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Dance star desperate to watch Miley

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American actress Kherington Payne, right, has brought her dancing shoes to New Zealand to star in a new hip-hop movie – but her first move will be to get her hands on tickets to see Miley Cyrus.



Kherington Payne.

Payne will play female lead Sasha in the locally produced, big-money *Born to Dance*.

But the Californian beauty first intends pulling strings with her *X-Men* actor boyfriend, Lucas Till, above with Miley Cyrus, to ensure she's at Auckland's Vector Arena on Wednesday to watch Cyrus strut her raunchy stuff for 10,000 fans.

Till became friends with Cyrus playing her love interest in *Hannah Montana: The Movie*.

"There is no way I am going to miss the Auckland concert," Payne told the *Herald on Sunday*. "I know it is [almost] sold out but fortunately I have a weird connection there.

"My boyfriend has worked with her before and I'm going to

see if he will drop her a text or an email to ask for tickets. It is right at the top of my to-do list."

At just 24, actress, singer and dancer Payne has an impressive showbiz pedigree. She has starred in the 2009 *Fame* remake, appeared in TV shows such as *Glee*, *CSI* and *True Blood* and danced on tour with Katy Perry. She was briefly in all-girl band Pussycat Dolls.

A big drawcard for Payne in *Born to Dance* is Kiwi choreographer Parris Goebel, who has worked with superstar Jennifer Lopez.

Although an accomplished dancer, Payne admitted difficulty mastering the haka at a marae in Huntly. "I gave it my best shot but I couldn't do the tongue-wagging properly and I ended up looking like a bit of a goofball."

Payne has been in Auckland for the past fortnight rehearsing. Filming starts in 10 days.

The flick also stars Kiwi singer Stan Walker, making his hip-hop debut. "I can see why everyone loves him," Payne said. "He 's a fantastic singer and although he is not known for his dancing he is doing really well. I think this film will take a lot of people outside of New Zealand by surprise. There is a really cool dance scene going on in Auckland."

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