



## MARY DAVISON

**Height:** 160cm/5ft 3in  
**Birthdate:** 4/9/64  
**Eye Colour:** Blue/Green  
**Hair Colour:** Brown  
**Location:** Christchurch

**Actor, Singer, Voiceover, Comedian,  
Improviser, Musician, Composer, Circus  
Performer**

### STUDIES AND SKILLS

- Postgraduate in Expression, Communication and Languages in Education, *l'Escola d'Expressió i Psicomotricitat Carme Aymerich* University of Barcelona 2002.
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (RSA TEFL) International House Barcelona 1989.
- Studies in Community Theatre, North London College 1988.
- Ballet, rumba, afro-urban dance, ballroom dancing, London and Barcelona 1987-1990.
- Circus skills and Neutral mask *Le Coq* NZ and Sydney 1985-1987.
- B. A. in Anthropology and Drama, University of Otago, NZ 1985.
- Singing and choir, NZ, Sydney and London 1982-1988.
- Violin, guitar and musical composition. National prize for original composition *Burial*, NZ 1982.
- Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent) and Catalan (fluent). Learner of Te Reo Maori.
- Car and motorbike licences.
- Skiing certificate (superior grade), life-saving and swimming certificates. Horse-riding.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **CHRISTCHURCH 2006-present**

- Arts Coordinator Papanui High School July 2007- present.
- Actress (Lucy's mum) in Creation Film's (Solid Rock Media Group) short film *Why?* 2009
- Actress (nurse) in Margaret Mahy's *Kaitangata Twitch*, Maori Television 2009.
- Actress (Brenda) in multi media NZ-Spain co-production *Love You Approximately*, Christchurch Arts Festival and Festival de Girona, Spain 2009.

- Singer with *Taste Big Band*, Riccarton House Silver Screen shows Christmas 2008.
- Spanish teacher Christchurch Polytech 2007 and 2009.
- ESOL teacher Aspect Education and Lincoln University 2006-7.

## **BARCELONA 1989-2006**

### **Theatre and cinema**

- 2005-6: Actress in theatre piece "*Sweet Dreams*", Tantarantana Theatre Barcelona.
- 2001-6: actress-singer with Catalan theatre group *Els Comediants* in shows "*Boccatto di Cardinale*" and "*L'Ocell de Mil Colors*". Extensive touring throughout Spain, International AIDS Conference, Barcelona and Brotherhood Gala China-Catalunya, Teatre Liceu Barcelona.
- 1996-9: actress-singer with opera-theatre company *Carles Santos*. "*Figasantos-Fagotrop*, *Missatge al contestador: soparem a les nou*": Theatre Festivals Paris, Madrid and Festival ETC Stockholm. "*La Pantera Imperial*": Festival Perelada Castle 1997, European tour 1998-2000: Berlin, Leipzig, Paris, Milan, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Aurillac, Maubeuge, Belfast, Munich and Recklinghausen. Prize winner Edinburgh Festival 1998 and Critic's Prize Barcelona 1998.
- 1996-7: actress, singer, composer and co-writer with theatre company *Metadones* in "*Medea Mix*". International festivals Spain (Tàrrega and Madrid) and Italy (Polveriggi).
- Chorus woman/singer in short film "*La Música de les Esferes*" (Harmonia Carmona). First Prize International Festival of Women's Cinema, Barcelona 1996.

### **Presenting and Voice Work**

- 2003-6: actress and presenter for Barcelona City Council events, Prize-giving Awards Barcelona Police and Fire-fighters Games and SEAT Car Company.
- 2001-2: voice consultant for dance company *Roseland Musical* (National Theatre Catalonia.)
- 1999-2006: voice artist and singer for cartoons, films, documentaries, advertisements and music projects with various studios and television channels.
- 1999: simultaneous translator (English-Catalan) voice and singing course given by Helen Gallagher for the Actors and Directors Association of Catalunya, Barcelona.

### **Music**

- 2006/7: singer with cocktail and country cabaret *Guateque Town*. Performances in Barcelona.
- 2001-5: founder of children's theatre-music group *Cant X Cant* in "*Sons i Cançons*" (traditional children's songs). Shows throughout Catalonia.
- 1999-2002: singer, actress, composer and co-director in "*Trans fugues*" (shadow and voice theatre). Shows at various international festivals in Spain, Italy, France, Austria, Reunion Island and Brazil. Prize for Best Artistic Expression *Serra D'Or* Barcelona 1999.
- 1992-2004: singer with different theatre, music and dance productions: National Theatre of Catalonia 1992, Barcelona's International Visual Theatre and Puppet Festival 2000 and 2004. Backing singer International Jazz Festival of Barcelona, Summer *Grec* Festival 1996, 1997, 2004 and *The Forum* 2004. Singer-improviser in the Contemporary Music Festival of Barcelona 2003. Singer and backing arrangements for national television 1995-7.

- 1990-94: singer/composer/co-arranger/co-director of female a capella group *Stupendams*. Over 400 shows throughout Spain, France, Germany, UK. Television and radio appearances on national and local shows. 2 national radio prizes. Recordings: "*Stupendams*", AZ Records 1993.

### **Education/Coordination**

- 2000-6: project director *Multiculturalism through Art*, Council of l'Hospitalet, Barcelona. Teaching training in the classroom using artistic skills to promote attitudes of respect and communication.
- 2004-6: coordinator and trainer of volunteers working with young people for the NGO *Art Solidari* using art, theatre, dance and music skills for promoting social cohesion in the inner city.
- 2005-6: voice therapy teacher in the AEC Art therapy course (Jean-Pierre Klein).
- 2003-5: music workshops for pre-school children and families, *Diputació* of Barcelona.
- 1995-2006: courses, workshops and seminars in voice technique and expression, a capella voice, drama and movement: Municipal School *Expressió i Psicomotricitat*, University of Barcelona, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Actors and Directors Association, University of Blanquerna (postgraduate primary and secondary teachers), Department of Education, music and theatre centres throughout Catalonia.
- 1989-2004: teacher of English as a second language: International House Barcelona, Terrassa, Mataro, Reus. Municipal Transports of Barcelona and private individual and company classes.

### **LONDON 1987-89**

- Actress in children's cabaret "*Wandering Wetas*", London International Festival of Theatre.
- Fire-eating shows with percussion, London and Greece.
- Administration and office work.
- Monitor for after school girls' groups and mixed youth groups.

### **SYDNEY 1986-87**

- Founder and member of women's street theatre group *Feature Femmes*.
- Actress and singer with satire cabaret group *Extended Mix*, in children's cabaret group *The Cellar* and children's theatre animation group *Pipi Storm*.
- Teacher of circus skills and improvisation for young people and women.
- Voice, bass guitar and violin with different rock and experimental music groups.
- Administrative role with the Sydney Youth Festival.
- Actress in the film "Apogee/Aphelion" (Crawford, Nield, Kerr) Sydney Super 8 Festival.