



Shirley Henderson

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Shirley Henderson (born 24 November 1965) is a Scottish actress. She played Gail in *Trainspotting* (1996), Jude in *Bridget Jones's Diary* (2001) and Moaning Myrtle in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002) and *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (2005). Her other films include *Topsy-Turvy* (1999), *Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself* (2002), *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* (2004), *Frozen* (2005), *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day* (2008), *Anna Karenina* (2012) and the Netflix film *Okja* (2017). On television from 1995-1997, she starred opposite Robert Carlyle in the BBC series *Hamish Macbeth*. In 2014, she received a BAFTA TV Award nomination for the Channel 4 miniseries *Southcliffe* (2013). She has also featured as Frances Drummond in the BBC drama *Happy Valley* (2016).

Early life

Henderson was born in *Forres*, *Moray*, but grew up in *Kincardine, Fife*.^{[1][2]} As a child, she began singing in local clubs, at charity events, holiday camps and even a boxing contest.^{[1][3]} Having joined an after-school drama club,^[4] Henderson attended *Fife College* at the age of 16, where she completed a one-year course resulting in a National Certificate in Theatre Arts.^[5] She moved to London at 17 where she spent three years at the *Guildhall School of Music and Drama*, graduating in 1986.^{[6][7]}

Career

Henderson got her first big break when *Leonard White* cast her as the lead in the children's television drama *Shadow of the Stone* on ITV. After this, she spent the majority of her twenties concentrating on performing a wide variety of roles in the theatre. Early 1990 saw her return to television screens when she appeared in the third series of the wartime drama series *Wish Me Luck* and in *Clarissa* (1991). More stage work followed before she landed the key role of Isobel in the popular BBC series *Hamish Macbeth* in 1995.

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Shirley Henderson in 2009

Born	24 November 1965 <div>Forres, Moray, Scotland</div>
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1987–present
Website	Talent agency (http://www.hamiltonhodell.co.uk/cv/client_shirley-henderson_id_100078.htm)

Henderson then moved into films, playing Morag in Rob Roy (1995) and Spud's girlfriend Gail in Danny Boyle's Trainspotting (1996). She continued her work in the theatre, including many productions at the National Theatre in London. The following year, she appeared in Mike Leigh's Topsy-Turvy — which also provided an opportunity for her to show off her singing skills – and Michael Winterbottom's Wonderland.

She played Jude in both Bridget Jones films and Moaning Myrtle in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005). She co-starred in the British film Close Your Eyes (2002) along with Goran Višnjić and Miranda Otto and also played French princess Sophie-Philippine in Sofia Coppola's Marie Antoinette (2006).

She played the school matron in Nick Moore's 2008 film Wild Child.^[8]

Small-screen appearances have included playing Marie Melmotte in The Way We Live Now (2001); Catherine of Braganza in Charles II: The Power and The Passion (2003); Charlotte in Dirty Filthy Love (2004); Ursula Blake in the Doctor Who episode "Love & Monsters" (2006); Emmeline Fox in The Crimson Petal and the White (2011); DS Angela



Henderson pictured in 2009

Young in *Death in Paradise* (2011); and Meg Hawkins in *Treasure Island* (2012). She played Karen, the lead role, opposite [John Simm](#) in [Channel 4's *Everyday*](#) and Meme Kartosov in *Anna Karenina*.

Filmography

Film

Year	Film	Role	Notes
1991	<i>Advocates I</i>	Andrea	aka <i>The Advocates</i>
1994	<i>Salt on Our Skin</i>	Mary	
1995	<i>Rob Roy</i>	Morag	
1996	<i>Trainspotting</i>	Gail	
1998	<i>Speak Like a Child</i>	Woman in Dream	uncredited
1999	<i>Topsy-Turvy</i>	Leonora Braham	Nominated – London Film Critics Circle Award for British Supporting Actress of the Year
	<i>Wonderland</i>	Debbie	
2000	<i>The Claim</i>	Annie	
2001	<i>Bridget Jones's Diary</i>	Jude	
2002	<i>The Girl in the Red Dress</i>	Gaynor	
	<i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i>	Moaning Myrtle	
	<i>Doctor Sleep</i>	Detective Janet Losey	
	<i>Once Upon a Time in the Midlands</i>	Shirley	
	<i>24 Hour Party People</i>	Lindsay Wilson	Nominated – London Film Critics Circle Award for British Supporting Actress of the Year
	<i>Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself</i>	Alice	Bordeaux International Festival of Women in Cinema: Best Actress Nominated – British Independent Film Award for Best Supporting Actor/Actress
	<i>Villa des roses</i>	Ella	Nominated – British Independent Film Award for Best Actress
2003	<i>American Cousins</i>	Alice	Cherbourg-Octeville Festival of Irish & British Film: Best Actress Newport Beach Film Festival: Feature Film – Best Actress – Comedy
	<i>Intermission</i>	Sally	Nominated – London Film Critics Circle Award for British Supporting Actress of the Year
	<i>Fishy</i>	Glenda Sands	
	<i>AfterLife</i>	Ruby	
2004	<i>Yes</i>	Cleaner	

	<u><i>Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason</i></u>	Jude	
2005	<u><i>A Cock and Bull Story</i></u>	Susannah	aka <i>Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story</i>
	<u><i>The Girl in the Red Dress</i></u>	Gaynor	short <u>Angers European First Film Festival: Mademoiselle Ladubay Award</u>
	<u><i>Frozen</i></u>	Kath	BAFTA Scotland Award for Best Actress in a Scottish Film Cherbourg-Octeville Festival of Irish & British Film: Best Actress Créteil International Women's Film Festival: Special Mention <u>Marrakech International Film Festival: Best Actress</u>
	<u><i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i></u>	<u>Moaning Myrtle</u>	
2006	<u><i>Marie Antoinette</i></u>	<u>Aunt Sophie</u>	
	<u><i>Ma Boy</i></u>	Ali	
2007	<u><i>I Really Hate My Job</i></u>	Alice	
2008	<u><i>Wild Child</i></u>	Matron	
	<u><i>Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day</i></u>	Edythe Dubarry	
2009	<u><i>Life During Wartime</i></u>	Joy	<u>Nominated – Gotham Independent Film Award for Best Ensemble Cast</u>
2010	<u><i>Meek's Cutoff</i></u>	Glory White	
	<u><i>The Nutcracker in 3D</i></u>	The Nutcracker	voice only
2012	<u><i>Everyday</i></u>	Karen	
	<u><i>Anna Karenina</i></u>	Meme Kartasov	
2013	<u><i>The Look of Love</i></u>	Rustie Humphries	
	<u><i>In Secret</i></u>	Suzanne	
	<u><i>Filth</i></u>	Bunty	
2015	<u><i>Tale of Tales</i></u>	Imma	
2016	<u><i>Bridget Jones's Baby</i></u>	Jude	
2017	<u><i>T2 Trainspotting</i></u>	Gail	
	<u><i>Okja</i></u>	Jennifer	
	<u><i>Never Steady, Never Still</i></u>	Judy	
2018	<u><i>Stan and Ollie</i></u>	Lucille Hardy	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1987	<i>Shadow of the Stone</i>	Elizabeth Findlay	
1990	<u><i>Wish Me Luck</i></u>	Sylvie	5 episodes

	<i>Casualty</i>	Denise	1 episode
1991	<i>Dreaming</i>	Pauline	TV movie
	<i>Clarissa</i>	Sally	TV movie
1994	<i>The Bill</i>	Kelly Rogers	1 episode
1995	<i>Hamish Macbeth</i>	Isobel Sutherland	19 episodes (1995–1997)
1997	<i>Bumping the Odds</i>	Lynette	TV movie
2000	<i>Animated Tales of the World</i>	Malmhin	
2001	<i>The Way We Live Now</i>	Marie Melmotte	4 episodes Nominated – <u>Royal Television Society Award for Best Actor – Female</u>
	<i>In a Land of Plenty</i>	Anne Marie	1 episode
2003	<i>Charles II: The Power and The Passion</i>	Catherine of Braganza	4 episodes
2004	<i>Dirty Filthy Love</i>	Charlotte	TV movie Nominated – <u>Royal Television Society Award for Best Actor – Female</u>
2005	<i>ShakespeaRe-Told</i>	Katherine Minola	<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>
	<i>Einstein's Big Idea</i>	Mileva Maric	1 episode
2006	<i>Doctor Who</i>	Ursula Blake	1 episode: " <u>Love & Monsters</u> "
2007	<i>Wedding Belles</i>	Kelly	TV movie
2008	<i>Agatha Christie's Marple: Murder Is Easy</i>	Honorita Waynflete	TV movie
2009	<i>May Contain Nuts</i>	Alice	TV movie
2011	<i>The Crimson Petal and the White</i>	Emmeline Fox	
	<i>Death in Paradise</i>	DS Angela Young	
	<i>The Gruffalo's Child</i>	The Gruffalo's Child ^[9]	
2012	<i>Treasure Island</i>	Meg Hawkins	TV movie
2013	<i>Southcliffe</i>	Claire Salter ^[10]	Nominated – <u>BAFTA TV Award for Best Supporting Actress</u>
2014	<i>Jamaica Inn</i>	Hannah	
2016	<i>Happy Valley</i>	Frances Drummond	Series 2

Theatre

- *Girl From the North Country*...Elizabeth Laine; Old Vic, London; 8 July – 7 October 2017 (director: Conor McPherson)^[11]
- *Anna Weiss ...* Lynn; Whitehall Theatre, London; 22 November – 18 December 1999 (author: Mike Cullen, director Michael Attenborough)^[12]
- *Shining Souls ...* Mandy; Old Vic, London; 9 November – 1 December 1997 (director: Chris Hannan)^[13]

- *The Maiden Stone* ... Mary; Hampstead Theatre, London; 1999 (director: Matthew Lloyd)
- *The House of Bernarda Alba* ... Stuart Davids; The Tramway, Glasgow; 10–20 September 1997 (author: Federico García Lorca; director: Stuart Davids)^{[14][15]}
- *Shining Souls* ... Mandy; 1997
- *The Life of Stuff* ... Evelyn; Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh; 1996 (director: John Mitchell)
- *The Mill on the Floss* ... Maggie Tulliver; Tricycle Theatre Shared Experience; 1994 (author: George Eliot, director: Nancy Meckler)
- *Romeo and Juliet* ... Juliet; Citizens Theatre, Glasgow; 1993 (author: William Shakespeare, director: Giles Havergal)
- *Lions in the Street* ... Isobel; Hampstead Theatre, London; 1993 (author: Paul Hoffman, director: Matthew Lloyd)
- *Eurydice* ... Eurydice; Festival Theatre, Chichester; 1993 (director: Michael Rudman)
- *My Mother Said I Never Should* ... Rosie; Royal Court Theatre, London; 1989 (author: Charlotte Keatley, director: Michael Attenborough)
- *The Winter's Tale* ... Perdita; Royal National Theatre, London; 1988 (author: William Shakespeare, director: Peter Hall)^[16]
- *The Tempest* ... Miranda; Royal National Theatre, London; 1988 (author: William Shakespeare, director: Peter Hall)
- *Entertaining Strangers* ... Fanny; 1987

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