

RQP PRESENTS

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Showquest and Toi are opportunities for ākonga (students) across Aotearoa to develop their confidence & leadership skills, work collaboratively, build resilience, enhance wellbeing and express their creativity.

This programme is run by RQP, who have been active supporters of creative students since founding Smokefreerockquest in 1988. Showquest launched in 2018 and continues to develop and we're very excited to be heading into our sixth year!

RQP is committed to creating inclusive opportunities that offer students creative leadership in performing, dancing, music, editing, filming, choreographing, story writing, lighting design, costume design and more. We are passionate about recognising the needs of young people and creating events and opportunities tailored for their development.



Showquest - Student-led “mini-Broadway” shows

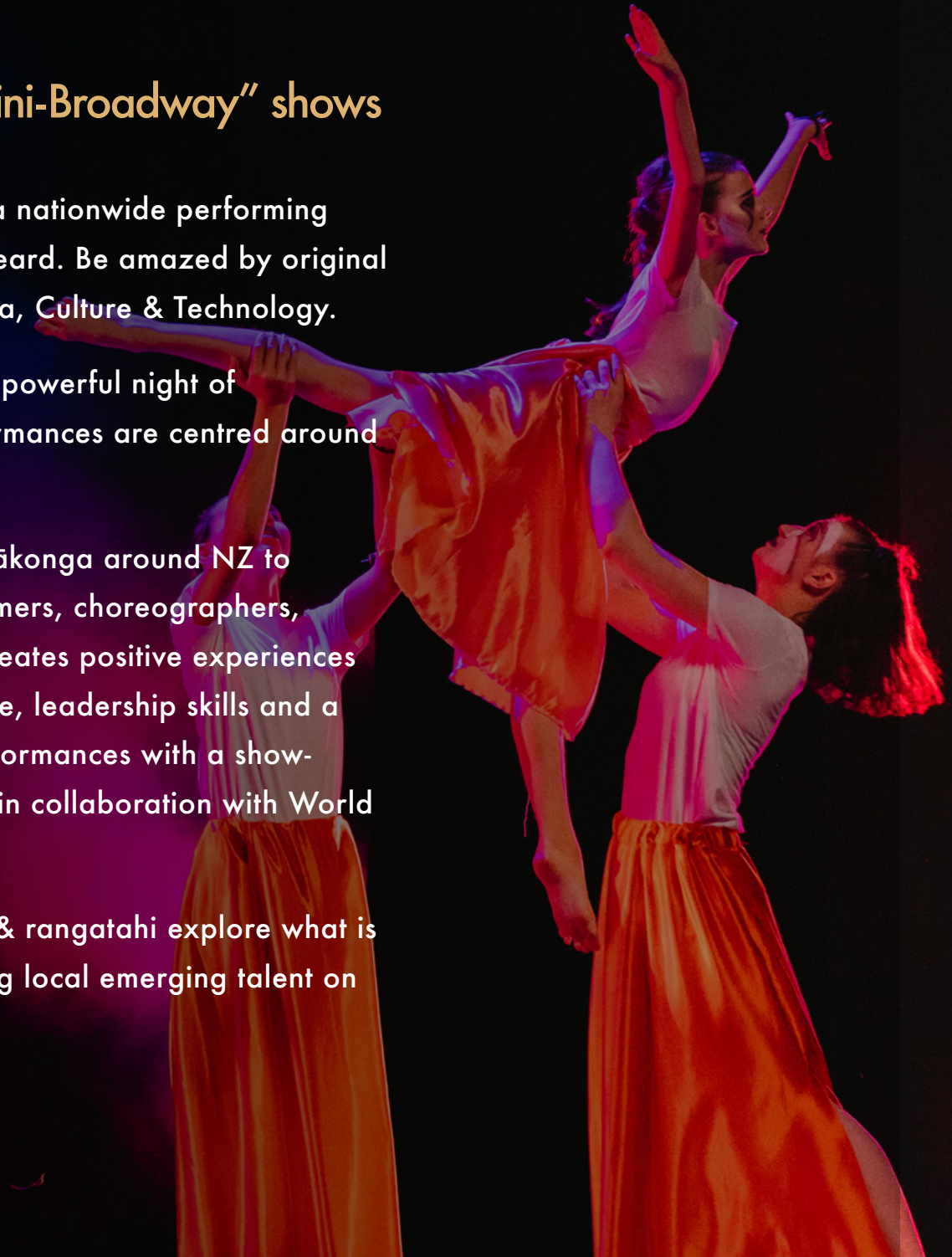
A night to celebrate our creative ākonga, Showquest is a nationwide performing arts competition and a platform for youth voices to be heard. Be amazed by original stage performances combining Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Culture & Technology.

Students design, produce and perform these stories in a powerful night of celebration and recognition from their community. Performances are centred around an issue chosen by and important to students.

Showquest’s goal is to create multiple opportunities for ākonga around NZ to be involved in a creative endeavour - whether as performers, choreographers, backstage crew, designers, musicians or dancers. This creates positive experiences for students from the ages of 5-18, developing confidence, leadership skills and a passion for the arts. Young designers will follow the performances with a show-stopping Toi wearable art showcase, which we produce in collaboration with World of WearableArt ‘WOW’.

Watch friendly inter-school rivalries heat up as tamariki & rangatahi explore what is important to them. Join friends and whānau in supporting local emerging talent on the big stage!

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Key Info

- Registrations OPEN NOW via our website!
- Final registration closes **March 10, 2023**
- Events in 12 regions around Aotearoa: Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Manawatū, Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland.
- Stage shows held at professional venues in each region: Aotea Centre (Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre), Claudelands Arena, Baypark - Trustpower Arena, Toitū Opera House, Regent on Broadway, TSB Showplace - Theatre Royal, Michael Fowler Centre, Trafalgar Centre, James Hay Theatre, Dunedin Town Hall and Civic Theatre.
- Events running from **May 8 - June 30, 2023** (full venue and date details on our website)
- \$10 per student entry fee
- Up to 100 students per school team (no minimum!)
- Two competing sections - Junior (Y1-8) and Senior (Y9-13) (Senior groups can have junior students participating)
- NCEA E-Book - We have created a free NCEA resource book that outlines ways Showquest can be integrated with NCEA standards in Music, Dance & Drama. This is a completely optional component - contact **events@showquest.nz** if you would like a copy.



Themes

Every school chooses a theme for their performance to be centred around. This can be lighthearted, serious, historical retellings or completely imaginative - most important is that the theme is chosen by and important to students. Note that themes and performance content must not infringe on copyright.

Themes seen onstage previously include the damages of fast fashion, celebrating notable NZ wāhine, Māori mythology around Papatūānuku, challenging gender norms, the history of Southland and recognising essential workers during Covid-19.

Our 2022 National Junior winner was **Rangikura School**. Their performance told of the migration of Pasifika to Porirua, New Zealand. Students celebrated their heritage through the stories of their grandparents and families and through the eyes of a child. The performance highlighted key moments of “hope” - in moving to a new country for a better life, “heartbreak” - in the Dawn Raids and racial discrimination, and finally, “celebration” - as Pasifika take their rightful place as accepted contributors to society.

Showquest's 2022 National Senior winner was **Epsom Girls' Grammar School**. Their performance was inspired by Frida Kahlo; with students looking beyond her painting into her life of duality. The performance features the key characters, Frida, her monkey companion, her husband and her younger sister. They introduce their piece with the crash and physical pain that sent Frida to make art as solace. Her husband Diego and sister are essential characters that supported her recovery but also caused her great pain by having a love affair that broke Frida's heart. In the final scenes, Frida fades away as she accepts her death and lastly we celebrate her incredible life and the artistic legacy she left us.

Click the school name links to watch these performances!

Performance Elements

Art

Costuming, hair and makeup, creative video content and props all contribute to developing your chosen theme. Have a look at the amazing costumes from **Whanganui High School** and **Birkdale Intermediate** 2022 Showquest performances.

Live Music

Stage performances can combine commercial, original and live music. We sort licensing on your behalf for the use of commercial music in your soundtrack. Our friends at Rockshop provide the Rockshop Music Pit with a basic backline for live musicians and mics for singers on stage. Incorporating live music is a great way to enhance your performance - **check out Logan Park's performance.**



Dance

We love to see creative, original choreography and movement. There are so many different styles of dance to choose from! If dancing isn't your thing, think about how you can add movement into your performance - martial arts, street dance, floorwork and large group movement. Take inspiration from **Knighton Normal School** (Junior) and **Macleans College** (Senior) and their fancy footwork!

Drama

Student actors and directors can work together to create a performance filled with drama and narrative. Performances need to have an original storyline, but could be inspired by historical events. Two handheld mics can be used onstage for narrators or actors. Check out this performance that tugs the heartstrings from **Northcross Intermediate**.



Culture

Aotearoa is lucky to have more ethnicities than there are countries in the world! We encourage you to display these beautiful cultures on stage through components such as a historical theme, traditional dress, language, mythology, music or movement. **Tai Wānanga's 2021** performance is a great place to be inspired.

Technology

We provide a LED video wall that sits at the back of the stage. Schools use this to enhance their performance, this could be student-created footage/videos, stock footage or simple colours/headings. Check out **Levin East School** (Junior) and **Kuranui College** (Senior)'s incredible LED content. All of our professional venues have performance lighting to enhance your performance, and 1-2 students per school will learn to operate your lighting rig on event day with our Lighting Directors.



TOI - Wearable Art Competition

Toi is run in collaboration with World of WearableArt (WOW) and is an opportunity for the next generation of textile artists and designers to get a taste for the WOW experience. Toi is te reo Māori for art, and our Toi platform challenges students to take art off the wall and put it on the human form.

Students work solo or in groups to create a fantastical wearable art garment. Students exhibit their creations at our Showquest regional events, where we have a Wearable Art showcase. Our team will take professional studio photos of your garment worn by a student model at the event, and our friends at World of WearableArt judge the garments nationally. If you cannot make it to an event, students can take their own photos to submit for national judging.

The 2023 competition will include design briefs created with WOW to encourage out of the box thinking and larger than life creations. These will be announced in early 2023, but there will be an Open category - so students can get started brainstorming!

If you are interested in entering Toi, please email events@showquest.nz and we'll send you the Toi Info Pack!





Get In Touch

If you have any questions, you can email us at **events@showquest.nz** or call (09) 845 1557 - we'd love to hear from you!

If you're wanting to register for 2023, head to **www.showquest.nz**.

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We look forward to meeting you!

