



Robyn Malcolm.

Height 162 cm

Master Of Ceremony Biography
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You've seen her negotiate crime deals and killer heels as Cheryl West on TV award winning drama *Outrageous Fortune*, but there's way more to Robyn Malcolm than the country's most famous westie woman.

One of New Zealand's most popular and critically acclaimed TV stars, the award-winning actress has also trod the boards in a number of Shakespeare productions and played against type with a brittle, frosty performance in the controversial play *The Cut*. She sings too; as a young actor she earned a crust singing everything from Bob Dylan to the *Jungle Book* in Wellington bars (that melted chocolate voiceover on the TimTam ads is Robyn).

A superbly capable and practised public speaker, Robyn is in demand for corporate events. She tells it like it is; motherhood, her career, industry gossip and what she supports and why. She's a popular corporate event host and MC, taming rowdy techies at the Microsoft Partners Awards and lightening the mood with co-MC Oscar Kightley at premier business event *Thrive New Zealand*. Her years of experience helped pick winners in *Open Call*, a national search for the country's most promising young actors and she's dished out helpful advice and suggestions as an agony aunt on TVNZ's *How's Life*. Robyn also co-founded *The New Zealand Actors' Company* which toured large-scale theatre shows around the country to huge audiences.

Robyn loves the art of story-telling and became an actor to do just that. Her first role was in a Downstage Theatre production of [Bertolt Brecht's] *Threepenny Opera*, but it was her role as head nurse Ellen Crozier on *Shortland St* that made her a household name in New Zealand. Since then she's had a host of stage and TV roles, as well as several small roles in international films including Peter Jackson's *The Lovely Bones*. In 2003 Robyn fulfilled a long-held desire, studying Shakespeare in performance at the Globe Theatre in London after winning a Globe Masterclass Scholarship.

Her itchy feet have trekked the path less-travelled in north Vietnam as presenter on TVNZ's *Intrepid Journeys*. Even rice wine mixed with freshly sacrificed animal blood didn't put this Southern woman off intrepid travel - she'd do it again in a heartbeat (but maybe minus the blood). And a personal story propelled her to Belgium to document for TV the wartime experiences of her great Uncle George who died in the World War I battle of Passchendaele.

Most recently, she's starred in Jane Campion's *Top of the Lake* and several new series including *Agent Anna*, *Rake* (series 2) and *Upper Middle Bogan*.

Compassion and the desire to make a difference have driven Robyn to work with the Office of the Children's Commissioner on campaigns against child poverty, abuse and neglect. A vocal campaigner for the environment, she also supports environmental causes such as Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund and is the ambassador for Right House, an energy efficiency housing company.

When she 's not working Robyn indulges her passion for poetry, chocolate and shoes.

Despite a full-on schedule, the busy mum of two boys manages to stay looking gorgeous; to no-one's surprise but her own, she was voted Sexiest Woman on Television in a TV Guide reader poll.

Testimonials.

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"Robyn was brilliant and the guests really enjoyed her as MC. She covered off on the important parts of the script but also added her own flavour throughout. I thought she was great!" - Stacey Gibb, Mid&South Canterbury House of the Year Co-ordinator

Robyn was just fabulous in her role as MC at our awards evening. She took on board the preparatory information we gave her about the purpose of the evening and what our culture is like and hit all the right notes. Our staff loved her and she really made the evening fun and memorable for them.

- No. 1 Shoes

"Robyn has lent her support to the Right House campaign by being a key note speaker on a number of occasions addressing a variety of audiences from builders at solution centre openings to consumers at the Auckland homeshow. Robyn has always impressed us with her professionalism and the fact she has integrity with everything she undertakes. She continues to add value and credibility to our business with her fresh, down to earth approach. "

- Righthouse

"Robyn definitely added to our event. She was awesome with the crowd and the senior managers from Microsoft. She got through some long drawn out awards very quickly, which was great to see. It was a tough crowd but she got through it with true professionalism. "

- Microsoft

"Robyn was a delight to work with - professional, thorough, entertaining and charming. Both she and Oscar Knightly ensured that the day ran smoothly and they were a perfect offset to the business side of the event, steering the speakers and lightening up the proceedings with their performance. It was a very successful day, and I'm sure everyone who was involved enjoyed working with them. "



Testimonials continued...

-Thrive

"Robyn 's vivacious presence brought out the very best in the audience, the filmmakers, and the musicians and performers at the Reel Earth Awards gala event in Palmerston North. Her humour, energy and manner brought a touch of class to this global awards ceremony with honourees from Europe, UK, USA and Australia. Robyn's presence at the gala was the catalyst for a successful Festival Season for Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival. "

- Director, Reel Earth Film Festival