

# **RESET**

**A Sci-Fi Web Series for Kiwi kids**



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## **OUR CAST**

### **Kayden Ngapera as JUSTIN**

Kayden Ngapera is a keen and committed lead actor in this series. Kayden recently wowed audiences with his powerful performance in the Lotto Powerball 'Pirate Ship' TVC.

RESET is his first drama series and Kayden breathes life into the character of JUSTIN, a shy, solemn prophet, concerned about the future of the entire planet.

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## OUR CAST

### Lex Lawler as XANDER

Lex Lawler is an experienced young actor, who has been performing since he was four years old. Debuting in a Christmas Whitcoulls TVC, Lex has also appeared in a number of short films, commercials, and has been a presenter on a Kidzone segment.

Lex also attended Corelli School for the Performing Arts on a drama scholarship in 2015. Lex plays XANDER, a young genius with an interest in the environment and extinction.

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## OUR CAST

### Pearl Schmidt as PEARL

Pearl Schmidt is a talented pianist and dancer, who is adding acting to her list of accomplishments in her role as PEARL.

The character of Pearl is the glue of the group, keeping them all together and encouraging them to work as a team. She is also a Science Fiction enthusiast. RESET is Pearl's first role in a series.

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## OUR CAST

### Shizandra Bowden as LYDIA

Shizandra is a talented young actress who has appeared in short films, such as CLEAR EYES: SCOURGE OF THE ZOMBIES (2014), and STELLA 459. Shizandra also appears in a number of music videos for J Geek and the Geeks and for Starboy.

Shizandra studied at The Corelli School for the Performing Arts for a number of years as a drama specialist.

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## OUR CAST

### Floyd Moratti as LUKE

Floyd Moratti is a talented and dedicated young actor who has taken on the role of LUKE, Xander's older brother.

Luke is a character who is smart but also practical. He likes to tinker with machinery and at seventeen, is the 'almost adult' of the group. Luke and Xander are being raised by solo mum, LUCY.

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## OUR CAST

### Emily Selfe as HEATHER

Emily Selfe is a talented young musician and actress, with years of musical training at the Corelli School for the Performing Arts. Emily appears as Heather, Pearl's older sister.

Heather is a serious, responsible girl who is concerned about keeping her younger sister safe and playing by the rules. Being thrust into a situation where the rules are turned upside down creates inner conflict for Heather during the series.

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### **Alissa Huang as NING**

Alissa is a talented dancer and actress who has performed on stage in a number of dance productions.

Alissa has joined the RESET cast as the second prophet child, spirited away from Hong Kong, she has landed in New Zealand, where she joins Justin in his quest to save the world.

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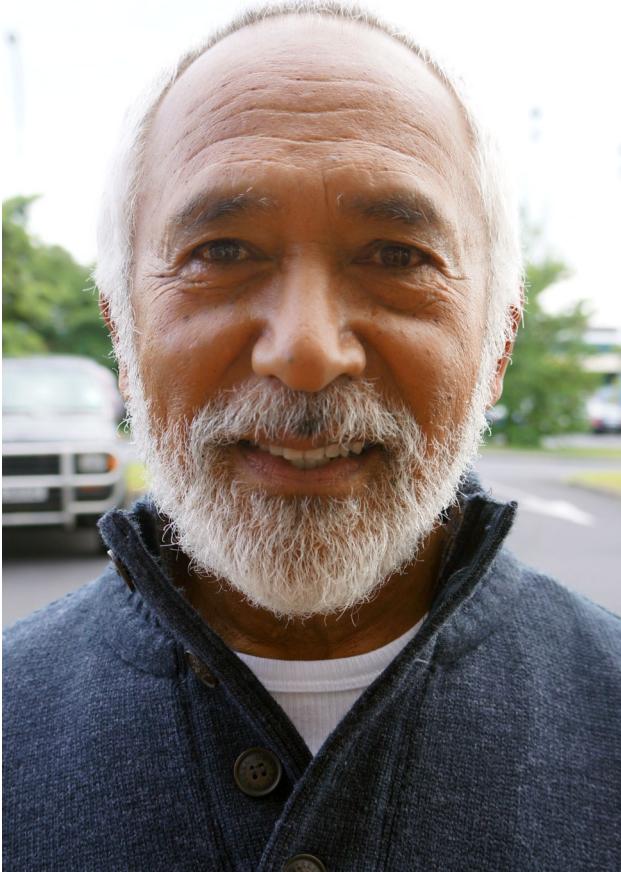


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## OUR CAST

### George Henare as the NZ PRIME MINISTER

George Henare is one of New Zealand's most talented actors, recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award in Theatre. George has appeared in countless movies such as RAPA NUI (1994) and TV shows such as SHORTLAND STREET. George has performed in hundreds of stage shows and is currently touring Australia in a musical production.

The RESET project was lucky to have the goodwill of such a consummate performer, as George came on board to play the New Zealand Prime Minister, Ratu Pirini, a character concerned about the environment and his country.

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## OUR CAST

### Jacque Drew as the US PRESIDENT

Jacqueline Drew appears as the American Madam President, Marilyn Fletcher. Jacque is an accomplished film and stage actress with a broad body of international work. She is also a drama and accent coach.

Madam President Marilyn Fletcher is a tough no-nonsense world leader trying to maintain a level head during a crisis.

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## OUR CAST

### Simon Shreeve as the UK PRIME MINISTER

Simon Shreeve is a talented actor and presenter who has taken on the role of the British Prime Minister, Fraser Ladd in our RESET series.

UK Prime Minister Fraser Ladd is a quick tempered character eager for conflict and a military response.

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## OUR CAST

### **Benjamin Teh as PRESIDENTIAL AIDE**

Benjamin Teh is an actor, director and writer with a wide range of stage and film roles both in New Zealand and internationally. Ben's plays have been performed professionally.

Presidential Aide Simon Lee is the efficient assistant to the President of the United States, Marilyn Fletcher. He provides information and data, and responds to her needs.

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## OUR CAST

### Carl Drake as GRANT, Lydia's Father

Carl Drake is a talented actor and director, with award-winning stage productions under his belt. He has also played a lead in the feature film, THE GREAT MAIDEN'S BLUSH (2016) and in a multitude of short films. Carl received rave reviews for his performances at the Pop Up Globe in Auckland. Carl is also a hard-working director who has created a series of monologues to showcase the dramatic talents of many young up-and-coming actors and actresses.

Carl plays GRANT, Lydia's father, a skeptical good-humoured man whose skepticism is challenged by the events he witnesses with the arrival of the aliens.

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## OUR CAST

**Maxine Cunliffe as EARTH GODDESS and MRS JENKINS**

Maxine Cunliffe appears as teacher, Mrs Jenkins, in the pilot episode and will reappear in hologram form as the Earth Goddess—a blending of all tribal beliefs about the Earth. She is Papatuanuku, Gaia, Isis and other origin myths, rolled into one.

Maxine is a gifted actress from the UK who has performed lead roles in Shakespeare in the Park and at the Pop Up Globe, Auckland. Maxine has appeared in various short films and stage plays and is also a concert cellist.

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## OUR CAST

### Nicola Kawana as MERE, Justin's mother

Nicola Kawana is a wonderful kiwi actress who has appeared in films such as FRESH MEAT (2012), TV series such as SHORTLAND STREET, MERCY PEAK, THE MAN WHO LOST HIS HEAD, and JACKSON'S WHARF. Nicola has also appeared in numerous short films and stage plays.

Nicola generously agreed to appear in RESET as Justin's mother, Mere, and we look forward to continuing her character's story in future episodes.

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## OUR CAST

**Stephen Butterworth as WHETU, Justin's father**

Stephen Butterworth has been a lifelong performer, acting and singing on the stage and on screen. Stephen has appeared in TV shows such as SPARTACUS, XENA, HERCULES, MIRROR MIRROR, POWER RANGERS, CLEOPATRA 2525, and movies such as EVIL DEAD (2013).

Stephen recently wowed audiences at the Pop Up Globe, Auckland, in TWELFTH NIGHT and ROMEO AND JULIET.

Stephen came on board to play Justin's worried father, Whetu, in RESET.

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## OUR CAST

### Amy Usherwood as Emma the Neighbour

Amy Usherwood trained at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in Sydney, Australia and is best known for ETERNITY (2013), SHORTLAND STREET and OUT OF THE BLUE (2008).

Amy appears in a cameo role in RESET as concerned neighbour, Emma.

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## **OUR CAST**

**Anne Wentworth as BRENDA the Librarian**

Anne Wentworth is an actress and writer, known for THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, BREAK A LEG (2015) and KARMA: NZ (2012).

Anne appears in a cameo role in RESET as Brenda the Librarian.

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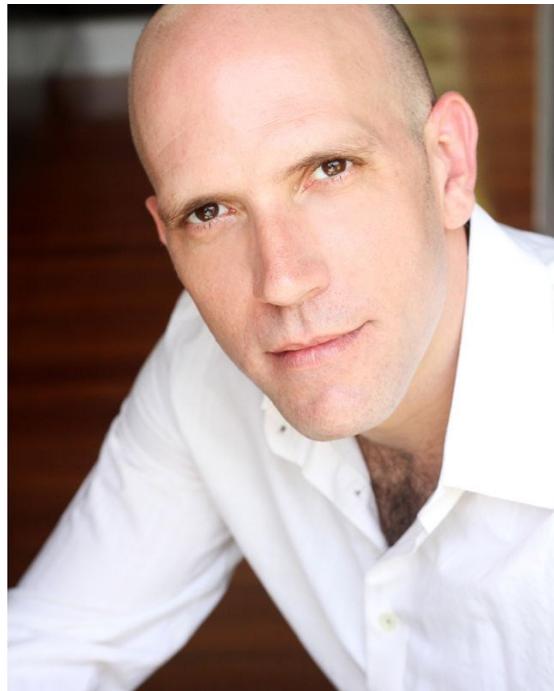


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## OUR CAST

**Terry Hooper as MAX, Heather and Pearl's father**

Terry Hooper is a talented actor and director who originally hails from England. Trained at the Rose Bruford School of Speech and Drama in London, Terry has a Degree in Theatre and a Diploma in Performing Arts. Terry has performed on stage and film and is a regular director of theatre in Auckland.

In RESET, Terry plays the worried father of Pearl and Heather, who blames himself for the disappearance of his daughters.

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## OUR CAST

**Genevieve McLean as LUCY, Mother to  
Luke and Xander**

Genevieve McLean is a Kiwi actress who has most recently appeared on stage at the Pop Up Globe in Shakespeare's HENRY V. Genevieve is a talented actress and writer, and has appeared in numerous film, television and stage productions.

Genevieve appears in RESET as solo mum, Lucy, mother to Xander and Luke. She is forthright and plain speaking and used to having to work hard to keep her family together.

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## OUR CAST

**Leah Leong as KARIN, mother of Heather and Pearl**

Leah Leong is a Kiwi actress who has appeared in a number of Television commercials and has done film and stage work.

Leah appears in RESET as Karin, distraught mother of Pearl and Heather, who have gone missing.