

# FESTIVAL OF WORDS

TŪRAMATIA NGĀ KUPU O TE NGĀKAU  
29 JULY – 1 AUGUST 2021

| Puke Ariki |

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**Kia ora!**

**Nau mai, haere mai!**

## **Welcome to Festival of Words 2021**

Literature comes to life in New Plymouth this winter with a fabulous four day programme that will entertain, inspire and educate.

From Thursday 29 July to Sunday 1 August we're bringing you performances and conversations with some of Aotearoa's biggest names in the literary arts.

We're welcoming Witi Ihimaera for an evening of spoken word and a celebration of a career that spans half a century. Tom Sainsbury will be entertaining us with a compilation of his favourite Kiwi archetypes and Dame Fiona Kidman will be providing words, wit and wisdom over high tea.

And that's just for starters, there's so much more packed within these pages.

We invite you to come along and enjoy all that our Festival has to offer, explore Puke Ariki, and spread the word.

See you soon,

The Puke Ariki Festival of Words Team

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# Bringing literature to life this winter!



## BOOKING INFORMATION

We have a mix of paid ticketed, free ticketed, and open (no bookings required) events. Bookings for paid ticketed and free ticketed events can be made online at [PukeAriki.com/FOW](http://PukeAriki.com/FOW) or at the New Plymouth i-SITE.

**Conditions:** Information in this programme is correct at time of print. Puke Ariki reserves the right to alter without notice any advertised schedule of performers, events or programmes.

All ticketed events are subject to availability. Tickets are non-transferable between events and there will be no refunds or exchanges. For paid ticketed events, additional fees may apply. If a paid ticketed event is cancelled, then the ticket price will be refunded by i-TICKET. All other fees and charges are non-refundable. For free ticketed events, individuals not checked-in by staff five minutes after event start time are considered a 'No Show' and your space will be reallocated.

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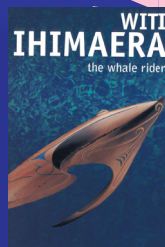
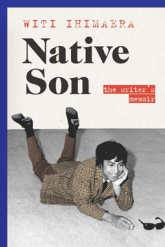
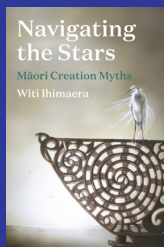
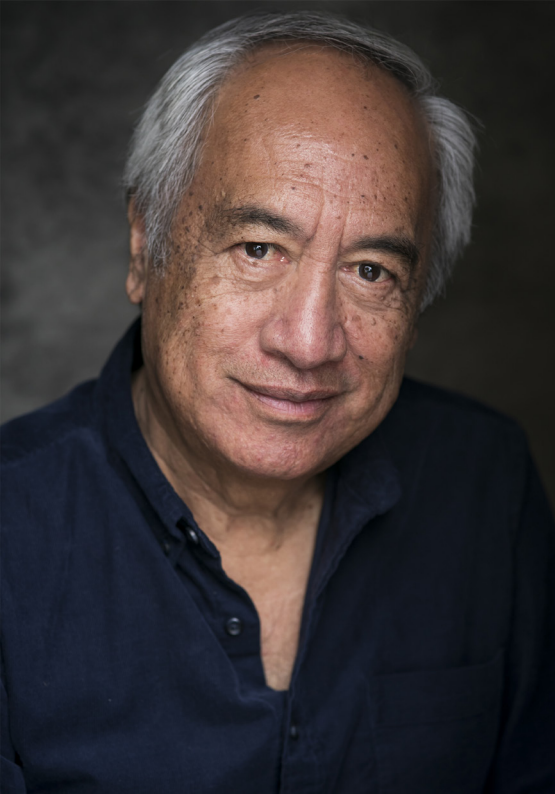
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## An Evening with Witi Ihimaera and Kingsley Spargo

Nearly 50 years ago the first collection of short stories by a Māori writer was published. In a landmark occasion for New Zealand literature, *Pounamu Pounamu* launched the career of writer Witi Ihimaera and paved the way for an impressive bibliography of more than 40 titles including *The Whale Rider*, and his two-volume biography *Māori Boy* and *Native Son*.

Ihimaera's accolades continue throughout his career, including being the recipient of the Te Tohu Tiketike a te Waka Toi Supreme Award, Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit and the Queen's Service Medal.

Join Witi, accompanied by sound artist Kingsley Spargo, for an evening of melodies and spoken word, and a celebration of a career that spans half a century.

This event has a cash bar and books available to purchase.

**Event information:** Tickets \$15, purchase via [PukeAriki.com/FOW](http://PukeAriki.com/FOW) or at the New Plymouth i-SITE

**When:** Thursday 29 July  
6.30pm – 8pm

**Where:** Puke Ariki Museum, 65 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth





## Tom Sainsbury - New Zealanders: The Field Guide

Comedian Tom Sainsbury is known for his outstanding and hilarious ability to mimic celebrities and public figures.

Join Tom as he talks about his book *New Zealanders: A Field Guide*, a compilation of his favourite Kiwi archetypes that habitual people-watchers will know and recognise.

This event has a cash bar and books available to purchase. .

**Event information:** Tickets \$15, purchase via [PukeAriki.com/FOW](http://PukeAriki.com/FOW) or at the New Plymouth i-SITE

**When:** Saturday 31 July  
7.30pm - 8.30pm

**Where:** Puke Ariki Museum, 65 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth

## High Tea with Dame Fiona Kidman

Enjoy a morning of words, wit and wisdom, alongside one of New Zealand's most celebrated writers, Dame Fiona Kidman.

Her writing explores feminist self-discovery and social validation. Her fiction depicts New Zealand women, both contemporary and historical, as rebellious heroines who resist the social values that threaten to engulf them. Event sponsored by Bolinda.

**Event information:** Tickets \$20\*, purchase via [PukeAriki.com/FOW](http://PukeAriki.com/FOW) or at the New Plymouth i-SITE.

**When:** Sunday 1 August  
10.30am - midday

**Where:** Empire Tea & Coffee, 112 Devon Street West, New Plymouth

\* Tickets include the cost of food and drink.





### **The Art of Book Making – Children's Workshop**

**30 July, 3:30pm – 4:30pm.**

No story is left untold! Make simple books for writing your own story.

**Ages 8+. Free ticketed event.**

**Ōākura Library, 16 Donnelly Street, Ōākura.**



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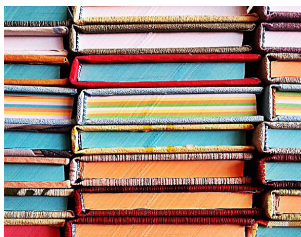
### **The Art of Book Making – Adults' Workshop**

**30 July, 6pm – 7pm.**

Combine the power of words with creativity by handcrafting your own book.

**Ages 18+. Free ticketed event.**

**Ōākura Library, 16 Donnelly Street, Ōākura.**



### **Words out Loud**

**31 July, 10am – 1pm.**

Everyone has a tale to tell and we're putting traditional and not-so-traditional storytellers in the spotlight for a series of pop-up sessions.

**Open event.**

**Community Lounge, Puke Ariki Library, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



### **Poetry and Prose with Apirana Taylor**

**30 July, 6pm – 7pm.**

Join us to hear readings from one of Aotearoa's masters of poetry and prose.

This event has a cash bar.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Puke Ariki Museum, 65 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth.**



### **Towards the Mountain**

**31 July, 11am – midday.**

More than 40 years on from the Mount Erebus disaster, author Sarah Myles is interviewed by Ray Shipley about her experiences piecing together the stories of her grandfather and the people who helped bring him home.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Cinema, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth.**



## Poi Making

**31 July, 10.30am – midday.**

In this whanau friendly workshop, hear the stories behind this traditional art form and create poi to take home. .

**Open event.**

**Waitara Library and Service Centre, 15 Queen Street, Waitara.**



## The History of Moturoa: Part One

**31 July, 1pm – 2pm.**

Explore the unfolding history of Moturoa with authors Don and Noel Harris.

**Open event.**

**Taranaki Research Centre, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



## Words out Loud

**31 July, 1pm – 2pm.**

Everyone has a tale to tell and we're putting traditional and not-so-traditional storytellers in the spotlight for a series of pop-up sessions.

**Open event.**

**Poppies New Plymouth, 7 King Street, New Plymouth.**



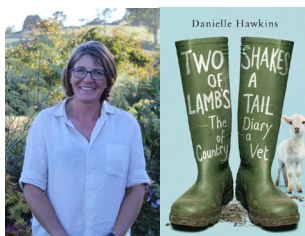
## In Conversation with Deborah Challinor

**31 July, 1pm – 2pm.**

Praised for her ability to challenge readers' romantic views of days past, the best-selling author will discuss working at the intersection of fact and fiction.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Learning Centre, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth.**



## Two Shakes of a Lamb's Tail

**31 July, 1pm – 2pm.**

Danielle Hawkins writes about what she knows, so it's no surprise the Otorohanga vet's novels are set to the backdrop of the countryside. Hear how she draws inspiration from Kiwi country life.

**Open event.**

**Inglewood Library and Service Centre, 46 Rata Street, Inglewood.**



## Wordcraft Workshop with Denis Wright

**31 July, 12.30pm – 2.30pm.**

When you've been teaching teenagers for as long as Denis Wright, writing for them is almost second-nature. Denis will teach the art and skill of writing and story.

**Ages 13-18. Free ticketed event.**

**Education Room, Puke Ariki Museum, 65 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth.**



## Drawing Outside the Lines - For Adults

**31 July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm.**

With 20 years' experience here and overseas, join Craig Phillips for a discussion on the art of illustration and how he brings his work to life.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Cinema, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth.**



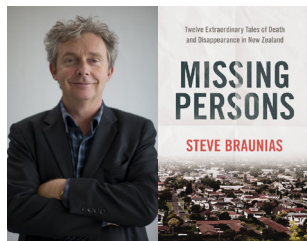
## Writing That Packs a Punch(line)

**31 July, 3pm - 4.30pm.**

In this comedy workshop, Christchurch Poetry Slam Champion, Ray Shipley will give you tips and tricks for perfecting your quips and skits.

**Ages 13-19. Free ticketed event.**

**Education Room, Puke Ariki Museum, 65 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth.**



## Missing Persons

**31 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm.**

Join journalist Steve Braunias in a discussion about his book *Missing Persons*, and delve into the dark underbelly of New Zealand's most notorious disappearances.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Cinema, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth.**



## Words out Loud

**1 August, 10am - midday.**

Everyone has a tale to tell and we're putting traditional and not-so-traditional storytellers in the spotlight for a series of pop-up sessions.

**Open event.**

**Community Lounge, Puke Ariki Library, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



## The History of Moturoa: Part Two

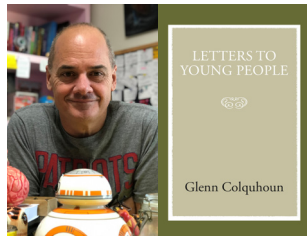
**1 August, 10.30am - midday.**

Explore the unfolding history of Moturoa. Part one of this kōrero is on 31 July.

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**Open event.**

**Taranaki Research Centre, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



## Pen to Paper - Adults Workshop

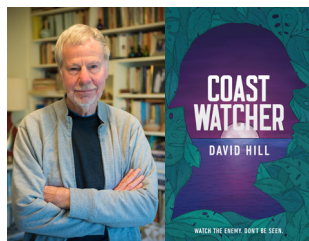
**1 August, 10.30am - 1.30pm.**

Bring along your poetic works and be guided by acclaimed doctor, poet and writer Glenn Colquhoun.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Education Room, Puke Ariki Museum, 65 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth.**





## **"Anyone Can Write for Kids"**

**1 August, 11am – midday.**

Known for his award-winning body of work for young people, David will discuss his publications and a career that spans more than three decades and 40 titles.

**Open event.**

**Discover it! Puke Ariki Library, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



## **Seven Stories from the Sea Chest**

**1 August, 2pm – 3pm.**

The words on the page are often only half the story. Journey through time and explore seven 19th century stories safely stowed away in Puke Ariki's Research Centre.

**Open event.**

**Taranaki Research Centre, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



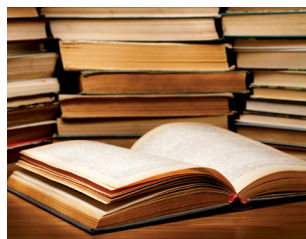
## **A Richer You**

**1 August, 1.30pm – 2.30pm.**

Mary Holm's no-nonsense approach to money has gained her a reputation as New Zealand's most trusted money expert. Event sponsored by Poppies Bookstore.

**Free ticketed event.**

**Learning Centre, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth.**



## **Self-Publishing 102**

**1 August, 3pm – 4pm.**

We're putting industry experts under the microscope to hear about what libraries look for in a book, the documentation and distribution process and how to get your books sold.

**Open event.**

**Community Lounge, Puke Ariki Library, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



## **Self-Publishing 101**

**1 August, 1pm – 2pm.**

We're shining the light on local self-published authors from various genres to hear their tips on how to get published.

**Open event.**

**Community Lounge, Puke Ariki Library, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth.**



## **The Art of Book Making – Adults' Workshop**

**1 August, 3.30pm – 4.30pm.**

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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a red dress and large, ornate jewelry, is smiling and looking upwards. She is the central figure of the poster.

# RIGHT ROYAL CABARET FEST

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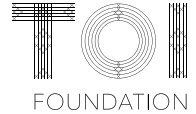
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# Welcome

TAFT has been presenting festivals to our audiences for 30 years, since our very first arts festival way back in 1991, we are proud to have brought world-class performers and shows to Taranaki to entertain you all.

2021 **Right Royal Cabaret Fest** is no different. This festival, also presented in 2012 and 2018, has grown in popularity, and we are excited to host some of the leading cabaret artists that call Aotearoa home.



The festival is four nights, packed with performances that highlight the allure, the glamour, and the thrill of live cabaret. We want to turn up the heat in Taranaki, banish the winter blues and give you a cabaret festival like no other! With quirky comedy, awe-inspiring circus theatre, and memorable musical shows, this festival is soup for the soul with a flavour for everyone.

TAFT would like to acknowledge and thank festival partners, patrons and sponsors as, without your support, we wouldn't be able to deliver or present the calibre of performances we bring to the region. Thank you for helping us bring Taranaki more alive with the arts than ever.

**Charles Wilkinson**, TAFT Board of Trustees Chair

**Suzanne Porter**, TAFT Chief Executive

# Contact us







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# Festival Team

## *Trustees*

Charles Wilkinson (Chair), Marie Pearce, Glenn Brebner, Katie Wolfe, Chris Lynch, Hayden Wano

## *Festival Team*

- Chief Executive.....Suzanne Porter
- Artistic Directors.....Emere Wano/ Megan Brown
- Festival Director.....Megan Brown
- Marketing Manager.....Rebecca Johnson
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Cover: Piaf: The Legend, see page 8

# Welcome to the Cabaret!

*What good is sitting alone in your room?*



*Come hear the music play.*

*Life is a cabaret, old chum,*

*Come to the **cabaret!***

*Put down the knitting, the book and the broom.*

*It's time for a holiday.*

*Life is a cabaret, old chum,*



*Come to the **cabaret!***

The first verse of *Cabaret*, the title song of the 1966 musical of the same name, sung by cabaret queen Liza Minnelli is the **Right Royal Cabaret Fest** rally cry!

Why hibernate under the covers this winter when we've created four incredible nights packed with performances to turn up the heat and banish the winter blues.

The **Right Royal Cabaret Fest** is like no other. Make your way inside the Theatre Royal, the lights dim, and the show begins.

**Piaf: The Legend** will fill the theatre with iconic torch ballads about love, loss and sorrow, songs brought back to life by modern-day chanteuse Mandy Meadows.

Award-winning comedian **Chris Parker** brings his quirky comedy and infamous DAISO Japan felting kit to town for *How I Felt*, leaving you in stitches.

Book a sitter on Saturday and leave the kids at home for the fiercely funny, very adults-only **Femme Natale**, not a fairy tale about parenthood, a right on the G-spot slick skit-based show about surviving and thriving life's toughest gig.

**HAUS of YOLO** is an exhilarating, visually stunning cabaret circus experiment, premiering for the first time at an arts festival, featuring splashes of fashion and a great party soundtrack—a stage spectacular not to miss.

Turn the pages of the programme. **The Festival of Words** runs alongside **Right Royal Cabaret Fest** with more live shows and events for you to enjoy over the dual festival programme.

New Plymouth will be thriving with entertainment, cabaret, hilarious comedy, readers' and writers' workshops, musical theatre, dancing, wining, dining, and joie de vivre.

It's time to plan your holiday. The four-day festivals are just around the corner, and winter just got warmer!

## Enriching your social feeds



@TaranakiArtsFestival



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## Be part of the Arts

Like it, love it or leave it we want your feedback, our survey opens 30th July  
[www.rightroyal.co.nz](http://www.rightroyal.co.nz)

## The Festival of Words

Book Festival of Words events at:  
**[PukeAriki.com/FOW](http://PukeAriki.com/FOW)**

# How To Book

## General Admission

If the phrase “General Admission” (GA) is used, specific seats are not allocated. Tickets are issued according to the venue capacity and patrons select their own seats after admission to the venue. Seating is on a ‘first come, first served’ basis so we recommend you arrive early.

## Phone Bookings

Phone bookings can only be accepted with credit card payments. Phone bookings can be done through Ticketek on **0800 842 538** or **(04) 384 3840** for mobiles Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. Service and credit card fees apply.

## Online Bookings

Visit **[www.rightroyal.co.nz](http://www.rightroyal.co.nz)** select the show you wish to attend and click on the ‘BUY TICKETS’ link to make your online booking. Bookings can also be made through the Ticketek website at **[www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz)**. Service and credit card fees apply.

## Counter Sales

Bookings can be made through Ticketek outlets nationwide including:

### TSB Showplace

92-100 Devon Street West,  
New Plymouth. Service and credit card fees apply.

The New Plymouth box office is open  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

### Stratford i-SITE

54 Miranda Street, Stratford.  
Ph 06 765 6708. Service and credit card fees apply.

The Stratford i-SITE is open Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am-3pm.

### South Taranaki i-SITE

55 High St, Hawera. Ph 06 278 8599.  
Service and credit card fees apply.

The South Taranaki i-SITE is open  
Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am-3pm.

# Pay It Forward

## Keep Arts Thriving

The Taranaki Arts Festival Trust believes we have a responsibility to give as many school children as we can access to performing arts. Exposure to arts and culture has many positive effects on the community’s wellbeing and the future of our next generation.

Over the last 30 years, our **Schools Programme** has given thousands of school children the opportunity to experience the arts who may not otherwise be able to.

### Pay It Forward, Keep Arts

**Thriving** invites you to purchase a ticket that will create an opportunity for a Taranaki school child to experience a live performing art show right here in our community.

Your \$5 donation goes a long way to ensure that Arts Thrive Here for the next 30 years.

Visit **[www.rightroyal.co.nz](http://www.rightroyal.co.nz)** for more information.

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We are proud to support our community and continue our support of TAFT and the 2021 Right Royal Cabaret Festival.

We are delighted to be a part of this festival and to support the very hardworking people at TAFT who deliver these events.

These events are helping to reignite the vibrancy of our community after a year or so of lockdowns, postponements and cancellations.

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“...you can’t deny Meadows’ vocal talents and the way she breathes life and vitality into these classic songs. I believe the show is going on tour later this year, so if it rolls into your town prepare yourself for a smart and stylish night, all borne on the breath of a seriously talented singer.”

— *LondonCityNights.com, David James*

# PIAF: THE LEGEND

***Piaf: The Legend* is not another tribute; this is a celebration and reflection on Edith Piaf’s extraordinary view on love, tragedy, and joie de vivre.**

Edith Piaf was more than merely a singer, she survived the death of her daughter at two, the murder of her mentor, the fatal plane crash of her married lover, and the overdose of her mother.

Who was this 4ft 8in circus-born waif? How did she save the lives of hundreds of prisoners of war? What can we learn from the short life of one of the most iconic figures in French music history?

International singer Mandy Meadows returns to New Zealand to present *Piaf: The Legend*, established in 2018. Since its inception, every show has sold out, gaining rapturous reviews.

Don your finest Breton shirt and twist your tiny moustache in preparation for the classiest, funniest, tear-jerkiest evening in town.



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## WHEN

Thursday 29 July, 6pm

## WHERE

Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace

## DURATION

75 mins, no interval

## ADMISSION

\$55.00 Premium (cabaret table seating)

\$45.00 A Reserve

Service fees apply





# IT'S MY PARTY THE BEATGIRLS

**The BeatGirls bring their 25th birthday party to Taranaki, and it's your party too!**

Showcasing the best from their repertoire, NZ's favourite girl group will sing and dance up a storm and take you on a journey through the years with plenty of humour and sassy choreography to compliment hit songs from the 60s, 70s, 80s, right through to today.

Stories and wry observations are woven together with songs, telling a tale of this iconic Kiwi trio, once described as 'adrenaline on high heels', who have reached a quarter of a century and remain at the top of their game.

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## **WHEN**

Thursday 29 July, 9pm

## **WHERE**

Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace

## **DURATION**

90 mins, with interval

## **ADMISSION**

\$55.00 Premium (cabaret table seating)

\$45.00 A Reserve

Service fees apply

★★★★★

— *NZ Herald*



# HOW I FELT CHRIS PARKER

## AROUND TARANAKI ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Chris began to share his felting journey on his Instagram during the first six-week lockdown. What resulted was something quite unprecedented. If you followed Chris's felting journeys, this is the show for you. If not, this still is the show for you.

*Service fees apply*



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### **WHEN**

Friday 30 July, 7pm

### **WHERE**

Kakaramea Hall, South Road,  
Alton, Taranaki

### **DURATION**

90 mins, with interval

### **ADMISSION**

\$45.00 GA

*Service fees apply*



“A non-negotiable must-see”

— Stuff.co.nz



— NZ Herald



# HOW I FELT CHRIS PARKER

***How I Felt* is New Zealand's, and dare we say it, the world's very first live comedy felting show.**

Join award-winning comedian Chris Parker for a night of cathartic, hilarious storytelling about the things that make us all stressed and anxious. Watch in awe as he seamlessly and simultaneously completes the mindful, calming activity of completing an entire \$3 DAISO Japan felting kit in front of your very eyes while delivering his iconic camp humour.

Chris understandably was a little stressed during the first 6-week lockdown, but instead of fleeing to the supermarket or alcohol shop to grab supplies and drown his feelings away, Chris bought little felt craft kits for \$3.

Chris began to share his felting journey on his Instagram Stories. What resulted was something quite unprecedented. If you followed Chris's felting journeys on Instagram during lockdown, this is the show for you. If not, this still is the show for you.



## WHEN

Friday 30 July, 6pm

## WHERE

Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace

## DURATION

60 mins, no interval

## ADMISSION

\$55.00 Premium (cabaret table seating)

\$45.00 A Reserve

Service fees apply



# LES FEMMES

“I’ve been unable to shake their jaunty, 50s take on When I Grow Up by The Pussycat Dolls, and it was just one of dozens of ingenious reimagining’s. With stunning vocals and camp wit, combined with a live band, the three Missuses kept the essence of each song but introduced their own swinging, showgirl style” — NZ Herald Reviewer, Ethan Sills

**Singing drag cabaret sensation Les Femmes offers a fresh take on everyone’s favourite girl groups hits, from The Supremes to The Spice Girls, through to The Pussycat Dolls and All Saints, and everywhere in between.**

With stunning vocals and camp wit, Miss Manage, Miss Givings and Miss Demeanour promise a night of sensational tunes, legs for days and hilarious banter that will ensure the entire audience is trembling with laughter.

Their debut self-titled show, *Les Femmes*, will take you through a decades-spanning girl groups catalogue of hits accompanied by their seven-piece band.

**Content warning:** Adult humour, self-deprecation and lashings of innuendo guaranteed.



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## WHEN

Friday 30 July, 9pm

## WHERE

Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace

## DURATION

90 mins, no interval

## ADMISSION

\$55.00 Premium (cabaret table seating)

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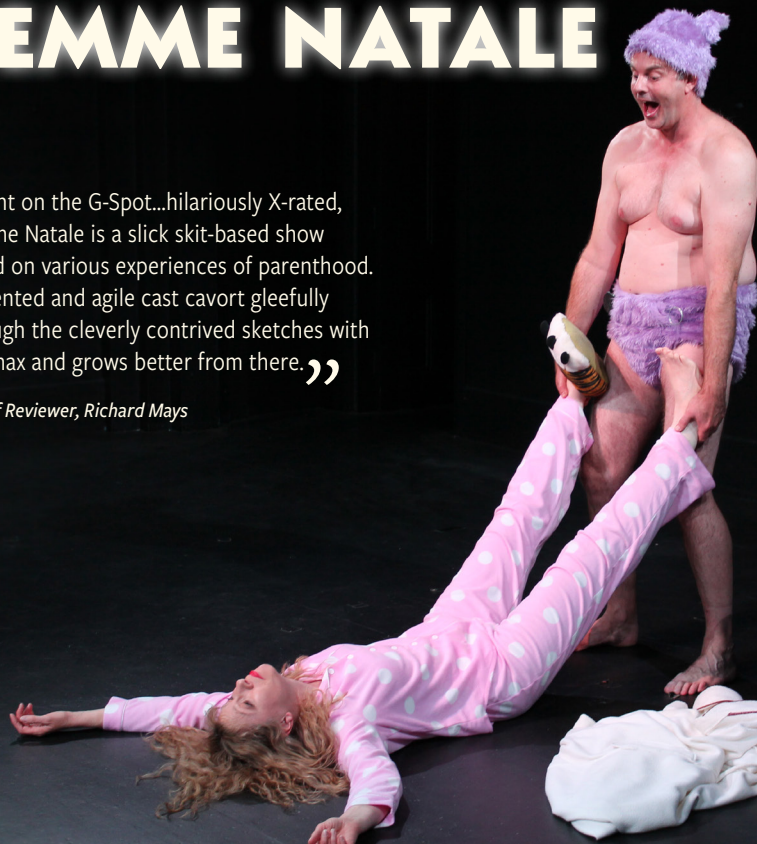
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# FEMME NATALE

“Right on the G-Spot...hilariously X-rated, *Femme Natale* is a slick skit-based show based on various experiences of parenthood. A talented and agile cast cavort gleefully through the cleverly contrived sketches with a climax and grows better from there.”

— *Stuff* Reviewer, Richard Mays



Fresh from selling out shows all around New Zealand, *Femme Natale* is gearing up to bring laughs to town for one night only.

*Femme Natale* is a hilariously truthful, adults-only, unapologetically comic peek into the world of parenting, what comes before, during and after told through a rambunctious mix of original songs, sketches, and stand-up comedy.

It's time to celebrate surviving and thriving in the toughest job you'll ever do, even if it's just a brief out-of-character episode.

*Femme Natale* is a fiercely funny reminder that there is something wholly selfless about becoming a parent.

**Content warning:** Adults only, contains coarse language, sexual references.

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## WHEN

Saturday 31 July, 6pm

## WHERE

Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace

## DURATION

60 mins, no interval

## ADMISSION

\$55.00 Premium (cabaret table seating)

\$45.00 A Reserve

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“What a spectacular show! I loved the way they actually created their costumes on stage - the perfectly fitting ones only made real by the hilariously imperfect ones. Splashes of fashion in amongst acrobatics, aerials and some truly hair-raising body balancing duets all accompanied by a great party soundtrack.”

— Nick Von K, jewellery designer and sculptor

# HAUS OF YOLO

by The Dust Palace

**Prepare to delve deep into the inner sanctum of fashion label “HAUS of YOLO” in an exhilarating experiment in circus and rapid-fire on-stage costuming making.**

Welt Couture and the Sexy Love Puppet circus artistes welcome you to enter and become part of the pseudo choreographed chaos-orgy of the YOLO sewing room. A visually stunning cabaret of fashion and art, desperately trying to mean something.

Who will get creative control? Will the costumes be complete before the act goes on? Will they stay in one piece?

Welt Couture takes you to the sensuous side of fashion, balancing the dark arts and modern middle-class slavery.

**Content warning:** coarse language, nudity, strobe and smoke effects.

## WHEN

Saturday 31 July, 9pm  
Sunday 1 August, 5pm

## WHERE

Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace

## DURATION

60 mins, no interval

## ADMISSION

\$55.00 Premium (cabaret table seating)

\$45.00 A Reserve

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# WALLACE AND NED



## Schools Programme

With the support of the TOI Foundation, **Right Royal Cabaret Fest** offers students throughout Taranaki the opportunity to experience an exciting new show from circus theatre company The Dust Palace: *Wallace and Ned*.

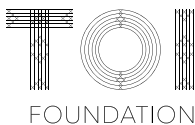
*Wallace and Ned* is a mad cap adventure—filled with fun, silliness and circus!

Two bumbling and down-on-their-luck thieves concoct a ludicrous plan to sneak into the travelling circus to steal the very valuable, very rare golden pants of the famous Russian superstar Yuri Gorbachev!

Will they be successful in their deceitful endeavour? Or will the local policeman Dirk Dunlop catch them red handed?

If you are interested in finding out more about the Schools Programme, please contact our Festival Manager: [meganb@taft.co.nz](mailto:meganb@taft.co.nz)

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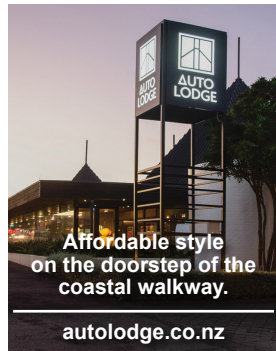
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# PLANNER

## Thursday 29 July

Event / Show	When	Venue	Pg.
Piaf: The Legend	6pm, Thur 29 Jul		8
An Evening with Witi Ihimaera and Kingsley Spargo	6.30pm-8pm, Thur 29 Jul		i
It's My Party: The BeatGirls	9pm, Thur 29 Jul		9
How I Felt: Chris Parker (Ōakura)	7pm, Thur 29 Jul		10

## Friday 30 July

Event / Show	When	Venue	Pg.
The Art of Book Making – Children's Workshop	3.30pm-4.30pm, Fri 30 Jul		iii
How I Felt: Chris Parker	6pm, Fri 30 Jul		12
It's My Party: The BeatGirls (Kakaramaea)	7pm, Fri 30 Jul		11
The Art of Book Making – Adults' Workshop	6pm-7pm, Fri 30 Jul		iii
Poetry and Prose with Apirana Taylor	6pm-7pm, Fri 30 Jul		iii
Les Femmes	9pm, Fri 30 Jul		13

## Saturday 31 July...

Event / Show	When	Venue	Pg.
The Art of Book Making – Children's Workshop	10am-11am, Sat 31 Jul		iii
Words out Loud	10am-1pm, Sat 31 Jul		iii
Poi Making	10.30am-midday, Sat 31 Jul		iv
Towards the Mountain	11am-midday, Sat 31 Jul		iii
Wordcraft Workshop with Denis Wright	12.30pm-2.30pm, Sat 31 Jul		iv
The History of Moturoa: Part One	1pm-2pm, Sat 31 Jul		iv

## Venues

TR

**Theatre Royal**  
TSB Showplace, 92-100  
Devon Street West,  
New Plymouth

K

**Kakaramaea Hall**  
South Road, Alton, Taranaki

CL

**Community Lounge, Puke  
Ariki Library** 1 Ariki Street,  
New Plymouth

E

**Empire Tea and Coffee**  
112 Devon St West,  
New Plymouth

C

**Cinema, Govett-Brewster  
Art Gallery** 42 Queen Street,  
New Plymouth

D

**Discover it! Puke Ariki  
Library** 1 Ariki Street,  
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ED

**Education Room, Puke  
Ariki Museum** 65 St Aubyn  
Street, New Plymouth








RO

**Regional Ōakura Hall**  
South Road, Ōakura, Taranaki

## ...Saturday 31 July

Event / Show	When	Venue	Pg.
 Words out Loud	1pm–2pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>PO</b>	iv
 In Conversation with Deborah Challinor	1pm–2pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>LC</b>	iv
 Two Shakes of a Lamb's Tail	1pm–2pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>IL</b>	iv
 Drawing Outside the Lines – For Adults	1.30pm–2.30pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>C</b>	v
 Writing That Packs a Punch(line)	3pm–4.30pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>ED</b>	v
 Missing Persons	3.30pm–4.30pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>C</b>	v
<b>RR</b> Femme Natale	6pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>TR</b>	14
 Tom Sainsbury – New Zealanders: The Field Guide	7.30pm–8.30pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>P</b>	ii
<b>RR</b> HAUS of YOLO	9pm, Sat 31 Jul	<b>TR</b>	15

## Sunday 1 August

Event / Show	When	Venue	Pg.
 Words out Loud	10am–midday, Sun 1 Aug	<b>CL</b>	v
 High Tea with Dame Fiona Kidman	10.30am–midday, Sun 1 Aug	<b>E</b>	ii
 The History of Moturoa: Part Two	10.30am–midday, Sun 1 Aug	<b>T</b>	v
 Pen to Paper – Adults Workshop	10.30am–1.30pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>ED</b>	v
 “Anyone Can Write for Kids”	11am–midday, Sun 1 Aug	<b>D</b>	vi
 A Richer You	1.30pm–2.30pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>LC</b>	vi
 Self-Publishing 101	1pm–2pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>CL</b>	vi
 Seven Stories from the Sea Chest	2pm–3pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>T</b>	vi
 Self-Publishing 102	3pm–4pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>CL</b>	vi
 The Art of Book Making – Adults’ Workshop	3.30pm–4.30pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>ED</b>	vi
<b>RR</b> HAUS of YOLO	5pm, Sun 1 Aug	<b>TR</b>	15

**IL** Inglewood Library and Service Centre, 46 Rata Street, Inglewood

**O** Ōakura Library  
16 Donnelly Street, Ōakura

**PO** Poppies New Plymouth  
7 King Street, New Plymouth

**W** Waitara Library and Service Centre 15 Queen Street, Waitara

**LC** Learning Centre, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth

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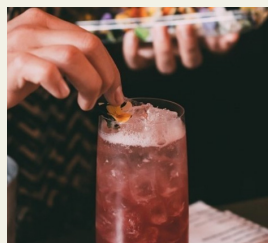
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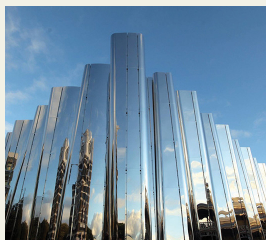


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## ART AND CULTURE

The magnificence of Taranaki Maunga has been a catalyst for creativity and storytelling and his influence is seen in many local art studios, galleries, and public art spaces. Discover the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre, an art museum that blends stunning architecture with contemporary art, and is home to the life works of pioneering filmmaker and kinectic sculptor, Len Lye. From the volcanic cone of Taranaki Maunga to the ancient pā sites that have marked the region's hilltops, it's hard not to get drawn into Taranaki's history, best told by one of

the region's many museums. For a deeper insight into the region's colourful past, ask about the historical guided walk at the Puke Ariki i-SITE, or head to Tawhiti Museum in Hāwera.

## GREAT WALKS

The legendary landscapes of Taranaki offers countless opportunities to explore the outdoors, from New Plymouth's Coastal Walkway to the Pouakai Crossing, Taranaki has a multitude of great walks for all fitness levels, that feature many hidden gems along the way.

## TARANAKI MUST DO'S

Locals suggest wandering through King Edward Park in Hāwera or award-winning Pukekura Park in New Plymouth's centre, climbing New Plymouth's Paritutu Rock, checking out Stratford's Glockenspiel Clock Tower, contemplating Len Lye's waterfront Wind Wand sculpture, cruising along the picturesque and laid-back Surf Highway 45, or discovering the vibrant street art throughout the region.

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