



## Shavaughn Ruakere

**Height** 171 cm

MC / Entertainer Biography

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Well-known TV presenter, radio DJ and actress Shavaughn Ruakere is already a familiar face to many New Zealanders. In her early career, Shavaughn worked on NZ children's television show What Now. Following this, she travelled to the UK, where she was chosen to work as a presenter for ITV's Saturday morning children's show SMTV where she was lucky enough to interview some of the world's biggest names, such as Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, and Britney Spears. On her return to NZ, Shavaughn landed a role as core cast member Roimata Ngati on NZ's most popular TV drama Shortland Street. In 2018, Shavaughn's fiery talents earned her a spot as a finalist on NZ Dancing with the Stars! With her natural charisma and great-wit Shavaughn spreads positivity wherever she goes

### Testimonials.

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The duo bounced off each other fantastically and created a great atmosphere within the event. They had no problem stirring up involvement and engagement from our guests. Finally, a great female combo! We were very lucky to have them MCing two of our private events at Taste of Auckland 2018

Lemongrass Productions

#### - Taste Auckland 2018

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I had the pleasure of meeting Shavaughn Ruakere when she was cast as a regular feature guest on Three's hit show 7 Days - the hit comedy show 7 Days. In the series, Shavaughn Ruakere starred as one of our regular panel of comedians and comic actors, commenting and making jokes about the week in news. After her first appearance, Shavaughn quickly became a regular because her combination of charisma, wit, acting ability, and relatable charm, which made her well-loved by our audience. It was hard to find new talent to fill those roles, but Shavaughn made it look easy.

Because Shavaughn's role was integral to the mix of comedians we employed on 7 Days, her performances were undeniably critical to the overall success of the production. Shavaughn is an exceptionally talented performer who shines in both comedic and serious moments, and I would not have been able to find anybody else to fill her role. Indeed it was a blow to 7 Days when she left. It is important to note that Three, being one of the top 3 major networks in New Zealand, could have chosen from many talented actors and comedians as guests on 7 Days, indeed in the comedy and acting community in New Zealand, spots on 7 Days are highly sought after. However, Three chose to work with Shavaughn not only because of her extraordinary talent, but because she brought with her a large audience of fans because of her starring roles in the movie Samoan Wedding (one of New Zealand's most successful films ever) and in TVNZ's Shortland Street (New Zealand's longest-running drama).

#### - Jon Bridges, 7 Days