

Did you know Parris Goebel...

has a hidden talent to write poetry and would like to learn to salsa?

Parris Goebel has travelled all over the world and worked with a host of international stars but she just loves working with "kiwis who have a different way of doing things with their DIY attitude". She is part of the creative team that produced Born to Dance, the first ever hip hop film to come out of Australasia and is "stoked that NZ dancers will have the opportunity to showcase their talents on the big screen and to an international audience".

Choreographed by Parris, directed by actor Tammy Davis, a writing team that includes renowned playwright Hone Kouka, and featuring music by P-Money, the film premieres in NZ cinemas on 24 September.

"It's hard to believe this could have happened 10 years ago. It is crazy to see how far hip hop has come and that NZ dance has developed to the point where we have produced a NZ hip hop feature film. Growing up in NZ as a dancer, who would have thought this would even be possible? This is huge for NZ hip hop." Parris is passionate about working in the film industry and hopes to have the opportunity to direct in future.

Here are some things that you did not know about

FAVOURITE SONG TO DANCE TO 'Million' by Tink

PERSON SHE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE **DINNER WITH Oprah Winfrey**

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STAGE SHOW SHE WOULD LOVE TO GO AND SEE

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LAST FILM TO HAVE SEEN Entourage

FAVOURITE PLACE IN NEW ZEALAND Auckland

A HIDDEN TALENT Writing poetry

FAVOURITE SEASON OF THE YEAR Summer

A MOMENT IN HISTORY SHE WOULD LIKE TO WITNESS

When Michael Jackson did the moonwalk for the first time.

SOMETHING SHE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN Salsa

This is the first of a series of profiles on NZ dance people. If there is a dance person that you would you like to know more about, email danz@danz.org.nz.