



## Miriama Smith.

**Height** 170 cm

MC / Entertainer Biography

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Actor and TV presenter Miriama Smith has graced our screens for over 25 years. Her extensive bio reflects not only her experience but also her diversity as a performer.

Currently the leading lady in TV2's latest drama, "Filthy Rich", Miriama plays ruthless businesswoman, Brady Truebridge.

Not one to shy away from character acting, Miriama doesn't hesitate at the opportunity to throw herself into a role. In 2013 she won Best Supporting Actress at the NZ Television Awards for her portrayal of Delwyn Keefe in TV One's "Siege", the real life story of Napier gunman Jan Molenaar. This was a role that required Miriama to play someone twenty years her senior. Much like her portrayal of Donna Hall in TV3's "Stolen", Miriama worked on her body language, voice and psychology of these characters in order to tap into what makes them tick.

She has had core cast roles in Mercy Peak and Shortland Street, as well as "Last Man Standing", an Australian production shot in Melbourne for Channel 7.

Miriama has presented a number of shows such as NZ House and Garden (TVNZ), "Destination NZ" (Sky/Ch7), "Match Fishing League" (Sky TV), the "World of Wearable Arts Awards" and was even a judge on "NZ's Got Talent" (Prime TV).

The former photographic model, insists she was a Tomboy growing up in Porirua, and gained a passion for acting while shooting TV commercials in the 90's. You may remember her from the Cadbury Roses ad, as the innocent girl crashing into the wheelbarrow getting a driving lesson?

A keen sports woman in her teens, Miriama has a Bachelor's degree in Sport and Leisure studies from the University of Waikato, as well as a graduate Diploma in Public Relations and Communications. She is also a Qualified Yoga instructor, who has taught Body Balance in Les Mills in Auckland and now has her own practice called "Sustainable Yoga", based out of Waihi Beach.

Miriama believes life is all about 'balance' and when she's not working she cherishes time spent with her family and friends.

Her most challenging, yet rewarding, role to date has been motherhood. In February 2013, Miriama and her husband Dylan, welcomed ' Rauaroha ', their first child, into the world. "He is the love of our life", she confesses. "Everyday, is more vivid, colourful and meaningful now that I am a mother".

Miriama married her husband and best friend, Dylan, on their Bay of Plenty Avocado Orchard in 2015. A hopeless romantic at heart, she is now a practicing Marriage and Civil Union Celebrant. Her life experience means she can relate to people of varying backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities. And her passion for life, love and people make her a popular choice for weddings from Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty to Auckland.

When she's not acting, teaching Yoga, or marrying happy couples, Miriama loves cooking, drinking good wine, travelling and listening to music.

## **Testimonials.**

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"Miriama did really well. She was well received and she found a lovely quirky way of connecting with the audience. She made plenty of connections that made us laugh, and she was also great company for the evening."

- Jane Lacy-Hulbert, NZ Milk Quality Conference 201

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"Absolutely stunning MC –she really made the awards show feel like the Oscars! Wouldn't hesitate to use Miriama again in the future."

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"Miriama was engaging, professional and entertaining. We were even lucky enough to have Miriama perform the karanga on our behalf during the powhiri. Miriama is a fantastic spokesperson and role model for the charity. We feel proud and privileged to have her as part of the KidsCan team."

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"Lumley Insurance recently held a one day Symposium on liability insurance for 500 brokers. To end the day on a high, we hosted a celebrity debate and Miriama was team captain for the affirmative. Miriama was a breath of fresh air into the debating mix adding a sharp wit, intelligence, and leadership–she literally blew the socks off the 500 brokers - 80%of whom were men! Her dedication in the preparation of the debate was excellent, even coming in and meeting senior management for a crash course."

- Lumley Insurance Awards 2016