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At Colenso, we're inspired by creativity in all its forms - from incredible events at Auckland Arts Festival to innovative technology. We teamed up with Spark, Google and Te Aka Māori Dictionary to develop Kupu, an app that translates photos into te reo Māori. Giving Kiwis a new language experience is just one of the ways we like to see creativity celebrated. Auckland Arts Festival is another. We hope you enjoy the show.

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Circolombia - Acéléré

#### AUCKLAND March 11-29 2020 **ARTS FESTIVAL**

#### Nau mai ki te Ahurei Toi o Tāmaki Makaurau

l tēnei, i te 12 o ēnei Ahurei, ka rukuhia ngā take pakeke o te wā: Te kainamutanga o te Parekura āhuarangi; Nō wai te mana whakahaere ki ngā kōrero ka rere?; Mā te aha e kīia ai tētahi mahi he kõhakitanga?; E tika ana kia arohaina e tātou a wai?; ā, me ngā tukinga o te ao tawhito ki te ao o nāianei.

Ko tā ngā ringatoi kua whai wāhi mai ki te Ahurei he ārahi i a tātou kia wherawherahia ai he kare ā-roto matarau, he tō i a tātou ki ao kē, otirā, he whakatakoto i ētahi ui pakeke. Kāore kau he rongoā ngāwari noa. Ka mahue mai tātou ki ō tātou hinengaro huritao, ki ētahi tirohanga hou anō.

Arā hoki ko ngā pito manahau.

Ka whakatairitea e tā tātou Ahurei ngā take pakeke ki ētahi kaupapa e rere ai ngā whakaaro ki ao kē, e rangona ai te hari nui, e kata ai te puku, e hiamo ai te ngākau. Ka hoki ngā mahara ki ngā koanga ngākau o te ao o te tangata nā runga i ngā karawhiunga a ngāi ringatoi pūkenga whānui, tītaritari mai, waiata mai, whakaari mai, puoro mai anō, ki tētahi whakanui e rewa ai te ngākau ki ngā tini pārekarekatanga, ki ngā tini painga o te ao.

Whakapiri mai; whāia he whakaaturanga, tukuna ō whakaaro, tō ngākau, tō wairua anō, kia rere ki taumata kē. Kia whiwhi hua nui koe.

E tukuna nei tēnei Ahurei ki ngā tāngata o Tāmaki Makaurau i runga i te ngākau aroha, me te aha, e põhiritia nei te katoa kia whai wāhi mai ki ētahi wiki mīharo e toru hei tēnei Raumati.



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PLACE DES ANGES

RONT COVER:

#### Welcome to **Auckland Arts Festival**

In this, our 12th Festival, we grapple with the tough stuff: impending climate Armageddon, who gets to control the narrative, what constitutes appropriation, who we are allowed to love, and the collision of the traditional and the contemporary.

The artists of the Festival take us on explorations of complex emotions, lead us into other realms and pose tricky questions. They offer us no easy resolutions. We are left with intellectual provocations and new perspectives.

Then there is the joy.

Our Festival contrasts the tough stuff with escapism and elation, laughter and excitement. Reminding us of the joyfulness of human life are acrobats, singers, actors and musicians in gleeful celebration of all that is fun and good in the world.

Join us; see a show, let your mind, your heart and your soul soar to new heights. Be rewarded.

We offer this Festival to the people of Tāmaki Makaurau with aroha and invite everyone to be part of three glorious weeks this Summer.



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Our official Festival dates are 11-29 March 2020, although some events begin as early as 21 February. For an overview of event dates, times and venues, consult the fold-out festival calendar on page 77.

aaf.co.nz is your destination for everything about the Festival, including box office locations and information on how to book tickets online, by phone or in person. Or see page 76 for booking information.

Specially priced access tickets are available for selected performances for access patrons and one companion. For a quide to accessible events, see page 68 or visit aaf.co.nz/access

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# PLACE WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY PIERROT BIDON & STÉPHANE GIRARD DES ANGES

# Compagnie Gratte Ciel

Don't miss the outdoor event of the summer: an evening of pure, unadulterated joy under a sky filled with angels, acrobatics, beautiful music and dreamlike images you'll remember for eternity.

#### SPECIAL EVENT EDANCE

So breathtaking that it [has] to be seen to be believed.

– The West Australian

Uplifting... [a] word-of-mouth phenomenon... [that] took over the skies before popping up all over Instagram.

– The Guardian (Australia)

Spectacular... the sight of acrobats dressed as angels performing in the night sky is something to behold and treasure.

The Adelaide Review





# PLACE DES ANGES

If Groupe F's Breath of the Volcano had your pulse racing at the Auckland Domain in 2013, Place des Anges will make your heart soar. Mortgage the house. Sell your possessions. Do anything that makes it possible to see *Place des Anges*. It is absolutely wonderful.

– The Advertiser (Australia)

Capture[s] so much of the ineffable wonder of what it means to be alive.

- The Australian

A sight to behold.



#### As the sun sets over the city, high above the tree tops, angels descend from the heavens.

This is **Place des Anges**, a playful, awe-inspiring aerial spectacle performed above thousands of people. The one-of-a-kind creation of French company Gratte Ciel commands the twilight sky with an incredible team of acrobats and dancers – suspended high in the air, beneath the stars and out in the open.

Uplifting, ethereal and totally out of this world, *Place des Anges* has left its mark – and countless memories – wherever it has landed around the globe. The angels land next in Tāmaki Makaurau; for three amazing nights, Auckland Domain is their outdoor playground. Be there to welcome them down to earth and share in the wonder of this very special event.

#### Upper Field, Auckland Domain

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#### FRI, SAT, SUN 8.30PM

55mins event, inc. 40mins aerial performance

This is a standing outdoor performance suitable for all ages. Chairs are not permitted. Includes the use of sustainably sourced and sterilised feathers.

All performances
 Access & Inclusion info p68

**GA / GA gate sales / Child** \$37 / \$39 / \$15

# LIMBO UNHINGED

Strut & Fret Production House

– Weekend Notes (Australia)

– The Advertiser (Australia)

– The Adelaidian

*Limbo Unhinged* may be the perfect show... It has everything.

– The Courier-Mail (Australia)

SPIEGELTENT SUPPORTED BY FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON AUCKLAND A boundary-pushing circus production... showcasing even more talent and unbelievable abilities.

- Australian Arts Review

The mad-geniuses behind Festival blockbuster *LIMBO* are back with a brand new, wildly unhinged circuscabaret extravaganza.

Unleashing pyrotechnics, sword-swallowing and aerial shenanigans against a pulsating live soundtrack, this exciting new extravaganza from circus-cabaret masters Strut & Fret pushes the limits of circus towards even more unearthly proportions.

Catering to every kind of thrill-seeker, the diverse global cast includes Coney Island sword swallower Heather Holliday (USA) and dancing sensation Hilton Denis (Australia), alongside the acrobatic expertise of Mikael Bres (France).

Taking *LIMBO* to the next level, **Limbo Unhinged** has earned rave reviews and sold-out houses wherever it's toured. Auckland, now it's your turn to get in on the hottest act in town.



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CIRCUS / CABARET INTERNATIONAL

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#### Spiegeltent, Aotea Square

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#### WEEK ONE

THU (12) 8.00PM FRI (13) 7.00PM SAT (14) 7.00PM SUN (15) 6.00PM

**WEEK TWO** TUE (17) 7.30PM WED (18) 7.00PM THU (19) 6.30PM FRI (20) 7.00PM & 9.30PM SAT (21) 7.00PM & 9.30PM SUN (22) 6.00PM

WEEK THREE TUE (24) 7.30PM WED (25) 6.30PM THU (26) 6.30PM FRI (27) 7.00PM & 9.30PM SAT (28) 7.00PM & 9.30PM SUN (29) 6.00PM

1hr 20 mins no interval Recommended for ages 15+ *Contains adult themes* 

WED 18 MAR 7.00PM Access & Inclusion info p68

**Premium GA** \$89

**GA / Conc** \$79 / \$73

# SNOW WHITE

#### **Ballet Preljocaj**

CHOREOGRAPHY BY ANGELIN PRELJOCAJ COSTUMES BY JEAN PAUL GAULTIER MUSIC BY GUSTAV MAHLER

★ ★ ★ ★ ↓ Deliciously dark...

modern and gripping.

– Limelight (Australia)

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Utterly beguiling.

– The Guardian (UK)

#### Breathtaking.

- The Washington Post





### AUCKLAND LIVE

NEW ZEALAND PREMIERE / AUCKLAND EXCLUSIVE



High fashion meets iconic fairy tale in this darkly delectable retelling of **Snow White** imagined by acclaimed French choreographer Angelin Preljocaj.

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who in this land is the fairest of all?

Ballet Preljocaj's bewitching transformation of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale is a boldly seductive global hit. Its fresh and sexy take on the timeless conflict between young Snow White and her jealous stepmother, the Queen, is both strikingly sensual and blazingly contemporary – and courtesy of costumes by the legendary fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier, an incredible visual spectacle too.

Masterminded by revered French choreographer Angelin Preljocaj, this ravishing concoction of dance, design and wearable art has reawakened the classic story's themes of beauty and envy for a new age. Combined with towering sets and the monumental symphonies of Gustav Mahler, *Snow White* is dance on a truly visionary scale.

WITH SUPPORT FROM PLATINUM PATRONS KENT & GAYE GARDNER GOLD PATRON FRIEDLANDER FOUNDATION

#### Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre

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WED & THU 7.00PM FRI & SAT 8.00PM SUN 5.00PM

1hr 50mins no interval Recommended for ages 12+ *Contains partial nudity* 

THU 12 MAR 7.00PM
 SUN 15 MAR 5.00PM
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**Premium / Conc** \$139 / \$125

**A Res / Conc** \$119 / \$105

**B Res / Conc** \$89 / \$79

**C Res / Conc** \$59 / \$54

# $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ Circus like you have never seen or heard before.

🦳 – Edinburgh Guide

# CIRCOLOMBIA ACÉLÉRÉ

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This is the circus performance that shows others how it's done. Go.

– The Scotsman

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Sensational singing, wild atmosphere.
They've caught the

old world big top ethos and doused it in Colombian spirit.

– Fest Magazine

Circus superstars **Circolombia** are here to amaze with their renegade brand of dance, live music and astounding acrobatics.

Welcome to the new revolution. Circolombia, a supercharged company of youthful Colombian artists, has been changing the face of contemporary circus now for over a decade. Their latest phenomenon, **Acéléré**, smashes all preconceptions of circus with a high-risk, adrenalin-fuelled production bursting with Latin fire, urban flavour and heartstopping energy.

Delivered with the rawness and attitude of South American street life, *Acéléré* turns the spotlight on 14 incredible performers and their endless feats of strength, balance, tumbling and insane pinpoint accuracy. Every gutsy and improbable stunt is staged in the same breath as Circolombia's trademark circusconcert soundscape, a vibrant mixtape of Latin hip-hop and electro cumbia performed live and in the spirit of an infectious dance party.

Rebellious, dynamic and wildly entertaining, *Acéléré* is no ordinary circus. It's simply extraordinary.

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#### CIRCUS Colombia

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#### Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre

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THU, FRI & SAT 7.00PM SUN 4.00PM

1hr no interval Recommended for ages 7+

**Premium / Conc / Child** \$69 / \$62 / \$49

**A Res / Conc / Child** \$59 / \$54 / \$39

**B Res / Conc / Child** \$49 / \$44 / \$29

**C Res / Child** \$39 / \$19

# BLACK TIES



### ILBIJERRI Theatre Company & Te Rēhia Theatre Company

BY JOHN HARVEY & TAINUI TUKIWAHO

DIRECTED BY RACHAEL MAZA & TAINUI TUKIWAHO

Hera Tapuwera, I've never been so serious about anything in my life. Will you marry me?

#### Two families, two cultures... tumeke!

When Māori corporate hotshot Hera and Aboriginal consultancy entrepreneur Kane locked eyes at a Cultural Awareness session, it was love at first sight. Ambitious and career-focused, Kane and Hera now have their perfect future all mapped out. But there is one thing they can't control... their families!

As the biggest mob of Aunties, Uncles and cousins from both sides of the ditch get worked up for the brownest wedding ever, reality is sinking in. Fast! Will this international love story bring two strong cultures together? Or will it blow Hera and Kane's world apart?

With a peerless cast including Lana Garland, Laughton Kora, Brady Peeti, Uncle Jack Charles, Mark Coles Smith and Tuakoi Ohia, and created by a brilliant team of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori artists, **Black Ties** reimagines the popular wedding rom-com from a distinctively First Nations perspective. Set to a live score of Black anthems and wedding classics, it will be a party to remember.

Black Ties was commissioned by AsiaTOPA, a joint initiative of the Sidney Myer Fund and Arts Centre Melbourne. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Major Festivals Initiative, managed by the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, in association with the Confederation of Australian International Arts Festivals Inc., Sydney Festival, Perth Festival, Asia TOPA / Arts Centre Melbourne, New Zealand Festival of the Arts, Auckland Arts Festival, and Brisbane Festival. ILBIJERRI Theatre Company is assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and by Creative Victoria and City of Melbourne.





#### Waitākere Room, Aotea Centre

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#### WED, THU & FRI 7.30PM SAT 2.30PM & 7.30PM SUN 6.00PM

2hrs 45mins approx. inc. interval Recommended for ages 12+ *Contains some adult references and moderate coarse language* 

SAT 14 MAR 2.30PM Access & Inclusion info p68

**GA / Conc** \$59 / \$54

Book at aaf.co.nz Plan Your Festival + Booking info p76 MAGES: GARTH ORIANDER



Auckland season presented in partnership with



Delightful... Performed with an infectious sense of joy.

# WOLFGANG'S MAGICAL MUSICAL CIRCUS

NEW ZEALAND PREMIERE

#### Circa CREATED BY

YARON LIFSCHITZ WITH BENJAMIN KNAPTON & THE CIRCA ENSEMBLE

#### The thrill of circus. the mayhem of Mozart.

Straight from the score and onto the stage, Mozart appears amid a storm of powder, tumbling and twirling, as musical mayhem and movement fuse in this family show with a circus twist.

To those who know him, he is Wolfgang, the dart-playing ratbag. To those who are watching and listening, he is the wigged genius Mozart. Come and discover his irrepressible spirit and vibrant compositions through physical comed and mischievous antics.

Reinventing the composer's magical music, this skilful and illuminating show features Circa's dexterous daredevil artists and a live accordionist. Watch as the notes are physically lifted off the page as performers bring the renowned compositions to life in a hilarious and highspirited act young ones will fall head over heels in love with.

Commissioned by The Art Centre Wyong. Circa acknowledges the assistance of the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding advisory body and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.







IMAGES: DYLAN EVANS (MAIN & INSET); DAMIEN BREDBERG (TOP RIGHT)

#### FAMILY / CIRCUS AUSTRALIA

#### Manic and magical.



SAT 10.30AM & 12.30PM SUN 10.30AM & 12.30PM

1 hr no interval Recommended for ages 3+

**R** FRI 20 MAR 10.30AM Access & Inclusion info p68

Adult / Child \$28 / \$21

Family Pass \$78



# TOITŪ TE REO

l te Ahurei o tērā tau, i rewa a **TOITŪ TE REO**. Ko te whakamāoritanga o TOITŪ TE REO ko te ū ki te reo kia ita, me te aha, e tūmanako ana mātou ka rangona ko te reo Māori mā roto mai i te ao toi.

Kua auraki mai a TOITŪ TE REO i tēnei tau - ka rangona te reo Māori, ā-taringa mai, ā-whatu mai, ā-roto mai anō i ia rā o te Ahurei.

Mai anō i te hui whakatuwhera i te pō tuatahi, i TIRA, tae atu ki tētahi huihuinga puoro motuhake e rongo ai tō katoa; mai anō i ētahi whakaaturanga reo Māori ki rō kura, ki te tōpūtanga mai o ētahi ringatoi Māori me ētahi hapori e mahi tahi ana ki te kaupapa o Whānui – mā TOITŪ TE REO te whakaminenga e aronui mai, e rongo ai i te pārekareka, otirā, e whai wāhi pū mai anō.

Tirohia ngā whakaaturanga, ā mātou hōtaka Ako Auaha, Wātea anō, otirā, wherawherahia te maha noa atu mā te taupānga TOITŪ TE REO.

Tukuna te reo kia rere! Kia ita!

#### Ko te reo te taura here i te tangata Language brings people together

Last Festival we launched our TOITŪ TE REO programme strand. TOITŪ TE REO translates as holding fast to our language and it is our desire to let the Māori language resonate through the platform of the arts.

This year TOITŪ TE REO is back again – te reo Māori will be heard, seen and felt every day of the Festival.

From our opening night event TIRA, to a special immersive music event; from performances in schools in te reo Māori, to Māori artists and communities working together in our Whānui project – at TOITŪ TE REO audiences can engage, enjoy and participate.

Check out the shows, our Creative Learning and Access & Inclusion programmes and explore more via the TOITŪ TE REO app.

Tukuna te reo kia rere! Kia ita!

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11 Poutūterangi

11 March

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**KA WAIATA** 

NGĀ MANU

ROREKA

Ka huri haere ki ētahi kura i

Touring schools throughout

Auckland, 17–27 March

WHĀNUI

Poutūterangi 2020

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Tāmaki Makaurau,

17–27 Poutūterangi

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Tukuna ō koutou reo kia rere ngātahi ki ō mātou, kia taiea anō ai tā tātou whakarewa i te Ahurei ki **TIRA** i te Papa o Aotea. Whakapiri mai ki a Hollie Smith, ki te Kapa Haka o Hātea, otirā, ki ētahi tira waiata nō ngā pito huri noa i Tāmaki Makaurau, kia waiata ngātahitia ai tētahi kohinga waiata rongonui. UTUKORE.

Whakaarohia tētahi ao e noho nei koe i te pō, ao te pō, he ao e herea pūtia ai te tirohanga tūturu ki rongo kē atu, ā-pā, ā-oro, ā-kare ā-roto anō. He mahinga ngātahi a Ka Pō, Ka Waiata e mahi tahi ai ētahi pūkenga puoro ki te auaha i ētahi hua oro, i ētahi taiao oro anō mō te pō.

Ka auraki mai tētahi tino whakaari i te Kaupeka Reo Māori a Taki Rua Productions. He mea tito nā te pūkōrero whai-tohu, nā Apirana Taylor, he mea whakamāori nā Materoa Haenga, he whakahanumitanga mīharo a Ngā Manu Rōreka o te reo Māori me te whakaari ā-tinana, e taea ai e ngāi aroha nui ki te reo me te hunga akoako anō te whai wāhi ki tētahi haere whai hononga, whai tohutohu anō i ngā tīpuna. UTUKORE.

He haerenda tõpū, he mātātoa anō a Whānui: he kohinga kaupapa toi e whai wāhi atu ai te tangata, otirā, he tūāhua e piri ai, e whai wheako anō ai tētahi kāhui kanorau motuhake e noho nei ki Tāmaki Makaurau ki ētahi mahinga toi e tau ana ki ngā tini tōpito o ō tātou takiwā kāinga. He UTUKORE, he nui mārika hoki ngā huihuinga whakaū i te ora, he pāhekoheko, hei torotoronga hoki mā te hunga hiakai.

Supported by







'Kia ita!' Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori



#### Ngā Kaupapa Toitū Te Reo / Toitū Te Reo Events

Let your voices soar with us as we kick off the Festival in style again at **TIRA** in Aotea Square. Join Hollie Smith, the Hātea Kapa Haka and choirs from around Auckland in singing a playlist of iconic waiata. FREE.

Imagine a world where darkness is your every day, where true sight relies on sensation, sound and feeling. Ka Pō. Ka Wajata is a creative collaboration in which musicians work collaboratively to shape responses and environments of sound for darkness.

A Taki Rua Productions Te Reo Māori Season favourite returns. From award-winning storyteller Apirana Taylor, with translations by Materoa Haenga, Ngā Manu Rōreka is a wonderful blend of te reo Māori and physical theatre, allowing language lovers and learners to share in a journey of connection and guidance from ancestors. FREE.

Whānui is a communal adventure: a collection of participatory arts projects in which an amazing mix of people who call Auckland home create, join in with and experience artworks in the many spaces and places that form our neighbourhoods. FREE and filled with life-affirming, interactive, getin-amongst-it events.

# TIRA FREE FESTIVAL OPENING

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Tekau mā whā tau ki muri, i raro i te maru o Puketāpapa, ā, mai anō i te kohinga waiata o te kiriata angitu a Toa Fraser, o No. 2, i haruru mārika ngā aratuku i a Hollie Smith me tana whakaritenga o te waiata a Don McGlashan, o 'Bathe in the River'. Toru tekau mā whitu wiki tēnei waiata i te rārangi angitu 40 e tau ana, me te aha, kua titia ki ngā ngākau o te motu, ā, kua aroha nuitia a Hollie Smith hei reo makau o Aotearoa. Hei whakatuwhera i te Ahurei Toi o Tāmaki Makaurau mō tēnei tau, ka whakahoungia tēnei kura waiata e Hollie Smith i tāna wajata ki te reo Māori.

Mai i 'Bathe in The River' ki te Waiata Matua o te Motu ka karawhiua ki te reo Māori, atu i tētahi waiata e ū nei ki te rangi o 'Bohemian Rhapsody' ki ētahi waiata rōreka a Hollie Smith, e anga nei tātou ki te tuku ngātahi i ō tātou reo kia ngātoro ki ngā rangi i TIRA 2020.

Haere noa mai i te pō tonu ka waiata tahi mai ai, piri mai rānei ki ngā whakaharatau mā te katoa tōmua atu i te huihuinga nei. E ako tōmua ai koe i ngā reretau me ngā rangi, tīkina mai te taupānga o Toitū Te Reo.

E whai māramatanga ai koe ki ētahi pārongo kē atu, ki ētahi akoranga, ki ētahi kupu waiata, ki ngā rā whakaharatau anō, otirā, ki te tiki mai i te taupānga, torohia te paetukutuku aaf.co.nz/tira

#### Let your voices soar with us as we kick off the Festival in style again at **TIRA** in Aotea Square.

Join Hollie Smith, Hātea Kapa Haka and choirs from around Auckland in singing a playlist of iconic waiata.

14 years ago, amidst the backdrop of Mt Roskill and from the soundtrack of Toa Fraser's hit movie, No. 2, Hollie Smith electrified the airwayes with her iconic rendition of 'Bathe in the River', penned by Don McGlashan. The song spent 37 weeks in the top 40 and is now part of the soundtrack of a nation, while Hollie Smith has become one of Aotearoa's most beloved voices. To open this year's Auckland Arts Festival, Hollie Smith is breathing new life into this mighty waiata, by singing a reo Māori version.

From 'Bathe in the River' to the National Anthem in te reo Māori, waiata set to the tune of 'Bohemian Rhapsody', and soulful tunes by Hollie Smith, we are set to sing our hearts out together at TIRA 2020.

Turn up on the night and sing-along, or join us for open rehearsals in the lead up to the event. To learn the harmonies and melodies in advance, download the Toitū Te Reo app.

For more information, tutorials, song lyrics, rehearsal dates, and to download the app, visit aaf.co.nz/tira



#### Hollie Smith. Hātea Kapa Haka & choirs from around Auckland

RINGATOHU AUAHA / CREATIVE DIRECTOR: TAMA WAIPARA RINGATOHU PUORO / MUSIC DIRECTOR: STEVE RAPANA



#### Aotea Square

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WED 6.00PM

45mins no interval

**Fille** Song sheets available Access & Inclusion info p68

# KA PŌ, KA WAIATA

#### l te tīmatanga ko te kore, ko te pō.

Whakaarohia tētahi ao e noho nei koe i te pō, ao te pō, he ao e herea pūtia ai te tirohanga tūturu ki rongo kē atu, ā-pā, ā-oro, ā-kare ā-roto anō. He mahinga ngātahi a **Ka Pō, Ka Waiata** e mahi tahi ai ētahi pūkenga puoro ki te auaha i ētahi hua oro, i ētahi taiao oro anō mō te pō.

He haumako te pō, he wāhi auaha, he whakaihiihi, he wāhi mōmona, he hōhonutanga whakapapa anō. I te pō ka waiatatia ko te orokohanganga mai o te ao, ā, ko tā *Ka Pō, Ka Waiata*, he raranga i ngā whakapaparanga o te oro, o te orokohanganga mai anō o te ao...

Ka puta ki te whai ao, ki te ao mārama. Tihei mauri ora.

He mea waihanga nā ngā pūkenga puoro, nā ngā pūkenga waiata hoki, nā Warren Maxwell rātou ko Teina Moetara, ko Tama Waipara, ko Whirimako Black, ko Horomona Horo, ko Waimihi Hotere, ā, he mea raranga i ngā tukuhanga puoro mataora ki ētahi hopunga oro.

I te pō ka waiatatia ko te orokohanganga mai o te ao.

It was in the night that the universe was sung into existence.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TE TAIRÄWHITI ARTS FESTIVAL



# SONGS IN DARKNESS

ORLD PREMIERE

### In the beginning there was the nothingness, then the night.

Imagine a world where darkness is your every day, where true sight relies on sensation, sound and feeling. **Ka Pō, Ka Waiata** is a creative collaboration in which musicians work collaboratively to shape responses and environments of sound for darkness.

The night is fertile, a charged creative space, a place of richness and layered depth. It was in the night that the universe was sung into existence, and so *Ka Pō, Ka Waiata* brings together the woven layers of sound and cosmology...

To the glimmer of dawn, to the bright light of day where there is life.

Created by artists Warren Maxwell, Teina Moetara, Tama Waipara, Whirimako Black, Horomona Horo and Waimihi Hotere, and combining live performance and soundscapes.

#### Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall

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WED 18 MAR 6.00PM Access & Inclusion info p68

**GA / Conc** \$49 / \$44

NEW ZEALAND PREMIERE / AUCKLAND EXCLUSIVE

# COLD BLOOD

Michèle Anne De Mey Jaco Van Dormael Kiss & Cry Collective

A bewitching, beautifully evocative work. – The Arts Desk (UK)

virected by Michèle Anne De Mey, Jaco Van Dormael • Choreographed by Michèle Anne De Mey, n collective creation with Grégory Grosjean, Thomas Gunzig, Julien Lambert, Sylvie Olivé, Nicolas Olivier, nd the participation of Thomas Beni, Gladys Brookfield-Hampson, Boris Cekevda, Gabriella Iacono, urélie Leporcg, Bruno Olivier, Stefano Serra

Supported by Metro

Featuring elaborate scale film sets, tiny props, cinema projection, ace film technicians and a cast of performing hands, **Cold Blood** is a dreamy, compelling marvel.

Cold Blood is an astonishing theatre event that unfolds in miniature, and on the tips of performers' fingers, right before your eyes. Staged in front of an audience and filmed and projected live in perfect synchronicity, it's like nothing you've ever seen before.

Belgian choreographer Michèle Anne De Mey and filmmaker Jaco Van Dormael have formed an inspired collaboration around this singular concept. Captivating cinematic vignettes celebrate life through the absurdity of death: a drive-in movie theatre, a war-ravaged city, a space station, an old Hollywood ballroom with a Fred and Ginger-style tap routine. It's a journey across space and time, and into the enchanted memories of seven characters about to meet their end.

Funny, tragi-comic, philosophical and strangely moving, *Cold Blood* transports us to amazing miniature worlds where the fingers do the walking and a film crew captures it all in real time on a giant movie screen. Performed to music by Schubert, David Bowie, Janis Joplin and Nina Simone, this larger-than-life creation is hands down the most mindblowing show you'll see at this Festival.

Executive Producer: Astragales asbl (BE) • Associated Producer: Mars, Mons Arts de la Scène (BE), Théâtre de Namur (BE) • Co-producers: Charleroi Danse (BE), la Fondation Mons 2015, KVS (BE), Les Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg (LUX), le Printemps des comédiens (FR), Torino Danza (IT), Canadian Stage (CA) Théâtre de Carouge-Atelier de Genève (CH), Théâtre des Célestins (FR) • With the support of the Fédération Wallonie Bruxelles – Service de Danse International Touring Agent: Menno Plukker Theatre Agent Inc.

#### THEATRE BELGIUM

Wonderfully whimsical, exquisitely crafted... breath-taking, affecting [and] magical.

– The Herald (UK)

#### Visually... stunning... At turns laugh-out-loud funny and poignant.

– The Scotsman

#### ASB Waterfront Theatre

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1hr 15mins no interval Recommended for ages 12+

**A Res / Conc** \$75 / \$69

**B Res / Conc** \$65 / \$60

Book at aaf.co.nz Plan Your Festival + Booking info p76 **MAGE: JULIEN LAMBERT** 

A family battles extreme weather and intrepid filmmakers brave the Arctic wilds in this ingenious, visually-inspired portrait of humanity at the mercy of Mother Nature.

#### Chaliwaté Company Focus Company



[An] exquisite, heartbreaking show [with] abundant wit and elegance.

- The Arts Desk on *Backup* 

A jewel of creativity and humour.

- Le Suricate Magazine on Backup

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY JULIE TENRET, SICAIRE DURIEUX & SANDRINE HEYRAUD

Co-produced with Le Théâtre les Tanneurs, Le Théâtre de Namur, La Maison de la Culture de Tournai/Maison de la Création, Le Sablier – IFS (France), Arts and Ideas New Haven (USA), Adelaide Festival (Australia), Auckland Arts Festival (NZ) and the Coop ASBL. An ordinary family is about to spend their Sunday together. But the walls are shaking, strong winds and torrential rain rage outside and the storm has only just begun. Meanwhile, somewhere near the North Pole, three wildlife reporters are doing their best to document the apocalypse by filming the Earth's last living species: three wild animals on the brink of extinction.

From physical theatre trailblazers Chaliwaté and Focus – a Belgian collaboration uniting the talents of brilliant puppeteers and technical geniuses of the stage – **Dimanche** is a pure gem of visual and storytelling imagination. Centred on the planet's climate change crisis, this meticulously detailed show stirs emotion and wonder in equal measure, as performers guide intricate miniatures and lifelike puppets through richly cinematic sets to evoke a world in peril.

Developed from the award-winning *Backup* (Total Theatre Award for Physical & Visual Theatre, Edinburgh Fringe 2018), the newly commissioned *Dimanche* is a gorgeous piece of theatre wizardry, and a witty reminder to heed the warning signs of global warming.

#### ASB Waterfront Theatre

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#### WED, THU, FRI, & SAT 8.00PM SUN 4.00PM

1hr 20mins no interval Recommended for ages 9+

**A Res / Conc** \$69 / \$64

**B Res / Conc** \$59 / \$55

A must see.

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– Tearaway (NZ)

This show is pure oratory and storytelling at its finest.

- Theatrescenes (NZ)

UPU Silo Theatre

#### "Come home to the sea. She has a big heart: she adopts anyone who loves her." - Our Sea of Islands, Epeli Hau'ofa

The world of Oceania is not small. From the energetic volcanoes of O'ahu to the southern reaches of Aotearoa, she is borderless and vast - and growing bigger by the day. After decades of dismissal and disconnection, her children are closer than ever. It's time for a reunion.

Silo Theatre's first production for 2020 brings the wealth and power of Pacific literature to roaring theatrical life. Curated by award-winning poet Grace Taylor and led by powerhouse director Fasitua Amosa, **UPU** gives the stage to Oceania's most electrifying poetry. Ben Brown, Karlo Mila, Albert Wendt and more: UPU is for the trailblazers, the icons and the new writers transforming Aotearoa today.

Following two knock-out Matariki seasons at the Basement Theatre, UPU is a remix, a re-imagining, an all-star line-up of leading Māori and Pasefika performers reviving the words of our literary legends and bellowing out the proclamations and provocations of the next game-changing generation.

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CO-PRODUCED BY AUCKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL & SILO THEATRE

#### Rangatira, Q Theatre

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WEEK ONE

THU 7.30PM PREVIEW FRI & SAT 7.30PM SUN 5.00PM

WEEK TWO TUE – FRI 7.30PM SAT 5.00PM & 8.00PM SUN 5.00PM & 8.00PM

1hr 10mins no interval Recommended for ages 15+ Contains strong language and adult themes

Premium / Conc \$55/\$49

A Res / Conc \$45/\$39

Preview \$35

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# MOUTHPIECE

#### **Traverse Theatre Company**

BY KIERAN HURLEY DIRECTED BY ORLA O'LOUGHLIN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: KATHERINE NESBITT



 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Magnificent. Brilliantly acted and tautly directed.

- Sunday Times (UK)

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$ 

A gripping, truthful play for our times.

- The Stage (UK)

# Visceral. emotional

and totally involving... Extraordinary theatre.

- BritishTheatre.com

Following sold out, award-winning Edinburgh Fringe performances, Traverse Theatre Company's gripping, critically-acclaimed sensation about class, culture and appropriation comes to Auckland.

Standing on the edge of Edinburgh's Salisbury Crags cliff face, a woman takes a step forward into the air. A teenage boy pulls her back. Two lives are changed forever.

Libby whiles away her days in New Town cafés and still calls herself a writer. Declan is a talented young artist struggling with a volatile home life on a deprived estate. As they form an uneasy friendship, complicated by class and culture, Libby spots an opportunity to really make a difference - and put her career back on track too.

She needs his story. But does she have the right to it?

Frank, unflinching and threaded with unexpected humour, Mouthpiece takes a look at two different sides of Edinburgh that exist in ignorance of one another, and asks whether it's possible to tell someone else's story without exploiting them along the way.

From the theatre geniuses behind 2019 Festival firecracker Ulster American, this powerhouse play - winner of the prestigious Carol Tambor Best of Edinburgh Award - will spark conversations about art, privilege and responsibility long after its thrilling conclusion.

SUPPORTED BY CREATIVE SCOTLAND, THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL, BRITISH COUNCIL NEW ZEALAND AND Q THEATRE

#### THEATRE SCOTLAND



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THU, FRI & SAT 7.30PM **SUN 2.00PM** 

#### WEEK TWO MON. WED. THU & FRI 7.30PM SAT 3.00PM & 7.30PM

1hr 30mins no interval Recommended for ages 16+ Contains frequent strong language, descriptions of violence, scenes of a sexual nature. references to suicide, and haze

A Res / Conc \$59/\$54

B Res / Conc \$49/\$45

C Res \$39

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# Barry McGovern in WATT by Samuel Beckett



A gem of a show... one of the greatest Beckett interpreters in the world.

– Time Out (Australia)

### $\star \star \star \star$

Anyone who cares about acting should seize the chance to see McGovern perform.

– The Age (Australia)

#### Irish actor and legendary Samuel Beckett expert Barry McGovern performs his exceptional stage adaptation of the novel Watt for the first time in New Zealand.

Arriving in the countryside, Watt begins a slow, existential trek to the home of Mr Knott. But how will this itinerant manservant cope when he reaches the residence of his unseen employer, with a confounding list of duties and a collection of extraordinary characters?

The great Barry McGovern has received acclaim around the globe for his one-man performance since 2010, and it remains among the finest, funniest and most popular Beckett interpretations ever. Capturing the essence of the writer's dark worldview while amplifying his scintillating humour and wordplay, Watt will have you in raptures contemplating the absurdity of life - and discovering there's so much more to Beckett on stage than Waiting for Godot.



#### **ASB** Waterfront Theatre

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1hr no interval \*Includes post-show talk with Barry McGovern and Tom Creed

SUN 29 MAR 4.00PM Access & Inclusion info p68

A Res / Conc \$69/\$64

B Res / Conc \$59/\$55

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# BLACK LOVER

By Stanley Makuwe

Auckland Theatre Company

DIRECTED BY ROY WARD

WORLD PREMIERE

"We must make it possible for every individual to lead the good life, to win a place in the sun. We are in danger of becoming a race of fear-ridden neurotics we who live in the finest country on Earth."

Ex-pat New Zealander Sir Garfield Todd said these words in his final speech as Prime Minister of Rhodesia in 1958. Ousted from politics for being a "black lover", Todd's ongoing fight for racial equality and opposition to white minority rule led to his house arrest in 1965, the starting point for Makuwe's story.

Confined to his home, with the civil war raging close by and separated from his wife and children who have fled abroad, Todd and his family's servant, Steady, confront the uncertainties of their precarious lives.

Zimbabwean Stanley Makuwe migrated to New Zealand in 2002. An award-winning playwright, Makuwe combines writing with a career in psychiatry. Black Lover brings to life a great New Zealander and explores how two men stand with courage against terror in a nation experiencing deep racial divides.

#### Loft, Q Theatre

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#### WEEK ONE

FRI 7.00PM PREVIEW SAT 7.00PM

WEEKS TWO & THREE TUE - SAT 7.00PM **SUN 4.00PM** 

WEEK FOUR

TUE - FRI 7.00PM SAT 2.00PM & 7.00PM **SUN 4.00PM** 

Runs until 4 April. For additional times and dates, visit atc.co.nz

1hr 10mins no interval

Adult from \$44 Senior from \$39 Conc from \$30

Groups from \$34

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The beeping and buzzing of technology, noisy traffic, the incessant shouting of social media – it never shuts up. Caught in this constant babble, how do we find stillness?

This is the starting point for Massive Company's newest devised work, directed by longtime Massive collaborators Scotty Cotter and Carla Martell.

Babble brings dynamic physicality, inventive imagery, a multilayered musical soundscape and a formidable cast of 25 young South Auckland voices to the Mangere Arts Centre stage. Drawing on the unique experiences and stories from their own lives, the performers take us on an uplifting journey through the many interruptions of modern life.

"In our productivity age of perpetual motion, it's increasingly hard to honour stillness, to build pockets of it into our lives, so that our faith in beauty doesn't become half-hearted, lopsided, crippled." - Pico lyer

### BABBLE Massive Company

#### Mangere Arts Centre

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WEEK ONE WED (18) 7.00PM THU (19) 7.00PM FRI (20) 7.00PM SAT (21) 2.00PM & 7.00PM

WEEK TWO FRI (27) 7.00PM SAT (28) 7.00PM

1hr 10mins no interval

FRI 27 MAR 7.30PM **WED1APR – Workshop** Access & Inclusion info p68

GA / Conc \$25 / \$18

#### A major accomplishment for music history.

- Los Angeles Times

# SA PIETRO

### Los Angeles Master Chorale

COMPOSED BY ORLANDO DI LASSO CONDUCTED BY GRANT GERSHON DIRECTED BY PETER SELLARS

IMAGE: TAO RUSPOLI / MARIE NOORBERGEN

Orlando di Lasso's heavenly masterpiece soars to breathtaking new heights under Los Angeles Master Chorale's spinetingling a cappella staging, devised by renowned theatre director Peter Sellars.

an achingly beautiful choral work too sublime to put into words, Lagrime di San Pietro was the great Renaissance composer Orlando di Lasso's final and most famous composition. Completed just before di Lasso's death, it conveys a powerful sense of mortality while vividly illuminating the Biblical story of St Peter, whose grief after he denies Christ surges through this profoundly moving cycle of 20 madrigals (songs).

Cementing their place as one the world's finest choral ensembles, the outstanding Los Angeles Master Chorale has taken di Lasso's sacred polyphonic epic to the highest plane imaginable. Under Peter Sellars' direction, their spine-tingling rendition matches seamlessly with elegant stage movement – a simple yet striking theatrical interpretation that demands near super-human vocal skill from the 21 singers.

For one special night only, experience the emotional riches di Lasso's crowning glory and the supreme talents of the Los Angeles Master Chorale in perfect harmony.

WITH SUPPORT FROM PLATINUM PATRONS ANDREW & JENNY SMITH, SIR RODERICK & GILLIAN, LADY DEANE & THE WALLACE FOUNDATION

#### [A] stunning performance. This beautiful Renaissance work was a triumph.

– Sydney Morning Herald

#### Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall

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FRI 7.30PM

1hr 20mins no interval

#### Premium \$119 / \$109

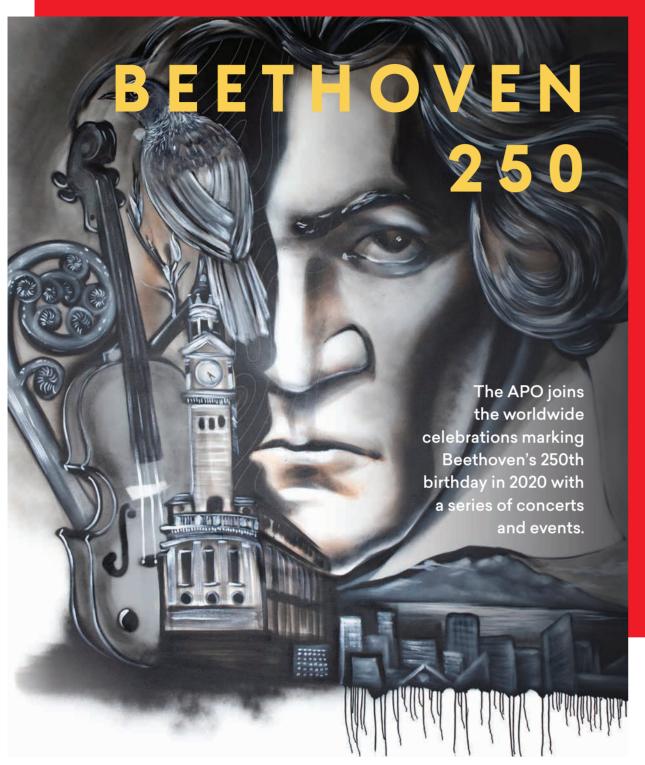
A Res / Conc \$99/\$89

B Res / Conc \$79 / \$73

C Res \$49



ARTWORK: ENUAKE SIRIKIGE



Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra

#### NINE SYMPHONIES ACROSS FOUR CONCERTS

#1: THE CLASSICIST SYMPHONY NO.1, 2 & 3
#2: THE ROMANTIC SYMPHONY NO.4 & 5
#3: THE REVOLUTIONARY SYMPHONY NO.6 & 7
#4: THE RADICAL SYMPHONY NO.8 & 9

**Beethoven 250** will be a fantastic festival within the Festival. The centrepiece will see the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra (APO) performing the complete cycle of nine Beethoven symphonies in four concerts over nine days, led by APO Music Director Maestro Giordano Bellincampi, and culminating in a very special performance of the Ninth Symphony featuring New Zealand soloists Madeleine Pierard, Kristin Darragh, Amitai Pati and Teddy Tahu Rhodes.

In addition to the symphony cycle there will be a variety of exciting free and community events celebrating Beethoven's legacy and connecting him to our city and our people. This includes **Ludwig Reflected**, a free chamber concert and speaker series featuring new Beethoven-inspired works by New Zealand composers and the chance to delve deeper into the fascinating life and times of the great composer; a series of access and inclusion initiatives; and a community **Big Play-In** for musicians of all skill levels (see opposite).

#### Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall



SAT (21) 7.30PM THE CLASSICIST TUE (24) 7.30PM THE ROMANTIC THU (26) 7.30PM THE REVOLUTIONARY SUN (29) 5.00PM THE RADICAL

#### Deluxe Adult \$139

Adult from \$59 Senior from \$55 Student from \$29

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### BEETHOVEN'S BIG BIRTHDAY BASH

Calling musicians of all ages and skill levels who love Beethoven! This is your chance to join Ludwig's birthday celebrations with our community play-in – **Beethoven's Big Birthday Bash**.

For this special event, community and student musicians will work together with their APO counterparts to create a mass community orchestra and choir performing selected extracts from the Ninth Symphony, led by Giordano Bellincampi. Music will be specially arranged by APO Communities Composer Ryan Youens so that everyone can join in.

Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall SUN 15 MAR 2.30PM 2hrs 30mins approx. inc. intervals Register your interest at aaf.co.nz/birthdaybash FREE

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### LUDWIG REFLECTED

The APO has asked four New Zealand composers to respond to Beethoven's music. To accompany these performances, they've invited guest speakers to offer their perspectives. Join the APO for an hour of stimulating, thought-provoking music, performed by the talented APO Young Achievers, and opinions on the life, the music, the times, and the legacy of this colossal figure in Western art.

Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall MON 23, WED 25 & FRI 27 MAR 6.00PM Reserve your place at aaf.co.nz/ludwigreflected FREE

# A M A N D A PALMER THERE WILL BE NO INTERMISSIO

The unapologetic front-woman of The Dresden Dolls brings her criticallyacclaimed one-woman show to Auckland – a night of piano, pain and laughter you must experience live.

Emphatic artist, feminist and singer-songwriter Amanda Palmer, a cult hero to her adoring fans, has conjured a searing and infectious masterpiece in There Will Be No Intermission. A response to global anxieties and the #MeToo movement, as well as personal grief and motherhood, this wise and witty new album is resonating with audiences around the world, and has furthered Palmer's passionate following wherever she tours it.

Commanding the stage alone and performing simply with a grand piano and ukulele, Palmer's intensely intimate show offers an unforgettable synergy of triumphant anthems including 'Drowning in the Sound' and 'Voicemail for Jill', and emotionally raw monologues, at once brave, inspiring and relatable in their honesty. Heart-rending and unflinching, don't miss the naked truth of Palmer's songs and stories as they were meant to be heard and felt – live and in the flesh. Heartfelt, shocking, hilarious, and thoroughly arresting.

Spectrum Culture (USA)

#### Hollywood Avondale

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#### Amanda Palmer on stage THU & FRI at 7.00PM

3–4hrs approx inc. interval Recommended for ages 13+ Contains mature themes and strong language

**Allocated / Conc** \$75 / \$69

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#### WORLD PREMIERE SEASON

# ESTÈRE INTO THE BELLY OF CAPRICORN

IN COLLABORATION WITH SARA BRODIE & JO KILGOUR

With a flair for exploring uninhabited terrain, the captivating and idiosyncratic **Estère** unveils her latest music – and an exciting new live performance concept – at the Spiegeltent this summer.

Estère, aka the Empress of Electric Blue Witch-Hop, is one of Aotearoa's finest acts. And if you've yet to discover her transfixing blend of velvety vocals and cross-pollinating sonic landscapes, she's also one of music's best kept secrets. A high-flying artist who's conquered Europe, toured the world and opened for the likes of Grace Jones and Erykah Badu, Estère's innovative approach to music and performance is something not to be missed.

Into the Belly of Capricorn is an inspired performance work that braids together theatre, setdesign, lighting and costume into a contemporary live-music show unlike anything else, featuring Estère and her powerhouse band. Luxuriating in the human unconscious, Estère's boldest outing yet is shaped by the immense talents of award-winning director Sara Brodie, lighting designer Jo Kilgour, and audio-visual creative Kaysha Bowler. Be among the first to welcome this uniquely theatrical offering within the realm of live music into the world.



#### [A] funny, charming, gracious and articulate performer. – The 13th Floor (NZ)

#### Spiegeltent, Aotea Square

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Estère on stage at 9.30PM

**GA / Conc** \$49 / \$44

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# EIGHT ONG MAD

#### New Zealand Opera

MUSIC BY SIR PETER MAXWELL DAVIES TEXT BY RANDOLPH STOW AND GEORGE III DIRECTED BY THOMAS DE MALLET BURGESS

#### Experience opera outside the box.

Get outside the box of opera as you know it with this innovative indoor/outdoor staging of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' "astonishing work" (Classical Source) Eight Songs for a Mad King.

This new production by New Zealand Opera, directed by Thomas de Mallet Burgess and designed by Robin Rawstorne, sees a King in distress transformed into a modern corporate everyman as a disarming device to explore our complicated relationship with mental health and power. As an added twist, you will experience the action both up close, and from outside with only a window separating you and the King.

Maxwell Davies' iconic score derives from the songs King George III played on his mechanical organ and attempted to train his bullfinches to sing. The music requires a baritone of extraordinary technique to sing over five octaves, with New Zealander Robert Tucker fit for the challenge. Partnering with the ground-breaking contemporary music ensemble Stroma, conducted by Hamish McKeich, this modern take on opera promises to be a bold and immersive experience.

These performances of Eight Songs for a Mad King by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies are given by permission of Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agents for Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers Ltd of London

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### MUSIC BY EVE DE CASTRO-ROBINSON

A clarion call to arms across oceans; an alarm clock to wake us up to climate change and rising sea levels.

Foremost New Zealand composer Eve de Castro-Robinson considers the future of our next generation in her newest concerto, Clarion, featuring Bede Williams on trumpet and pūtātara (conch shell) with the Auckland Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Peter Scholes.

Research shows that an understanding of our warming climate can be seen in the carbon being layered in the growth of the conch shell. Like the shell, de Castro-Robinson builds up instrumental layers in Clarion building gradually to its cataclysmic climax with the trumpeter utilising a range of calls and cries, keening, moaning, alerting, and sounding a warning to us of our need to act in the current climate emergency.

Fittingly, in creating this work, de Castro-Robinson and Scotlandbased, New Zealand-born Williams collaborated across the seas.

This very special one night only performance is exclusive to Auckland Arts Festival and follows the world premiere at the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

The concert will include a selection of other works composed by Eve de Castro-Robinson.

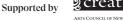
#### Spiegeltent, Aotea Square

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#### **MON 7.00PM**

1hr no interval

GA / Conc \$49/\$44





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# ALDOUS HARDING WEYES BLOOD PURPLE PILGRIMS

Celebrate songwriting of the highest calibre with this rare triple bill headlined by 2019 APRA Silver Scroll Award winner Aldous Harding.

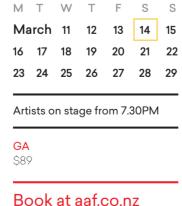
Aldous Harding is back at Auckland Arts Festival after captivating audiences in 2018. One of contemporary music's most remarkable voices, she continues to create waves throughout the world. Among 2019's best albums, her critically-acclaimed *Designer* – which includes the Silver Scroll-winning 'The Barrel' – follows up the hypnotic *Party* with even more "fascinating and frightening, highly eccentric and blisteringly beautiful" songs (*Q Magazine*, \* \* \* \* \*).

American psychedelic-folk artist **Weyes Blood**, aka Natalie Mering, is in stiff competition with Harding for the album of the year mantle with her latest release, *Titanic Rising*. A spellbinding performer and songwriter whose storytelling is "steeped in the magic stuff of fantasies and daydreams" (*NPR*), Mering's sound evokes artists as varied as the Kinks, Enya, Hoagy Carmichael, Brian Eno and Joni Mitchell. An enchanting, buzzworthy talent.

Harding's Flying Nun labelmates **Purple Pilgrims** carry the songwriting torch through a mesmerising dreamscape of celestial pop, folk and atmospheric jazz. Hailing from Christchurch, the magnetic sister duo of Clementine and Valentine Nixon have transported the dream-pop genre into earthy, textural realms, and completes this stellar all-female line-up as a rising star of the local and international indie scene. IMAGES: CLARE SHILLAND (ALDOUS HARDING, LEFT); KATHRYN VETTER MILLER (WEYES BLOOD, CENTRE); OLIVIA RENOUF (PURPLE PILGRIMS, RIGHT)



#### Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall



BOOK at aat.co.nz Plan Your Festival + Booking info p76 Six years on from the creation of New cult classic album @Peace and the P

Six years on from the creation of New Zealand cult classic album @Peace and the Plutonian Noise Symphony, @**Peace** reunites for a special one-off live performance.

Back in 2014, Tom Scott (Home Brew) with Lui Tuiasau on vocals, and a musical soundscape laid down by Christoph El Truento, Hayden 'Dandruff' Dicky and Brandon Haru as @Peace, released their first and only full-length album. @Peace and the Plutonian Noise Symphony was a critically acclaimed modern masterpiece that broke boundaries, but also broke the group up. The album, founded on the fear of finality, was ironically their last.

Now they are reuniting to bring to Auckland Arts Festival a 2020 reinterpretation of the Taite Prize-nominated opus in its entirety, accompanied by special musical guests including Riki Gooch (Trinity Roots) on drums, with visuals by Tomek Bogdanowicz and lighting by Brad Gledhill.

The live show promises to reflect the album: a gumbo of existential sci-fi psychedelia inspired by Sun Ra, Pink Floyd, Can and Funkadelic, while expanding on where they left off. Performed in the Spiegeltent, this one-off show is a must for music lovers and sci-fi nerds.

# PEACE AND THE PLU TONIAN NOISE SY MPHONY

#### @Peace has managed something quite stunning here.

- Off The Tracks on the album @Peace and the Plutonian Noise Symphony

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@Peace on stage at 9.30PM

**GA / Conc** \$49 / \$44

# SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR: FREEDOM It's impossible to spend an hour with them an leave with a big smile on your face. - In Daily (Austra

#### These Triple Award-winning global gospel superstars have been spreading joy and lifting spirits since 2002.

Winner of the 2019 Grammy Award for Best World Music Album for Freedom, Soweto Gospel Choir brings its "Freedom" concert to Auckland for the very first time.

In this uplifting and joyous repertoire, the choir will perform a rousing programme of songs celebrating the life of the father of their Rainbow Nation, Nelson Mandela, as well as international gospel classics including a spinetingling take on Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' and an extraordinary rendition of 'Amazing Grace'.

Hailing from Soweto (South West Township), the home of Mandela and South Africa's democratic movement, Soweto Gospel Choir continues to inspire audiences around the world with its powerful blend of African gospel, freedom songs and international classics. A line-up comprising South Africa's best vocalists, these uplifting performers have shared the stage with some of the biggest names in music including U2, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Robert Plant, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Josh Groban.

#### Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, **Aotea Centre**

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#### WED 8.00PM

1hr 50mins inc. interval

Premium / Conc \$97/\$89

A Res / Conc \$91/\$81

**B Res / Conc** \$81/\$71

C Res / Conc \$69/\$57

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Pat Metheny, one of the world's greatest guitarists, is finally back in Aotearoa for a glorious night of jazz repertoire alongside an incredible trio of musicians.

American jazz maestro Pat Metheny's illustrious career spans over four decades, more than 40 fulllength recordings, and 20 Grammy Awards. No less than a living legend, his trademark improvisational playing style is the envy of guitarists everywhere and music to the ears of fans globally.

With only one concert in New Zealand previously (in 2006), Metheny is promising a special live performance where anything goes - brand new music, all-time classics and deep cuts from his extensive back catalogue. Metheny's long-time drummer Antonio Sanchez, Malaysian-Australian bassist Linda May Han Oh and British pianist Gwilym Simcock will not only play support but also share the spotlight as tremendous musicians in their own right.

#### One of jazz's great stars.

- The Telegraph (UK)

A one-of-akind sort of guitarist... [with] jaw-dropping capabilities.

- Los Angeles Times

# Ν EVENING WITH ΡΑΤ METHENY

#### Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall

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Pat Metheny on stage at 8.00PM

A Res \$139.90

**B** Res \$109.90

**VIP Hot Seat** \$250



# **BILADURANG**

#### | Joel Bray

Biladurang was first presented at Melbourne Fringe 2018 with support from Melbourne Fringe, CHUNKY MOVE, Arts House, ILBIJERRI and the Wilin Centre

Pull on a bathrobe and share a uniquely immersive and intimate encounter with proud Wiradjuri man Joel Bray, in the hilarious and revelatory **Biladurang**.

Joel Bray is black. Well, he's white, but black. Y'know? He's in a hotel room somewhere in Auckland and you, the audience, are invited to share his story.

In this nowhere place Bray takes a pause, looks over his shoulder and takes a good look at his life, asking: "Is this where I am supposed to be? Is this who I am supposed to be? What is all this? The drugs? The sex? The cigarettes?"

Biladurang is loosely based on the traditional story of the platypus. It's a story Bray – a gay, fair-skinned Aboriginal artist – grew up hearing, identifying with this mutant offspring who doesn't seem to belong and finds himself roaming in search of a home. This awardwinning confessional solo show is physical, tender, funny and dark. It's the perfect dance-theatre one-night stand.

Also join Joel Bray for the Festival talk **Baby Mutants** (p56), where he and other artists share their experiences of forging new paths and finding their tribe.

#### DANCE / THEATRE AUSTRALIA



#### **AVANI** Auckland Metropolis Residences

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#### WEEK TWO WED - SAT 6.00PM & 8.00PM SUN 5.00PM & 7.00PM

1hr 15mins no interval Recommended for ages 18+ Contains coarse language, adult themes, drug references, nudity and sexual references

GA / Conc \$59/\$54

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# VERSES

### **Black Grace**

CHOREOGRAPHY BY NEIL IEREMIA

On tour throughout regional Auckland													
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Te Oro, Glen Innes THU (19) 7.30PM

Mängere War Memorial Hall FRI (20) 7.30PM

**Orewa Community Centre** SAT (21) 7.30PM

Artworks Community Theatre, Waiheke Island SUN (22) 5.00PM

Waiuku Memorial Town Hall WED (25) 7.30PM

Helensville War Memorial Hall THU (26) 7.30PM

Zeal West, Henderson FRI (27) 7.30PM

Barnett Hall, Piha SAT (28) 7.30PM

The PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna SUN (29) 5.00PM

1hr no interval

GA \$20

> Door sales only. Tickets available at the venue one hour prior to each performance.

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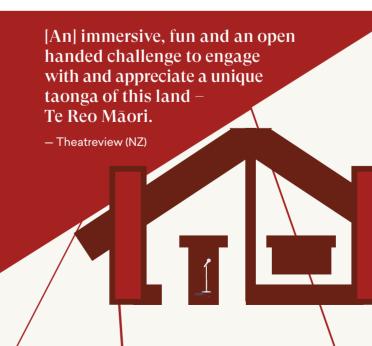
# NGĀ MANU RŌREKA

Ka auraki mai tētahi tino whakaari i te Kaupeka Reo Māori a Taki Rua Productions.

He mea tito nā te pūkōrero whai-tohu, nā Apirana Taylor (Ka Tito Au), he mea whakamāori nā Materoa Haenga, he whakahanumitanga mīharo te kura whakaari nei, a Ngā Manu Rōreka, o te reo Māori me te whakaari ā-tinana, e taea ai e ngāi aroha nui ki te reo me te hunga akoako anō te whai wāhi ki te haerenga a ngā kiripuaki matua kia whai hononga ai, kia whai tohutohu anō ai i ō rāua tīpuna.

Arā ētahi ākonga tokorua, e pokea nei e ngā mahi kura. Ka whakaaweawetia rāua e ō rāua tīpuna kia kimihia he ara anō e whakamīharotia ai ō rāua kaiako me tō rāua hapori: mā te kuhu ki tētahi whakataetae pūkenga waiata. Ka hoki ngā ākonga ki tō rāua marae kāinga, ka huakina tētahi tatau e hoki mai ai ō rāua tīpuna i Hawaiki ki te ao o te nāianei. Ka arahina rāua e ō rāua tīpuna kia whāia ō rāua pūkenga, otirā, kia tatū i a rāua te whakatau pai katoa i ngā rā o ō rāua ao.

Heoi anō rā, ehara i te mea ko rāua nahenahe ngā kaiwaiata o te rā. Me whai wāhi rawa te whakaminenga ki te waiata motuhake atu e reka pai ai te whakataetae!



Startlingly fresh, full of invention and infectious exuberance

- The New York Times

One of New Zealand's leading contemporary dance companies, Black Grace brings its long-running, critically-acclaimed Verses series to regional Auckland.

To kick off its 25th anniversary year, Black Grace celebrates with its hometown through a 10-centre tour of Tāmaki Makaurau with the next instalment of Verses.

Founding Artistic Director Neil Ieremia curates a collection of dance works, inspired by words, lyrics, lines and verse, set to an eclectic mix of his favourite pieces of music to create Verses.

Supported by



#### **Taki Rua Productions**

NĂ / BY APIRANA TAYLOR

KAIWHAKAMĀORI / TRANSLATOR: MATEROA HAENGA

#### A Taki Rua Productions Te Reo Māori Season favourite returns.

From award-winning storyteller Apirana Taylor (Ka Tito Au), with translations by Materoa Haenga, the classic Ngā Manu Rōreka is a wonderful blend of te reo Maori and physical theatre, in which language-lovers and learners share in the protagonists' journey to regain connection and receive guidance from their ancestors.

Two students, struggling with their school studies, are inspired by their ancestors to find another way to impress their teachers and community: by entering a singing talent competition. When the students return to their home marae, they open a portal for their tipuna to return from Hawaiki into their modern day lives. Their ancestors guide them to follow their talents and make the best decision of their lives.

However, they aren't the only singers on the day. A special cameo performance by the audience is also required to enrich the competition further!



#### Spiegeltent, Aotea Square

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#### SUN 11.00AM & 2.00PM

50mins no interval Recommended for ages 5+ This performance is undertaken completely in te reo Māori

FREE Register at aaf.co.nz/ngamanuroreka



He Mokopuna He Tūpuna created by Te Pou Theatre, with children and elders from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Kotuku and Te Rōpu Kaumatua o Te Whānau o Waipareira (2019)

# WHĀNUI

He haerenga tõpū, he mātātoa anō a Whānui: he kohinga kaupapa toi e whai wāhi atu ai te tangata, otirā, he tūāhua e piri ai, e whai wheako anō ai tētahi kāhui kanorau motuhake e noho nei ki Tāmaki Makaurau ki ētahi mahinga toi e tau ana ki ngā tini tōpito o ō tātou takiwā kāinga.

l te tau 2020, ka ū tonu a Whānui ki te hura i ētahi o ngā kura kõrero me ngā takiwā e motuhake ana ki tō tātou tāone nui.

#### KI TE TAKE O TE MAUNGA

Ka mahi tahi ngā iwi o ngā takiwā tūtata o Tāmaki me Maungakiekie kia panonihia ai he whaitua tūmatanui. Mā tēnei whakawhitiwhitinga e kitea ai te waihangatanga mai o ētahi mahinga toi nui mārika i ō rātou hapori, ā, ka whakaatuhia ki Onehunga me Mauinaina. He mea whakarite ngātahi ki te Tarahiti Ohaoha o TGTB, he mea ārahi nā te ringatoi, nā Chantel Matthews ko Bobby MacDonald.

#### HE KURA TOI

He mea whakatōpū i ngā pūkenga taketake o te rangatahi ki ērā o ngā mātanga toi whakaari, he wānanga whakaihiihi hou a He Kura Toi e honohono ai ētahi ringa ngaio nō ngā rāngai toi whakaari, toi auaha anō, ki ētahi arero reo Māori i te uru o Tāmaki Makaurau. Ka whai wāhi ētahi taiohi kei ngā Tau 12 me te 13 i te kura ki tētahi hōtaka motuhake ka whakakapitia ki tētahi hui whakanui i ngā tūmanako o te rangatahi mā roto mai i te Whakaari, i te Kori, i te Puoro anō. He mea ārahi nā ngā pūkenga whakaari, nā Ani-Piki Tuari rāua ko Krystal Lee Brown, ā, me tētahi tōpūtanga o ngā pūkenga whakaari taiea o Aotearoa.

He UTUKORE, he nui mārika hoki ngā huihuinga whakaū i te ora, he pāhekoheko, hei torotoronga hoki mā te hunga hiakai. Nau Mai Haere Mai - haere mai ka rongo ai i te reka o tētahi o ngā tino wāhi o te Ahurei, o Whānui!





Whānui is a communal adventure: a collection of participatory arts projects in which an amazing mix of people who call Auckland home create, join in with and experience artworks in the many spaces and places that form our neighbourhoods.

In 2020, Whānui continues to bring light to some of the unique stories and landscapes that are distinct to our city.

#### AT THE FOOT OF THE MAUNGA

The neighbouring suburbs of Tāmaki and Maungakiekie team up to transform public space in an exchange that sees large-scale installations created within their communities displayed in Onehunga and Panmure. In association with TGTB Charitable Trust and led by artists Chantel Matthews and Bobby MacDonald.

#### HE KURA TOI

Teaming the natural talents of rangatahi with leading performing artists, He Kura Toi is an exciting new wananga which connects professionals from the performing and creative arts industries with te reo Māori speakers in West Auckland. Year 12 & 13 taiohi (youth) will participate in a specialised programme, culminating in a celebration of rangatahi aspiration through acting, movement and music. Led by artists Ani-Piki Tuari and Krystal Lee Brown, and a team of Aotearoa's eminent performers.

FREE and filled with life-affirming, interactive, get-in-amongst-it events. Nau Mai Haere Mai come and experience Whānui, a Festival favourite! WITH SUPPORT FROM SILVER PATRONS JULIE & BRIAN CADZOW

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Aotearoa New Zealand • Drama

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#### Scotland • Drama

Contains frequent strong language, descriptions of violence, scenes of a sexual nature, references to suicide, and haze

Contact schools@aaf.co.nz for more information

Years 12 & 13 THEATRE



#### Aotearoa New Zealand • Drama Contains some adult references and moderate coarse language

Years 12–13 THEATRE

#### Our Creative Learning

programme gives teachers and their students the opportunity to experience some of the best homegrown and international theatre, music and dance.

Evenings



#### **SNOW WHITE**

France • Dance Contains partial nudity

Years 9–13 DANCE

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Colombia • Circus, Dance

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Belgium • Drama
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USA • Music

Years 11–13 MUSIC

With dedicated school matinees and special rates to public shows, the Creative Learning programme will not only enrich curriculum studies but engage and inspire students, Aotearoa's young aspiring artists and future arts audience.



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### B A B Y M U T A N T S

In his intimate hotel-room show, *Biladurang* (p48), Joel Bray explores the remarkable tension of growing up as a gay Aboriginal boy in a white Pentecostal household and feeling like a 'mutant'. But how do you find (and remain true to) yourself when you don't have an anchor? And how does this change the way we think about family?

Join **Joel Bray**, designer **Kaan Hiini**, artist and FAFSWAG co-founder **Tanu Gago**, performance artist **Moe Laga** and journalist **David Farrier** as they share their own experiences of forging new paths and finding their tribe.



#### CULTURE VULTURE

"Great artists steal", or so the refrain goes. But is all really fair in love and art? How do we navigate the blurry line between appreciating and appropriating a culture that isn't ours? Should artists have the right to tell stories that don't belong to them? And how do we celebrate now-problematic figures from history?

Debating these questions are actor **Rachel House** (Hunt for the Wilderpeople, Thor: Ragnarok), Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival director **Tama Waipara**, writer and director **Todd Karehana** (The Spectacular Imagination of the Pōhara Brothers, Ahikāroa), Curator Mātauranga Māori at Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa **Matariki Williams** and filmmaker/producer **Julie Zhu**.



A series of talks exploring the big questions, intimate narratives and fresh perspectives at Auckland Arts Festival.

CURATED BY ROSABEL TAN

#### Spiegeltent, Aotea Square

**Baby Mutants TALK** TUE 17 MAR 5.30PM - 6.30PM

**GA** \$20

Culture Vulture TALK TUE 24 MAR 5.30PM - 6.30PM GA \$20

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### DARK MAGIC

A year on from the Christchurch Terror Attacks and against a global backdrop of increasing division and violence, it feels like there are increasingly higher stakes in the art we create and consume. So where to from here? Tempo Dance Festival director **Cat Ruka**, theatremaker **Ahi Karunaharan** (*Tea, A Fine Balance, My Heart Goes Thadak Thadak*), poet **Nida Fiazi** and playwright **Stanley Makuwe** (*The Dead Shall Rise Again, Black Lover*) unpack the considerations they make when drawing on their own (and their communities') experiences, the art that has changed their lives, and the very idea of hope.

This talk follows the screening of *The Curry House Kid* and is chaired by comedian **James Roque** (*Boy Mestizo, Frickin Dangerous Bro*).

IMAGE: SWAN FILMS & ALL3MEDIA INTERNATIONAL The Curry House Kid (UK, 2019; directed by Nick Poyntz) is rated exempt. 46mins.

#### THE CURRY HOUSE KID

In this poignant documentary, the curry houses of choreographer **Akram Khan**'s youth inspire a poetic dance work about the immigrant experience in Britain.

When he was 20, Akram Khan – the visionary behind 2018 Festival triumph *Giselle* – ran from his childhood and never looked back. He returns home in **The Curry House Kid** – to his memories of growing up on Brick Lane with his Bangladeshi parents, and to the violence and racism that shaped his everyday life – all of it culminating in a ruminative, hypnotic dance piece in an abandoned warehouse nearby.

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[A] brave, beautiful documentary... The choreography is extraordinary: expressive, dynamic and deeply moving."

- The Guardian (UK)

#### Academy Cinemas

The Curry House Kid FILM + Dark Magic TALK SUN 22 MAR 2.00PM - 4.00PM Allocated \$20

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# **ŌTAIRONGO**

#### | Maree Sheehan

#### EXHIBITION

Pushing at the boundaries of contemporary Māori art, sound artist Maree Sheehan explores a new form of portraiture in **Ōtairongo**. Using only sonic elements as her palette, each portrait captures the wairua and mauri of three mana wāhine Māori – Moana Maniapoto, Te Rita Papesch and Ramon Te Wake.

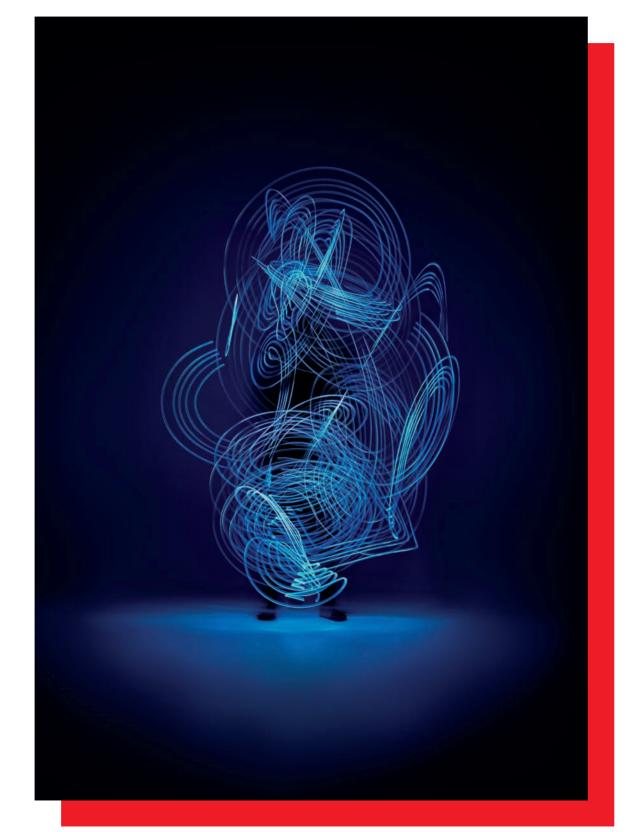
This immersive installation is a world first. Elevating your aural senses, you are invited to put on a pair of headphones and be submerged into an ethereal plane where kōrero, waiata, the marae, whānau, and whenua converge to create a captivating 360° experience.

#### Artspace Aotearoa

FRI 6 MAR – SAT 16 MAY

THU 19 MAR 5.30PM Access & Inclusion info p68

FREE



#### EVENTS

#### Te Oro o Te Wāhine Māori

*Ōtairongo* comes to life in this free evening of performance and storytelling with the portraiture subjects themselves – Moana Maniapoto, Ramon Te Wake and Te Rita Papesch – along with the artist, Maree Sheehan.

Artspace Aotearoa THU 19 MAR 7.00PM – 8.20PM FREE

#### Rongo<sup>2</sup>

Experience *Ōtairongo* in a new light with this special, one-off dining experience. Join chefs Karena and Kasey Bird as they serve up their interpretation of and response to *Ōtairongo* in this four-course meal with matched wines.

Artspace Aotearoa THU 26 MAR 7.00PM Limited spaces available *Tickets on sale from December* Visit aaf.co.nz/otairongo for more info

WORLD PREMIERE

#### VISUAL ARTS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

#### The Unseen

Chaired by Nigel Borell (Curator Māori Art, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki), join pioneering artists Lisa Reihana and Maree Sheehan as they discuss the vital role that sound plays in their practice and the unique and politically radical considerations that underpin their work.

Artspace Aotearoa SAT 18 APR 10.00AM – 11.00AM FREE

#### Demonstration: Binaural and Immersive Sound Experiences

Presented in collaboration with Protel and Sennheiser, this workshop invites creative practitioners to witness the latest technology in binaural and immersive soundscapes – and to explore sonic experience creation as a potential avenue for future projects. Hosted in the state-ofthe-art Dolby Atmos theatre at Department of Post.

Department of Post THU 30 APR 6.30PM – 7.30PM FREE 60

# TRANSMISSION

#### | Kereama Taepa

Transmission is a major exhibition by award-winning, multidisciplinary artist Kereama Taepa that will realise one of his most ambitious commissions to date. Taepa's practice demonstrates the long tradition of innovation within te ao Māori. His use of virtual reality and 3D printing has infused whakairo (carving) with new modes of address, interaction and portability that extends from the gallery walls to everyday dress.

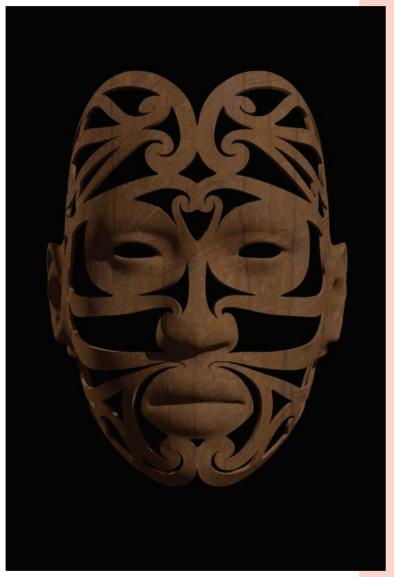
Transmission explores the infinite possibilities of digital technologies to transmit mātauranga Māori. Taepa considers digital technologies beyond their immediate application, locating them within Māori paradigms that simultaneously connect to origin stories and offers space to embed personal narratives as a way forward into the future.

Kereama says, "Looking into the future, my major concern is how we may identify our kinship to these digital and virtual phenomena so that these technologies are not merely being used, but rather they are contextualised within te ao Māori itself."

#### Visit aaf.co.nz/transmission for

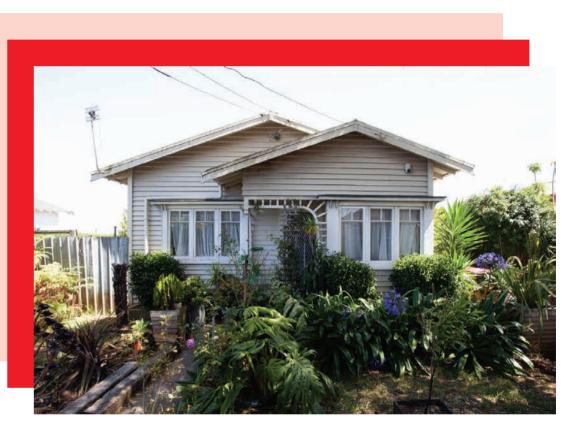
information about special events that coincide with Transmission, including a music performance in response to the exhibition on FRI 20 MAR.

KEREAMA TAEPA, UNTITLED, 2019





# SAFE AS HOUSES



Safe as Houses is a site-specific group exhibition curated for and about Ōtahuhu, South Auckland. The artists include local photographer Craig Horne, West Auckland-based painter Ana Lakusa, and Dunedin-based former politician turned textile installation artist Metiria Turei. The exhibition unpacks ideas related to historical architecture and landmarks, the whare tangata and body as home, and gentrification as represented in collective culture and identity.

Vunilagi Vou is a South Auckland-based gallery that centralises contemporary Pacific art and South Auckland audiences.

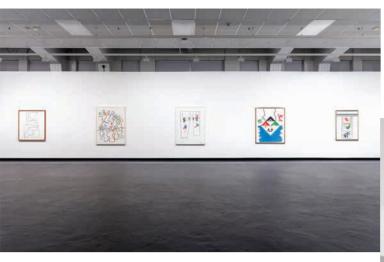


#### **Craig Horne** Ana Lakusa Metiria Turei

CRAIG HORNE

#### Vunilagi Vou

TUE 3 MAR – SAT 4 APR





# SPLIT LEVEL VIEW FINDER: THEO SCHOON AND NEW ZEALAND ART

Connecting Bauhaus modernism, Māori art and the art of the mentally unwell, Theo Schoon (1915–85) remains a controversial figure in New Zealand art. His work was constantly in dialogue or dispute with other cultures and other artists.

The first comprehensive Schoon exhibition in decades, **Split Level View Finder** presents his painting, graphics, photography, and jade and gourd carving, in conversation with works by contemporaries Rita Angus, Len Castle, A.R.D. Fairburn, Rolfe Hattaway, Dennis Knight Turner, Douglas MacDiarmid, Paratene Matchitt, Selwyn Muru, Arnold Wilson and Ans Westra, rethinking Schoon's legacy for 21st-century Aotearoa.

Split Level View Finder is curated by Dr Damian Skinner and Aaron Lister. The exhibition is supported by the City Gallery Foundation, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, the Schoon Estate, and the Fletcher Trust Collection. It is developed and toured by City Gallery Wellington. Skinner's book Theo Schoon: A Biography was published in 2018

IMAGES: SPLIT LEVEL VIEW FINDER: THEO SCHOON AND NEW ZEALAND ART, CITY GALLERY WELLINGTON, 2019.

#### Talking with Theo

A day of talks and conversations in response to the exhibition *Split Level View Finder*, led by Hamish Coney. All talks are free. No bookings necessary.

SUN 8 MAR 11.00AM - 4.00PM FREE

Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery
SAT 7 MAR – SUN 31 MAY
FREE



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SPEAKING SURFACES MOVEMENT WORKSHOP WITH JACK GRAY, ST PAUL ST GALLERY, AUT, SEPTEMBER 2019.

### CREATIVE WĀNANGA

#### Jack Gray & Atamira Dance Company

Over one weekend during Auckland Arts Festival, ST PAUL St Gallery activates space in response to the kaupapa of *Speaking Surfaces*. Facilitated by Atamira artistic director Jack Gray and special guests, this creative wānanga invites the public to discuss, share and participate in a tactile, multi-sensory series of events situated both in the gallery and outside. We take you on a surprising journey – walking/ buses/trains/cars – to unpack, map and explore our collective experience, and the terrain, of Tāmaki Makaurau.

# S P E A K I N G S U R F A C E S

Speaking Surfaces asks how do surfaces speak? How are stories and experiences inscribed in the surfaces that surround us? A collaboration between ST PAUL St Gallery and AUT Spatial Design, *Speaking Surfaces* is a dynamic and welcoming space that serves as a platform for encounters through exhibitions, conversations, performances, gatherings, screenings, and teaching – including a **Creative Wānanga**, developed especially for Auckland Arts Festival.

#### ST PAUL St Gallery

FRI 21 FEB – SAT 16 MAY

**Creative Wānanga** SAT 21 & SUN 22 MAR

10.00AM – 12.00PM LAB (GALLERY) 1.00PM – 3.00PM EXPLORE (BUS/TRAIN/WALK/CAR) 4.00PM – 5.00PM JAM (GALLERY)

Participants need to register at sgallery@aut.ac.nz You can sign up for any session, on one, or both days.

# **HONESTLY SPEAKING:** THE WORD, THE BODY AND THE INTERNET



Shahryar Nashat Sriwhana Spong Frances Stark **Martine Syms** 

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SRIWHANA SPONG CASTLE-CRYSTAL (STILL) 2019. 16MM FILM TRANSFERRED TO HD VIDEO. CO-COMMISSIONED BY AUCKLAND ART GALLERY TOI O TÂMAKI AND EDINBURGH ART FESTIVAL.

This exhibition explores the body and language in art today through four highly immersive presentations by leading international artists. In a cultural era dominated by images, these artists emphasise the relationship between objects, bodies and language. They re-engage ideas of gender politics that were first seen in the 1980s, igniting questions about power and personal truth in the digital age. These ideas are especially relevant now, as political truths are called into question and the expansion of technology outpaces our understanding of its effect on our lives.

Honestly Speaking: The Word, the Body and the Internet

includes new and recent work by Shahryar Nashat (Switzerland), Frances Stark (USA) and Martine Syms (USA), and a work by UK-based New Zealand artist Sriwhana Spong which was co-commissioned for the Edinburgh Art Festival in 2019.



Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki
SAT 22 FEB – SUN 7 JUN
FREE*

#### \*Gallery admission charges apply for international visitors.

# QUEER ALGORITHMS



Algorithms are problem-solving operations. They are a set of rules that help us calculate, decode and define. But what happens when these set of rules are 'queered'? Gus Fisher Gallery presents a timely and relevant show, tapping into pressing issues facing local and global queer communities.

This exhibition brings together a plurality of voices where identities are understood as always multifarious and in flux. Assuming a polyvocal and intersectional standpoint, Queer Algorithms features artists whose artworks have and are in the process of reconfiguring new algorithms for change against continued systems of exclusion.

Gus Fisher Gallery is proud to be working with the New Zealand AIDS Foundation and Ending HIV on the presentation of a selection of individual panels from the National Aids Memorial Quilt as part of the exhibition. Queer Algorithms includes artworks by ground-breaking artists never seen before in Aotearoa working in the mediums of video, installation and internet art.

A VIRUS WALKS INTO A BAR, 2018 (FILM STILL) BY JOHN WALTER. PART OF 'CAPSID', CO-COMMISSIONED BY SOUTHWARK PARK GALLERIES LONDON AND HOME MANCHESTER -SUPPORTED BY A LARGE ARTS AWARD FROM WELLCOME AND ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND GRANTS FOR THE ARTS. IMAGE COURTESY OF THE ARTIST.

#### **Gus Fisher Gallery**

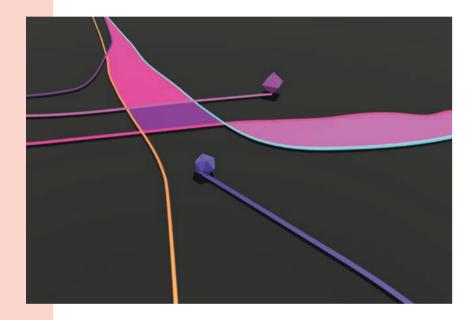
SAT 15 FEB - SAT 2 MAY

NZSL videos about the exhibition available through the gallery

# EXTEND MY ARMS

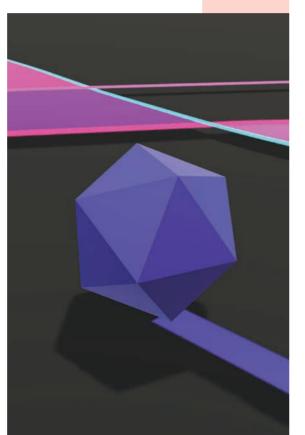
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Aotea Square is a living organism. Human activity flows around it and through its veins - cars driving to the movie theatre, the criss-crossing of walking paths at the traffic intersection, arm gestures as a story is told. I Extend My Arms, rendered live on the larger-than-life Auckland Live Digital Stage screen in Aotea Square, makes this ever-changing life-force visible. People are transformed into geometric avatars that move along the ground - a cube, a sphere, a pyramid. They leave behind coloured walking trails that slowly dissipate over time. This builds an abstract image of everyday life in the area and how its inhabitants change the collective energy of the space over time.

This title of this project takes its cue from artist Claude Cahun's photograph of the same name (1930). In this photo, a large stone monolith has human arms reaching out - a seemingly inanimate object (like Aotea Square), animated.



#### Digital Stage, **Aotea Square**

WED 11 MAR - SUN 29 MAR Daily. For a detailed schedule, visit aaf.co.nz/iextendmyarms

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ENVIRONNEMENT CHROMOINTERFÉRENT, 1974/2012. EXHIBITION "CRUZ-DIEZ. COLOR IN SPACE", JEONBUK PROVINCE ART MUSEUM, JEONBUK, SOUTH KOREA, 2012 © CARLOS CRUZ-DIEZ/ADAGP. COPYRIGHT AGENCY, 2019.

# **CHROMOINTERFERENCE**

Venezuelan-French artist Carlos Cruz-Diez (1923-2019) was a major protagonist in the field of kinetic and optical art. His body of work explores how the movement of our bodies, objects and light determines our perception of colour. For him, colour was an evolving experience in space and time, and by means of various technologies he produced ingenious devices of perception. If looking at a painting is comparable to gazing out of a window, his works propose a leap into a void made of mutating colour.

For the first time in New Zealand, Te Tuhi and Auckland Live present the artist's magnificent Chromointerference (1960-2019), where colour is made of projected moving patterns and light creating spellbinding 'events' in a monumental scale.

This epic visual extravaganza will be projected onto the exterior surface of the Aotea Centre for the duration of the Festival.

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#### **Carlos Cruz-Diez**

PRESENTED BY TE TUHI & AUCKLAND LIVE

#### Aotea Centre Wrap, Aotea Square

WED 11 MAR – SUN 29 MAR Daily, from sunset to 11.00PM

# **ACCESS** & INCLUSION

We're committed to making the Festival accessible for all audiences. The following icons in this guide and on aaf.co.nz indicate the accessibility of events in our programme.

#### **ACCESS TICKETS**

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Tickets are \$20 and under for access patrons for events in the Access programme. One companion ticket per access patron is available at the same price each for all events in the Access programme. Some events have limited capacity so book early to avoid disappointment.

#### WHEELCHAIR ACCESS BOOKINGS

These bookings should be made directly with the venue or via Ticketmaster.

Please download our Festival Social Story for information on accessible parking.

Wheelchair accessible seats for the events listed in the Access programme are \$20 each, plus a companion ticket for \$20. Limited capacity, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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#### Access Booking & Contact

To book access tickets only or for Access programme queries, contact Alex Lodge:

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#### **Blind & Low Vision Events**

#### **BLACK TIES**

Waitākere Room, Aotea Centre Saturday 14 March 2.30pm



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Audio described performance & touch tour

\$20 THEATRE

#### KA PO. KA WAIATA PAGE 22

Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall Wednesday 18 March 6.00pm

Performance notes ahead of time for Blind & Low Vision audiences

MUSIC \$20

#### **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Events**

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Māngere Arts Centre Friday 27 March 7.00pm	<b>Eg</b>
NZSL interpreted performance	

THEATRE \$20

**Massive Foundations Taster Workshop** with Massive Company artistic director Sam Scott, MNZM

Ōtara Music Arts Centre, Main Hall Wednesday 1 April 4.30-7.30pm

NZSL interpreted workshop for ages 14-24

FREE - visit aaf.co.nz/babbledeaf for booking info

#### **Relaxed Performances**

#### WOLFGANG'S MAGICAL MUSICAL CIRCUS PAGE 16

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Bruce Mason Centre Friday 20 March 10.30am

#### **Relaxed performance**

\$10 FAMILY CIRCUS

Relaxed performances are for anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed environment. This can include people with autism. sensory sensitivities, or a learning difficulty

SOCIAL STORIES FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM AAF.CO.NZ

#### SNOW WHITE

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre Sunday 15 March 5.00pm



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Audio described performance & touch tour



#### TIRA

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Aotea Square • Wednesday 11 March 6.00pm Braille song sheets available; designated access area for

audience who may require it

FREE MUSIC

#### LIMBO UNHINGED

Spiegeltent, Aotea Square Wednesday 18 March 7.00pm ĥg

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NZSL interpreted performance

CIRCUS CABARET \$20

#### SNOW WHITE

Thursday 12 March 7.00pm

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre

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NZSL video about the show; very visual show

\$20 DANCE

#### **APO OPEN REHEARSAL BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY** PAGE 38

Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall



- visit aaf.co.nz/access for updates

Relaxed open rehearsal; listening devices available for hyperaudio sensitive audiences



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NZSL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCE



VERY VISUAL SHOW



Date & time TBC



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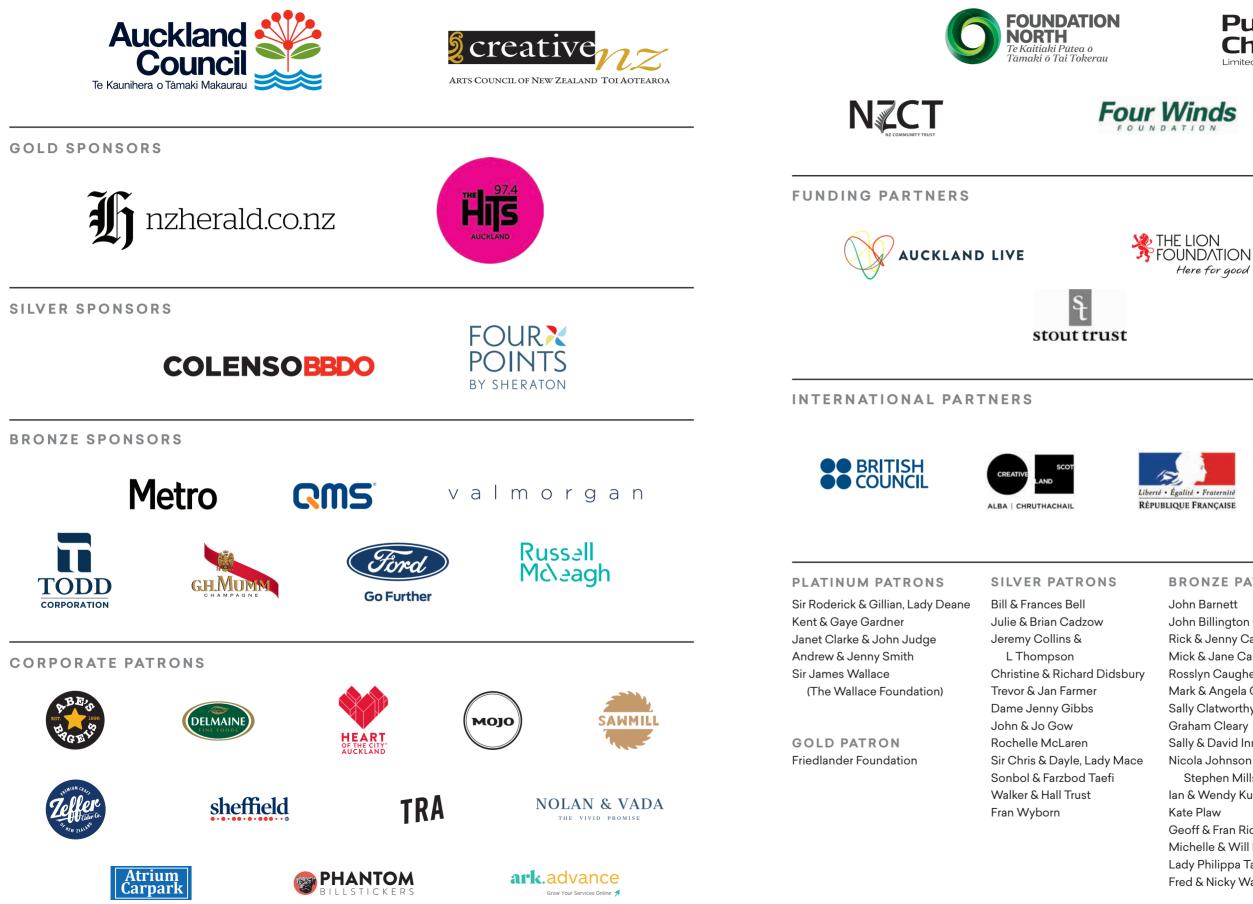
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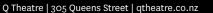
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# BOOKING INFORMATION

### AAF.CO.NZ

#### Tickets on sale\* WED 6 NOV 9.00AM

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### BOOK ONLINE

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#### **BOOK IN PERSON**

Aotea Centre Ph Ticketmaster 09 951 2501 Box Office 50 Mayoral Drive

AAF Aotea Square Ticket Booth Box Office Aotea Square (from 11 March 2020)

ASB Waterfront Theatre Ph 0800 282 849 Box Office 138 Halsey Street

**Q Theatre** Ph 09 309 9771 **Box Office 305 Queen Street** For Box Office opening hours, visit <u>aaf.co.nz/bookinginfo</u>

\*\*Available until midnight MON 9 DEC 2019, or until allocation sold out. Ticket limits may apply.

#### Pay What You Can

In 2020 we're throwing open the doors to community groups and organisations who want to give the arts a go, even if they've not otherwise felt it possible, for personal or financial reasons. **Pay What You Can** means, for selected shows, attendees can pay what's available to them. We will be talking to selected community groups and organisations about bringing their networks to the Festival via Pay What You Can. If you'd like to recommend an organisation or community for this programme, please email access@aaf.co.nz

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

#### Important Information

Auckland Arts Festival shows are ticketed through official ticketing agencies – **Ticketmaster**, **ASB Waterfront Theatre** and **Q Theatre**. To ensure you are purchasing genuine tickets, we recommend purchasing via the Buy Now or Shopping Cart links on our website » aaf.co.nz

Tickets may be sold by a variety of ticketing agents, each with differing booking or service fees and processing charges. Prices for events listed in this brochure are exclusive of these charges. Where tickets are booked in person, by phone or online, an additional cost will be incurred and will vary from a pertransaction charge to a per-ticket charge depending on which agent is selling the ticket. Recommendation: if you are booking more than one show use the Shopping Cart at aaf.co.nz. Online bookings generally incur the lowest charges when buying more than two tickets.

Information in this programme is correct at the time of printing. The Festival reserves the right to alter, without notice, any events, programmes and artists.

Ticket prices include GST. All sales are final and there are NO refunds or exchanges, except as required by law.

All ticket purchases are subject to availability and the best available seats (in each price category) at the time of purchase.

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Some seats (other than Premium and A Reserve) may have sightline/sound restrictions. Please check when booking.

#### **Special Offers**

**EARLY BIRD**<sup>1</sup> An Early Bird discount price is available for most shows on selected reserve categories from Wednesday 6 November 9.00am to Monday 9 December 11.59pm or until allocations are exhausted. Early Bird tickets are no longer available for Snow White or Amanda Palmer – There Will Be No Intermission. Early Bird tickets are not available for AAF Talks, The Curry House Kid, Biladurang, UPU, Aldous Harding / Weyes Blood / Purple Pilgrims and An Evening with Pat Metheny. Early Bird tickets to Place des Anges available until midnight Monday 13 January. Early Bird tickets to Black Lover available until midnight Thursday 13 February. All Early Bird shows can be found at aaf.co.nz/earlybird

**SPECIAL OFFERS'** The Festival may run special offers for selected shows. Offers are communicated on the website aaf.co.nz/specialoffers, and via Twitter @Aklfestival and Facebook facebook.com/Aklfestival

<sup>1</sup>Booking fees apply to all special offers.

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#### Seating, Concessions, Families & Groups

**GENERAL ADMISSION (GA)**<sup>2</sup> For all shows with GA tickets, we recommend you arrive early to ensure the best choice of seat/position. PREMIUM GA tickets to *Limbo Unhinged* allow priority entry and access to the best seats closest to the stage. Further information can be found on our Terms & Conditions page aaf.co.nz/tc

**CONCESSION (CONC)**<sup>2</sup> Seniors aged 65+ with SuperGold card, tertiary students with valid ID, and Community Services card holders. Concession conditions for *Beethoven 250* and *Black Lover* differ. Please check the website before booking.

**CHILD**<sup>2</sup> 14 years and under. Please note: only selected shows have child prices. Where there is no child price, concession prices apply.

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**UNDER30**<sup>2</sup> Discounted tickets are available for selected shows for people aged under 30 years. These tickets may be limited to specified seat categories and the number of tickets available are strictly limited. Under30 tickets for *Limbo Unhinged* are only available for performances 12–18 March and are subject to availability. By purchasing an Under30 ticket you are stating that you are aged under 30 years. Photo ID/proof of age will be required to gain entry to the performance/show.

**GROUPS**<sup>2</sup> Groups of 6+ qualify for concession prices and can be booked through the usual channels. Groups of 10+ may book on Ticketmaster's Group Booking line 09 970 9745 or email groups@ticketmaster.co.nz. For Q Theatre and ASB Waterfront shows contact the venues directly. Booths in the Spiegeltent seat a maximum of 9 people and can only be booked as a group of 9.

**SCHOOLS**<sup>2</sup> For information about bringing a school group to a Festival show, see p54 and/or visit <u>aaf.co.nz/schools</u>. Please email <u>schools@aaf.co.nz</u> to enquire about or book school group shows.

**STUDENT RUSH**<sup>2</sup> Full-time students (with valid ID) can purchase Student Rush tickets to selected shows at 50% of regular ADULT prices only on the day of the performance from the venue box office (subject to availability).

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#### Access & Inclusion Programme

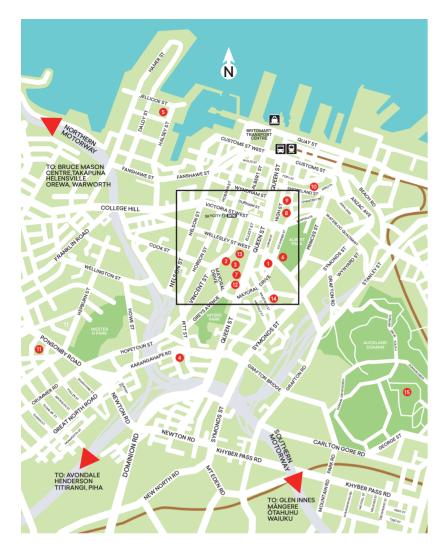
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For more information about our Access & Inclusion programme, see p68–69 or visit aaf.co.nz/access

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Place des Anges	Upper Field, Auckland Domain	4				8.30PM	8.30PM	8.30PM														
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Circolombia – Acéléré	Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre	12									_								7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	4.00PM
Limbo Unhinged	Spiegeltent, Aotea Square	8			8.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	6.00PM		7.30PM	7.00PM	6.30PM	7.00PM & 9.30PM	7.00PM & 9.30PM	6.00PM		7.30PM	6.30PM	6.30PM	7.00PM & 9.30PM	7.00PM & 9.30PM	6.00PM
Snow White	Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre	10		7.00PM	7.00PM	8.00PM	8.00PM	5.00PM														
Verses	On tour throughout regional Auckland	50									7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	5.00PM			7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	5.00PM
Ngā Manu Rōreka	Spiegeltent, Aotea Square	51													11.00AM & 2.00PM							
Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus	Bruce Mason Centre	16											10.30AM	10.30AM & 12.30PM	10.30AM & 12.30PM							
@Peace and the Plutonian Noise Symphony	Spiegeltent, Aotea Square	45																	9.30PM			
Aldous Harding • Weyes Blood • Purple Pilgrims	Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall	44					7.30PM															
Amanda Palmer – There Will Be No Intermission	Hollywood Avondale	40			7.00PM	7.00PM																
An Evening with Pat Metheny	Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall	47	8.00PM																			
Beethoven 250 – Concerts	Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall	38												The Classicist 7.30PM			The Romantic 7.30PM		The Revolutionary 7.30PM			The Radical 5.00PM
Beethoven 250 – Beethoven's Big Birthday Bash	Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall	39						2.30PM														
Beethoven 250 – Ludwig Reflected	Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall	39														6.00PM		6.00PM		6.00PM		
Clarion: Music by Eve de Castro-Robinson	Spiegeltent, Aotea Square	43							7.00PM													
Eight Songs for a Mad King	Ellen Melville Centre	42		8.30PM		8.30PM	8.30PM		8.30PM	8.30PM		8.30PM										
Estère – Into the Belly of Capricorn	Spiegeltent, Aotea Square	41										9.30PM										
Ka Pō, Ka Waiata	Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall	22									6.00PM & 8.00PM											
Lagrime di San Pietro	Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall	36				7.30PM																
Soweto Gospel Choir: Freedom	Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre	46									8.00PM											
TIRA	Aotea Square	20		6.00PM																		
Babble	Mängere Arts Centre	35									7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	2.00PM & 7.00PM						7.00PM	7.00PM	
Black Lover	Loft, Q Theatre	34	7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	4.00PM		7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	4.00PM		7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	7.00PM	2.00PM & 7.00PM	4.00PM
Black Ties	Waitākere Room, Aotea Centre	14		7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	2.30PM & 7.30PM	6.00PM														
Cold Blood	ASB Waterfront Theatre	24		8.00PM	8.00PM	8.00PM	8.00PM															
Dimanche	ASB Waterfront Theatre	26									8.00PM	8.00PM	8.00PM	8.00PM	4.00PM							
Mouthpiece	Rangatira, Q Theatre	30										7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	2.00PM	7.30PM		7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	3.00PM & 7.30PM	
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Chromointerference	Aotea Centre Wrap, Aotea Square	67		Opens WED 11 MAR							_							0.001 W	0.001 101	0.001 W	0.001 M	Ends SUN 29 MAR
	Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki	64	Opens SAT 22 FEB	WED 11 MAR																		SUN 29 MAR Ends SUN 7 JUN
Honestly Speaking: The Word, the Body and the Internet			SAT 22 FEB	Opens WED 11 MAR																		Ends
I Extend My Arms	Digital Stage, Aotea Square	66	Opens	WED 11 MAR								Te Oro o Te Wähine Mäori 7.00PM							Rongo² 7.00PM			SUN 29 MAR Ends SAT 16 MAY
Otairongo	Artspace Aotearoa	58	Opens FRI 6 MAR Opens									Māori 7.00PM							7.00PM			SAT 16 MAY Ends SAT 2 MAY
Queer Algorithms	Gus Fisher Gallery	65	Opens SAT 15 FEB Opens																			
Safe as Houses	Vunilagi Vou	61	Opens TUE 3 MAR Opens											Creative Wänanga	Creative Wānanga							Ends SAT 4 APR Ends
Speaking Surfaces	ST PAUL St Gallery	63	Opens FRI 21 FEB Opens											Creative Wānanga 10.00AM - 5.00PM	Creative Wānanga 10.00AM - 5.00PM							Ends SAT 16 MAY Ends
Split Level View Finder	Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery	62	Opens SAT 7 MAR							Baby Mutants					The Curry House Kid		Culture Vulture					Ends SUN 31 MAY
Talks / The Curry House Kid	Spiegeltent, Aotea Square / Academy Cinemas	56			Opens					Baby Mutants 5.30PM			Music Performance		The Curry House Kid + Dark Magic 2.00PM		Culture Vulture 5.30PM					Ends
Transmission	Objectspace	60			Opens THU 12 MAR								Music Performance 7.00PM									Ends SUN 3 MAY



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- 1 Academy Cinemas 44 Lorne Street
- Aotea Centre (Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre & Waitākere Room) 50 Mayoral Drive
- Aotea Square (Aotea Centre Wrap & Digital Stage) 291–297 Queen St
- Artspace Aotearoa 292 Karangahape Road (from March 2020)
- ASB Waterfront Theatre 138 Halsey Street
- 6 Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki Corner Kitchener & Wellesley Streets
- Auckland Town Hall (Great Hall & Concert Chamber) 301 Queen Street
- 8 AVANI Auckland Metropolis Residences 40 Kitchener Street



- Ellen Melville Centre 2 Freyberg Place
- Ous Fisher Gallery 74 Shortland Street
- Objectspace <sup>1</sup>3 Rose Road, Grey Lynn
- Q Theatre (Rangatira & Loft) よ グ 305 Queen Street
- Spiegeltent (Aotea Square) 291–297 Queen St
- ST PAUL St Gallery, AUT Level 1, WM Building, 40 Paul Street
- Auckland Domain (Upper Field) Park Road, Grafton
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- 2 Barnett Hall, Piha 2 North Piha Road, Piha
- Bruce Mason Centre よ グ 1 The Promenade, Takapuna Beach
- Helensville War Memorial Hall 2 Porter Crescent, Helensville
- Hollywood Avondale 20 St Georges Road, Avondale
- 6 Mängere Arts Centre Ngä Tohu o Uenuku Corner Bader Drive and Orly Avenue, Mängere
- Mängere War Memorial Hall 23 Domain Road, Mängere Bridge
- 8 Orewa Community Centre 40–46 Orewa Square, Orewa

- 9 Te Oro, Glen Innes 98 Line Road, Glen Innes
- Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery 420 Titirangi Road, Titirangi
- The Pumphouse Theatre, Takapuna 2A Manurere Ave, Takapuna
- Vunilagi Vou 4/256 Great South Road, Ōtāhuhu
- Waiuku Memorial Town Hall Queen Street and Victoria Avenue, Waiuku
- Warkworth Town Hall 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth
- Zeal West, Henderson 20 Alderman Drive, Henderson

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The Festival reflects our contemporary, cosmopolitan city with its many communities. It challenges artists and audiences to be bold and take a risk. Through the work of artists of Aotearoa and across the world, we aim to unify, enlighten and inspire the people of Auckland / Tāmaki Makaurau and our many visitors.

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