diane Fritata	Auckland Theatre Company (playreading) Dir. Simon Coleman and Jason Te Mete

Theatre continued...

2011	Poor Boy	Viv	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
2011	Six Degrees of Separation	Ouisa Kittredge	Playreading - Auckland Writers & Readers Festival / Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Colin McColl
2011	Rita and Douglas	Rita Angus	Armstrong Creative Dir. Conrad Newport
2010	Le Sud	Dominique Le Bons	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
2010	August: Osage County	Barbara	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Colin McColl
2010	That Face	Martha	Silo Theatre Dir. Shane Boshier
2010	Toys	Barbie	Royale Productions Dir. Cameron Rhodes/Toby Leach
2009	Passages	Rebecca	Workshop - STAMP Double Shot Dir. Lauren Jackson
2009	Oliver!	Mrs. Sowerberry/ Mrs. Bedwin	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
2009	Creditors	Tekla	Ford Transit Productions Dir. Paul Gittins, Michael Hurst
2009	Ghost Train	Kaye	Playreading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Catherine Downes
2008	The Look of Love, Evocative/ Provocative	Cabaret Show	Downstage Theatre
2008	Le Sud	Dominique Le Bons	Semi-Staged Reading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
2008	The Threepenny Opera	Jenny Diver	Silo Theatre /The Large Group Dir. Michael Hurst

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2007	Decadance	Helen & Sybil	Licentious Productions Dir. Paul Gittins
2007	Advance In Order	Mrs Williams	Playreading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Cameron Rhodes
2007	Mike and Virginia	Danielle	Semi staged playreading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Peter Elliot
2007	My Name is Gary Cooper	Connie White	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Roy Ward
2007	Falling in Love Again	Marlene Dietrich	Downstage Theatre
2006	Berlin - Cabaret of Desire	Sabine Leutenegger (Cabaret Show)	Silo Theatre Dir. John Verryt
2006	Mike And Virginia	Danielle	Playreading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Roy Ward
2006	Twelfth Night	Olivia	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Michael Hurst
2005	The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?	Stevie	Silo Theatre Dir. Oliver Driver
2005	Sex With Strangers - Second Edition	Rachel	Colin Mitchell Production Dir. Colin Mitchell
2005	Falling In Love Again	Cabaret Show	Downstage Theatre, Expressions Theatre, James Hay Theatre, Fuel Fest, Arts Fest Taupo, Nelson, Tauranga, Wellington, Hamilton
2004	The Bach	Sally	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Sarah Peirse
2004	The Talented Mr Ripley	Aunt Dottie/Emily Greenleaf	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Oliver Driver
2004	The Big Picture	Gabrielle	Auckland Theatre Company (playreading) Dir. Fiona Samuel

Theatre continued...

2003	Marlene	Marlene	Potent Pause Productions Dir. Ilona Rodgers
2003	The Graduate	Mrs Braddock	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Simon Prast
2003	The Bach	Sally	Semi-Staged Reading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Danny Mulheron
2003	The Love of Humankind	Annie	Playreading - Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Danny Mulheron
2002	Old Times	Anna	Potent Pause Productions Dir. Paul Gittins
2000	Into The Woods	The Witch	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1998	The Herbal Bed	Susanna Hall	Auckland Theatre Company Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1996	Assassins	Sara Jane Moore/Emma Goldman	Watershed Theatre Dir. Simon Bennett
1995	The New Rocky Horror Show - NZ National Tour	Janet	Paul Dainty /Stetson Productions Dir. Nigel Triffitt
1993	Tell Me on a Sunday	Girl	Auckland Philharmonial Orchestra Dir. Cath Cardiff
1992	Twelfth Night	Viola	Adelaide International Festival of the Arts Dir. Glen Elston
1992	Cabaret	Sally Bowles	Watershed Theatre Dir. Michael Hurst
1992	Side By Side By Sondheim	Singer/Actor	Wellington Music Theatre Dir. Ingrid Prossor
1991	Follies	Phyllis Rodgers-Stone	Baycourt Theatre Dir. Bob Addisson

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1991	M Butterfly	Renee/Girl In Magazine/Woman at Party	Mercury Theatre Dir. Paul Minifie
1991	Via Satellite	Lyn	Mercury Theatre Dir. Paul Gittins
1991	The Sex Fiend	Eileen	Mercury Theatre Dir. Chris Scheil
1990	A Slice of Saturday Night	Bridget	Mercury Theatre Dir. Paul Minifie
1990	The Threepenny Opera	Polly Peachum	Inside Out Theatre Dir. Michael Hurst
1990	Carousel	Carrie Pipperidge	Mercury Theatre Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1990	This Joint Is Jumpin'	Singer/Actor	Mercury Theatre Dir. Cath Cardiff
1989	A Marvellous Party	Singer/Actor	The Gods, Mercury Upstairs Dir. Paul Minifie
1989	The One That Got Away	Glenda	The Front Lawn. NZ National Tour, Edinburgh Fringe Fest, New York, London, Melbourne Comedy Fest, Philadelphia, Minneapolis. Dir. Don MCGlashan, Harry Sinclair, Jennifer Ward-Lealand
1988	The Irving Berlin Show	Singer/Actor	The Gods, Mercury Upstairs Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1988	Rodgers & Hart	Singer/Actor	Mercury Theatre Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1988	The Threepenny Opera	Polly Peacham	Downstage Theatre, Wellington Dir. Colin McColl
1988	South Pacific	Lt. Genevieve Marshall	Mercury Theatre Dir. Raymond Hawthorne

Theatre continued...

1988	Yerma	Young Girl	The Gods, Mercury Upstairs Dir. Lee Grant
1988	Nana	Nana	Mercury Theatre Dir. Paul Minifie
1988	The Three Musketeers	Lady-In-Waiting	Mercury Theatre Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1987	The Real Thing	Charlotte	Centrepoint Theatre, Palmerston North Dir. Alison Quigan
1987	Breaking The Silence	Eugenia	Centrepoint Theatre, Palmerston North Dir. Alison Quigan
1987	Strip	Lavinia	Centrepoint Theatre, Palmerston North Dir. Ellie Smith
1987	Side by Side by Sondheim	Singer/Actor	Centrepoint Theatre, Palmerston North Dir. Alison Quigan
1986	Stretchmarks	Singer/Actor	Theatre Corporate Dir. Stephanie Smith
1986	The Trojan Women	Helen of Troy	Public Works Performing Arts Collective Dir. Sarah Peirse/Michael Hurst
1986	Pass it on	Nell	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1986	As Is	Lily	Theatre Corporate Dir. Murray Lynch
1986	Macbeth	First Witch	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1986	Absurd Person Singular	Eva	Theatre Corporate Dir. Murray Lynch
1986	Hedda Gabler	Hedda	Theatre Corporate Dir. Paul Sonne

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1986	The Threepenny Opera	Moll	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1985	Agnes of God	Agnes	Mercury Theatre Dir. Sarah Peirse
1985	Trafford Tanzi	Platinum Sue	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1985	Catastrophe	Various	Theatre Corporate Dir. Paul Gittins
1984	Cabaret	Kit Kat Girl	Theatre Corporate Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1984	Amphigouri Allegretto	Various	Theatre Corporate Dir. Gillian Sutton
1984	Top Girls	Angie/Pope Joan	Theatre Corporate Dir. Sarah Peirse
1984	A Winter's Tale	Emelia/Mopsa	Theatre Corporate Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1984	Ictus	Zero	Theatre Corporate Dir. Michael Hurst
1984	The Clowns	Pip	Theatre Corporate
1983	The Trial	Leni	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1983	The Lady From The Sea	Bolette	Theatre Corporate Dir. Raymond Hawthorne
1983	Rip Tide	The Daughter	Theatre Corporate Dir. Harry Sinclair&Michael Hurst
1983	A Street Called Straight	Dance Hall Doll	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1983	King Lear	Regan	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill

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1983	Maori Myths	Various	Theatre Corporate Community Theatre Co Dir. Roger McGill
1983	Story Theatre		Theatre Corporate Community Theatre Co Dir. Roger McGill
1983	Starters		Theatre Corporate Community Theatre Co Dir. Roger McGill
1983	The Threepenny Opera	Moll	Theatre Corporate Dir. Roger McGill
1981	Coming through the Rye	Various	The Town &Country Players Community Theatre Company, touring North Island of New Zealand. Dir. Murray Edmond
1981	You Can 't Be Brave Until You've Been Afraid	Blossom The Clown	The Town &Country Players Community Theatre Company, North Island of New Zealand.
1981	The Bear	Madame Popova	The Town &Country Players Community Theatre Company, touring North Island of New Zealand. Dir. Murray Edmond
1981	One Twice Thrice Upon A Tale	Various	The Town &Country Players Community Theatre Company, touring North Island of New Zealand. Dir. Murray Edmond
1981	Twelfth Night	Viola	BATS Theatre, Wellington Dir. Anne Flannery&Ian McClymont
1980	The Crucible	Mary Warren	BATS Theatre Dir. Anne Flannery
1979	There's no Point Arguing the Toss	Ensemble	Downstage Youth Theatre Dir. John Banas
1979	Slices of Life	Various	BATS Theatre Dir. Anne Flannery
1978	Romeo & Juliet	Benvolio	Downstage Youth Theatre Dir. John Banas

Theatre continued...

Voice.

2015	Find Me a Maori Bride	Narrator	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions
2011	Understanding Diabetes (training video)		Point of View Productions Dir. Shirley Horrocks
2011	The Promised Gift of Julian and Josie Robertson		Auckland Art Gallery
2011	Buzzy Bee and Friends	Dorable Duck	Lion Rock Productions Limited
2011	Hidden Apartheid	Narrator	Sapna World Pictures Dir. Mandrika Rupa
2010	Weekend Warriors: 10 Years of Auckland Rugby League	Narrator	
2010	Oxfams Big Coffee Break	Narrator	
2010	Bonita Ironman New Zealand	Narrator	
2009	What is Oxfam?	Narrator	
2008	The New Dance Group	Narrator	Dir. Shirley Horrocks
2008	Buzzy Bee and Friends	Dorable Duck	Lion Rock Productions Dir. William McKegg
2007	Change the World One Cup at a Time		Oxfam New Zealand
2006	Elgar 's Enigma: Biography of a Concerto	Narrator	
2006	Four Wheel Drive: Danger on the Road	Narrator	Top Shelf Productions. Inside New Zealand /TV3
2006	Atrsville-Elgar 's Enigma: Biography of a Concerto	Narrator	Dir. Annie Goldson
2003	Govett Brewster Gallery	Narrator	Dir. Shirley Horrocks

Voice continued...

2001	Early Days Yet:Allen Curnow	Narrator	Dir. Shirley Horrocks
2001	Kiwi Buddha	Narrator	Dir. Peta Carey
2000	Tarawera	Narrator	Dir. Richard Riddiford
1995	A Flip & Two Twisters	Narrator	Dir. Shirley Horrocks
1995	Seeing Red	Narrator	Dir. Annie Gouldson
1990	The Kiwi Battle Cry	Soloist	Radio New Zealand
1990	The Best of Times-Songs from West End Musicals	Soloist	Radio New Zealand
1985	GRadio Improv		Radio New Zealand Feature. Auckland
1985	Macklepenny	Actor/Narrator (Radio Play)	Radio New Zealand
1985	Animals	Actor/Narrator (Radio Play)	Radio New Zealand
1985	The B Side Series 2	Actor/Narrator (Radio Series)	Radio New Zealand
1985	The Man Who Had No Face	Actor/Narrator (Radio Play Series)	Radio New Zealand
1985	Fire Escape	Actor/Narrator	Radio New Zealand
1985	Something Else	Actor/Narrator (Radio Series)	Radio New Zealand
1985	Captain Kiwi	Actor/Narrator (Radio Play series)	Radio New Zealand
1985	Living at the Belle Monde Apartments	Actor/Narrator (Short Story)	Radio New Zealand

Voice continued...

1985 Exile	Actor/Narrator (Radio Play)	Radio New Zealand
1985 Radio Improv/ Auckland	Actor/Narrator (Feature)	Radio New Zealand
1985 Bonnie, Clyde & Lewis Trim	Actor/narrator	Radio New Zealand
1985 Art Robs	Actor/Narrator (Short Story)	Radio New Zealand
1985 Omeratindum and Time	Actor/Narrator	Radio New Zealand
1985 The Egg	Actor/Narrator	Radio New Zealand
1985 The Parcel That Captured Lucy	Actor/Narrator	Radio New Zealand

Training.

Diploma of Acting - 1982, Theatre Corporate Drama School

Visual/Voice Commercial Credits.

Please contact J&L for more information.