



Tammy Davis.

Height 178 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography

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It's likely that Tammy Davis played the most popular character on New Zealand television if membership for his character's fan club is anything to go by. More than 13,000 adoring fans signed up to his 'Munter is Choice' page on social networking site Bebo (Munter being his alter-ego on the popular local series *Outrageous Fortune*).

Before becoming a household name as the happy-go-lucky Munter, the hardworking actor amassed a host of roles in local dramas, in between working the lights and being assistant camera operator on a number of productions, including Peter Jackson's gorilla feature *King Kong*. His big break came with a part in the local feature *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?* followed by a role in the Oscar-nominated film *Whale Rider*, and in 2008 he won the Qantas award for best supporting actor in general television for his role as Munter. Acting wasn't Tammy's first choice of career though; unsure of what to do after high school he worked the land in his hometown of Raetihi until a friend encouraged him to do an acting course. Performing his own work during the course was "scary but invigorating" and the experience set him on an entirely new career path.

Tammy is a popular, enthusiastic and down-to-earth MC at functions, and often speaks at school prize-givings, telling tales about acting, his life and his independent spirit.

At school he excelled at English and spent a lot of time writing his own stories and poems. A natural athlete, Tammy was that annoying kid who took to any sport like a pro, and he counts swimming, golf, rugby and league as sports he modestly reckons he's "pretty good" at. However, now he's a dad of three young daughters, his sporting activities are limited mostly to a game of touch rugby on a Saturday.

He loves to cook and after taking an Asian cooking course is able to whip up a mean tandoori chicken. He loves firing up the BBQ and having friends over for a flame-grilled meal or making a roast with all the trimmings. To relax, he enjoys hanging out with his daughters and having a few bevies with mates after a game of touch.

Tammy's also a car-lover and given the choice (and the money), would buy a gold- and black-striped Ford Falcon XYG10, or maybe a Valiant Chrysler - anything suitable for cruising the streets with the family, preferably with some old school hip-hop or reggae blaring from the speakers. When he's not dreaming of new wheels, he's tinkering with a film script he's written about growing up and the effect your decisions have on your future, as well as starring in TV2's *Aotearoa Social Club*, an irreverent discussion of all things pop culture.

Tammy fills his West Auckland house with local art –artist Tony Brown is a cousin–and hopes the lovely Maori motifs will spark a little creativity in his daughters.

And in case you were wondering, no, he’s not named after 1950s rat-packer and singer Sammy Davis Jnr, but after an uncle who lived across the street in Raetihi.

Testimonials.

“Tammy was a total professional and charmed everyone who met him. We certainly kept him busy during the day! The club named one race the “Outrageous Fortune”and Tammy presented the connections with the trophy after the race, he was great. ”

- The Counties Racing Club

