



Kate Elliott



1995-1999

Kate was 14 years old and at Epsom Girls Grammar School when she auditioned, with the help of her drama teacher Susan Battie, for the role of a sexually abused, bulimic, self harmer. She got the role and her first nomination for best actress at the New Zealand Film and TV awards.

She has since been nominated 6 times and won twice. She has also won best actress at film festivals in Portugal, France and Korea. She felt she had to pursue a career in acting and she had fallen in love with it and had no choice. Her proudest achievements are not the awards she has won but a couple of roles she has played over the years, including Jean Batten and Katherine Mansfield - both national icons and heroes. She says it was an honour and a privilege to play those roles.

She never studied acting but did go to a summer school in New York at the Atlantic Theatre School. Kate has achieved many things throughout her life so far, but says as one goal is achieved, another one appears in an every evolving cycle.