

## TARA RUSHTON

Born in Perth, Australia. Tara grew up on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria before moving with her family to Sydney where she completed university obtaining a Diploma in Journalism and a BA in Media and Communications.

Throughout her school and university years she worked as a model part-time and shot various international and local campaigns for Ponds, Sunsilk, Toyota, Samsung, Oral B, Belvedere Vodka, KFC and Dunkin Donuts.

Shifting her focus from modelling towards her true passion: acting; Tara became an overnight online star securing the role of Charlie the fun-loving and fearless heroine on the London based interactive series KateModern, BAFTA nominated and Press Guild award winner for innovation in broadcasting 2007/2008.

KateModern, a serial drama played out in real time rapidly became more than a cult series attracting over 1.8 million unique viewers per week. Voted the most popular character on the show, the role saw Tara documenting the lives of her and her friends in video blog format. Tara's character helped her friends fight against the mysterious cult 'The Hymn of One.'

After her massive success in KateModern Tara was nominated for a Streamy Award in 2009 as Best Actress in a Webseries drama by the International Academy of Web Television. Tara was the only non-US nomination and was nudged from the winner's podium by Rosario Dawson (Gemini Division).

Tara also guest starred as Merline a doe-eyed but slightly unhinged stalker in the cheeky Australian comedy/drama series Forget the Rules (Season 2) and from her previous base London – Tara presented music show Push Play getting backstage access to the hottest bands on the European festival circuit and played the kooky crush in the forthcoming BBC 3 series Barry Brown.

As well as shooting various short films and pilots Tara has continued her acting training at various performing arts institutions including the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA), TV Pro Global, Poor School, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA), the Actors Temple, Vocaltech Singing, The Method Centre and City Lit.