

# Danielle Cormack

**Danielle Cormack** (born 26 December 1970) is a New Zealand stage<sup>[1]</sup> and screen actress.<sup>[2]</sup> She was one of the original cast members of the long-running soap opera *Shortland Street*, though she is also known for her role as the *Amazon Ephiny* in the television series *Xena: Warrior Princess*, Cynthia Ross in *The Cult*, and Shota in *Legend of the Seeker*. Other works include the 2009 film, *Separation City*, and the Australian series *Rake*.<sup>[3]</sup> She also portrayed notorious Sydney underworld figure *Kate Leigh* in *Underbelly: Razor*. Her most notable work in recent years was her portrayal of *Bea Smith* in the Foxtel prison drama *Wentworth*, in which she starred for four years before leaving the show in 2016.<sup>[4]</sup>

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## Personal life

Cormack has one child with fellow actor *Pana Hema Taylor*, Te Ahi Ka, born 19 March 2010. Cormack has another son, Ethan (born in 1996), from a previous relationship.<sup>[5]</sup> In an interview with LOTL Magazine, Cormack mentioned that she has had long-term relationships with both men and women, and indicated that she prefers to avoid applying labels to patterns of sexuality.<sup>[6]</sup> Cormack's current partner is Adam Anthony, a Canadian director/producer.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Filmography

### Film

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Cormack in 2011

**Born**  26 December 1970

Auckland, New Zealand

**Occupation**  Actress

**Years active**  1987–present

**Known for**  *Wentworth*, *Rake*, *Xena: Warrior Princess*

**Spouse(s)**  Hayden Anderson

Pana Hema Taylor

 (m. 2009; div. 2013)

**Partner(s)**  Adam Anthony

 (present)

**Children**  2

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1993	<i>Snap</i>	Felicity	Short film
1993	<i>A Game with No Rules</i>	Vera Smith	Short film
1994	<i>The Last Tattoo</i>	Molly	
1997	<u><i>Topless Women Talk About Their Lives</i></u>	Liz	
1998	<i>Via Satellite</i>	Chrissy / Carol	
1999	<u><i>Siam Sunset</i></u>	Grace	
1999	<u><i>Channelling Baby</i></u>	Bunnie	
2000	<u><i>The Price of Milk</i></u>	Lucinda	
2004	<u><i>Without a Paddle</i></u>	Toni	
2004	<i>Stringer</i>	Butcher	
2004	<i>Together</i>	Rose	Short film
2005	<i>The Pool</i>	Jane	Short film
2005	<u><i>River Queen</i></u>	Viola	
2006	<i>Mirage</i>	Various	Short film
2006	<i>Cross My Heart</i>	Krystal	Short film
2006	<u><i>Perfect Creature</i></u>	Margaret Sparrow	
2008	<i>A Song of Good</i>	Rachel Cradle	
2009	<u><i>Separation City</i></u>	Pam Nicholson	

## Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1987–89	<i><u>Gloss</u></i>	Tania Veitch	Main role
1992–93	<i><u>Shortland Street</u></i>	<u>Alison Raynor</u>	Main role
1994	<i>High Tide</i>	Meghan Kelly	Episode: "Sitting Ducks"
1995	<i>High Tide</i>	Jill McMillan	Episode: "Dead Heat"
1995	<i>The Call Up</i>	Stacey	Television film
1995	<i>Overnight</i>	Kelly	Television film
1995–01	<i><u>Xena: Warrior Princess</u></i>	<u>Ephiny</u>	Recurring role (8 episodes)
1997	<i><u>Hercules: The Legendary Journeys</u></i>	Lady Marie DeValle	Episode: " <u>Les Contemptibles</u> "
1997–99	<i><u>Hercules: The Legendary Journeys</u></i>	Ephiny	Episodes: " <u>Prodigal Sister</u> ", "Sky High"
2000	<i><u>Jack of All Trades</u></i>	Katherine	Episode: "A Horse of a Different Color"
2000	<i><u>Cleopatra 2525</u></i>	Raina	Episodes: "Mind Games", "Trial and Error", "Out of Body"
2000	<i><u>Xena: Warrior Princess</u></i>	Samsara	Episode: "Lifeblood"
2004	<i>Maiden Voyage</i>	Lynn Fabrizio	Television film
2006	<i><u>Maddigan's Quest</u></i>	Maddie	Main role (13 episodes)
2007	<i><u>Rude Awakenings</u></i>	Dimity Rush	Main role (11 episodes)
2008	<i><u>City Homicide</u></i>	Shirley Steadman	Episode: "Taniwha"
2008	<i><u>The Strip</u></i>	Amy	Episodes: "1.11", "1.12", "1.13"
2008–10	<i><u>Legend of the Seeker</u></i>	<u>Shota</u>	Recurring role (6 episodes)
2009	<i>Buzzy Bee and Friends</i>	Elle-Gator (voice)	Recurring role (14 episodes)
2009	<i><u>The Cult</u></i>	Cynthia Ross	Main role (13 episodes)
2010	<i>Forever New Zealand</i>	Catherine	Television film
2010–16	<i><u>Rake</u></i>	Scarlet Meagher	Main role (32 episodes)
2011	<i><u>East West 101</u></i>	Angela Travis	Episodes: "Jerusalem", "Behold a Pale Horse", "Revelation"
2011	<i><u>Underbelly: Razor</u></i>	<u>Kate Leigh</u>	Main role (13 episodes)
2012	<i><u>Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries</u></i>	Anna Ross	Episode: "Queen of the Flowers"
2012	<i>Buzzy Bee and Friends</i>	Elle-Gator (voice)	Episodes: "2.1", "Memories", "Oscar's Ups and Downs"
2013–16	<i><u>Wentworth</u></i>	<u>Bea Smith</u>	Main role (46 episodes)
2016	<i><u>Deep Water</u></i>	Brenda MacIntosh	4 part miniseries on <u>SBS</u> <sup>[8]</sup>
2016	<i>Stake Out</i>	Davina	"Hijacking Hijinks"
2018	<i>Patricia Moore</i>	Marnie	TV series

2018	<i>Jack Irish</i>	Rory Finch	"2.2"
2018	<i>Secret City</i>	Karen Koutoufides	Main role
2019	<i>Fresh Eggs</i>	Lulu	TV series
2019	<i>My Life Is Murder</i>	Nikki Malone / Nicole Buttera	TV series, episode: "The Locked Room"

## Theatre

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1993	<i>East</i>	Sylv	Mercury Theatre, Auckland
1994	<i>East</i>	Sylv	Zurich Arts Festival - Lucerne, Switzerland
1996	<i>Spare Prick</i>	Lucinda	Basement Theatre, Auckland
1996	<i>Return of the Summer Street Seven</i>	Lucinda	Basement Theatre, Auckland
1997	<i>Arcadia</i>	Chloe Coverly	Auckland Theatre Company
1999	<i>Trainspotting</i>	Various	New Zealand Tour
2001	<i>The Blue Room</i>	Alison / Various	Auckland Theatre Company
2001	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Stella	Auckland Theatre Company
2002	<i>The Bellbird</i>	Flo	Auckland Theatre Company
2003	<i>The Shape of Things</i>	Evelyn	Auckland Theatre Company
2003	<i>The Vagina Monologues</i>	Various	New Zealand Tour
2004	<i>Skin Tight</i>	Elizabeth	New Zealand Tour
2004	<i>Caligula</i>	Caesonina	Auckland Theatre Company
2004	<i>Sex with Strangers</i>	Robyn	Herald Theatre, Auckland
2005	<i>Sex with Strangers</i>	Prostitute	Herald Theatre, Auckland
2005	<i>A Clockwork Orange</i>	Various	Silo Theatre, Auckland
2006	<i>The Case of Katherine Mansfield</i>	Katherine Mansfield	Herald Theatre, Auckland
2007	<i>The Case of Katherine Mansfield</i>	Katherine Mansfield	Downstage Theatre, Wellington
2008	<i>The Hypocrite</i>	Dorine	Melbourne Theatre Company
2008	<i>Rock 'n' Roll</i>	Lenka	Melbourne Theatre Company & Sydney Theatre Company
2010	<i>Christ Almighty</i>	Three Wise Men	The Basement Theatre, Auckland
2011	<i>Yellow Moon</i>	Hollie	B Sharp
2012	<i>Top Girls</i>	Marlene	Silo Theatre
2014	<i>Rupert</i>	Anna Murdoch	Theatre Royal, Sydney
2015	<i>Boys Will Be Boys</i>	Astrid Wentworth	Sydney Theatre Company
2016	<i>Straight</i>	Steph	Kings Cross Theatre
2018	<i>The Misanthrope</i>	Alceste	Bell Shakespeare, with Griffin Theatre <sup>[9]</sup>
2018	<i>Hedda</i>	Hedda	Queensland Theatre Company <sup>[10]</sup>

## Awards

Year	Award	Category	Production	Result
1997	<u>New Zealand Film and TV Awards</u>	Best Actress	<i>Topless Women Talk About Their Lives</i>	Won
1999			<i>Channelling Baby</i>	Nominated
2000			<i>The Price of Milk</i>	Nominated
	<u>Fantasporto International Film Festival</u>	<i>Siam Sunset</i>	Won	
2005	<u>Drifting Cloud International Film Festival</u>	Best Performance	<i>Together</i>	Won
2006	TV Guide Best on the Box People's Choice Awards	Best Actress	<i>Maddigan's Quest</i>	Nominated
	<u>48 Hour Film Festival</u>	Best Manic Performance	<i>Mirage</i>	Won
	Richmond Road Short Film Festival	Best Performance Female	<i>Together</i>	Won
2009	<u>Aotearoa Film &amp; Television Awards</u>	Best Lead Actress in a Feature Film	<i>Separation City</i>	Nominated
2010	<u>Qantas Television Awards</u>	Best Performance by Actress in General Television	<i>The Cult</i>	Won
2011	<u>Equity Awards</u>	Best Ensemble Cast	<i>Rake</i>	Won
2012	<u>Logie Award</u>	Most Popular Actress	<i>Underbelly: Razor &amp; East West 101</i>	Nominated
2014	<u>Logie Awards</u>	Outstanding Actress	<i>Wentworth</i>	Nominated
		Most Outstanding Drama Series		Nominated
		Most Outstanding Actress		Nominated
2015	<u>ASTRA Award</u>	Most Outstanding Female Actor		Won
	<u>AACTA Award</u>	<i>Wentworth</i>	Best Lead Actress in a Drama	Nominated
	<u>Logie Award</u>	Most Outstanding Actress	<i>Wentworth</i>	Won
		Most Outstanding Drama Series	<i>Wentworth</i>	Won
2016	<u>AACTA Award</u>	Best Actress in a Drama	<i>Wentworth</i>	Nominated
		Most Outstanding Drama Series	<i>Wentworth</i>	Nominated
2017	<u>Logie Award</u>	Most Outstanding Actress	<i>Wentworth</i>	Pending
		Most Outstanding Drama Series	<i>Wentworth</i>	Pending


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