

# WAIROA MAORI FILM FESTIVAL

## TE TAURIMA WHAKAATA MAORI I TE WAIROA 2011

A CELEBRATION OF MAORI & INDIGENOUS FILM WORLDS IN WAIROA, AOTEAROA  
THEME 2011: "MAORI ROMANCE"

Festival Screening Pass is \$80  
\$120 All Inclusive with Marae Accommodation and All Meals  
Marae Accommodation is Thursday night to Monday noon  
Kahungunu Marae, Nuhaka

### THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2011: TAIHOA MARAE, WAIROA

#### 3 PM OFFICIAL FESTIVAL POWHIRI

3 PM (Powhiri) & 4 PM (Dinner) Venue: Taihoa Marae, Wairoa  
Join us at Taihoa Marae for the Official Festival Powhiri & Welcome Dinner.

#### Special Presentation:

**5 PM TRINITY ROOTS: MUSIC IS CHOICE** // Sarah Hunter NZ 2010 70 mins  
Sarah Hunter's music-filled documentary is a sharp and lively memento of the jazz-inflected reggae unit TrinityRoots. (Free Entry) (NB: Unconfirmed at time of printing)

#### 6.15 PM WAIROA MAORI FILM NIGHT

A selection of short films followed by feature film "Tracker" \$10 ticket, \$5 kids/kaumatua, tonight's presentation is a community fundraiser for Taihoa Marae Committee.

**MEMORIES OF MOKO** // Ben Cowper New Zealand 2011 3 mins  
Happy memories as Moko the dolphin plays in Gisborne river.

**TAKU RAKAU E** // Kararaina Rangihau (Tuhoe, Te Arawa) NZ 2010 15 mins Producer Merata Mita  
The song Taku Rakau E is said to have been written by the revered Tuhoe composer Mihikitekapua in 1873. This inspiring film captures the strength of Mihikitekapua's spirit.

**THE FIRST STAGE IS DISBELIEF** // Nathaniel Hinde New Zealand 2011 8 mins  
A young man dying of cancer returns home to break the news to his sister.

**THE WINTER BOY** // Rachel House New Zealand 2010 8 mins  
A mother questions whether her son will shine again. Starring "Rocky" from "Boy."

**EBONY SOCIETY** // Tammy Davis New Zealand 2010 15 mins  
One night out stealing, two boys learn a lesson. Directed by Tammy Davis ("Munter").

**KORO'S MEDAL** // James Barr New Zealand 2011 15 mins Writer Simon Paniora  
When Billy loses his grandfather's precious war medal, getting it back is the least of his worries.

**POI E** (Remix for "BOY") // 5 mins  
The classic 80s kapa haka breakdancing classic, updated to the 21st Century, Boy-styles.

**7.30 PM FEATURE FILM: TRACKER** // Ian Sharp UK/New Zealand 2011 102 mins  
An ex-Boer war guerrilla in New Zealand is sent out to bring back a Maori accused of killing a British soldier. Starring Temuera Morrison and Ray Winstone in this gripping Kiwi thriller.

**FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2011: KAHUNGUNU MARAE, NUHAKA**

**9.30 AM NUHAKA MIHI WHAKATAU**

Join us at Kahungunu Marae in Nuhaka for the mihi whakatau of our four day film festival.

**10 AM WAIROA MAORI FILM HUI**

Join us for our hui on the future of native culture and storytelling. Learn how to expose your audiences globally. Skype with film makers in Australia, Hawaii and Sweden. Learn how our stories and narratives can thrive and survive in the global marketplace. Invited guest for the day is esteemed Maori writer Witi Ihimaera, who has had two books made into films, "Whale Rider" and "Nights in the Gardens of Spain." (TBC)

10.00 am	Korero Mo Te Whare Tipuna "Kahungunu"
11.00 am	Presentation from NZ Film Commission
11.30 am	Presentation from Te Paepae Ataata Maori Film Fund
12.00 pm	Lunch
12.30 pm	Stream 1: Introduction to Film Making (Beginners)
12.30 pm	Stream 2: Maori Screenwriting Workshop (Experienced)
3.30 pm	Plenary Discussion
4.00 pm	Special Screening (See Below)

**4 PM AND THE RIVER FLOWS ONS** Carlos Perez Roja Mexico 2010 70 mins  
Indigenous communities south of Acapulco unify to protect their farms against the building of a hydroelectric dam.

**5.00 PM DINNER** (\$10 per person)

**Special Presentation:**

**6.00 PM MAORI ROMANCE: NUHAKA ARCHIVAL FILMS** (Free Entry)  
A selection of archival films about Nuhaka, including scenes from BROKEN BARRIER.

**6.15 PM MAORI ROMANCE: TE PO URIURI** // Toby Mills NZ 2001 10 mins (Free)  
Awatea, a young warrior, is enraged when his lover Te Po, a high-born chief's daughter, enters an arranged marriage. Retribution is swift and brutal. With Wi Kuki Kaa.

**6.30 PM MAORI ROMANCE: KAHU & MAIA** // Karen Sidney NZ 58 mins (Free)  
Maia (Vanessa Rare) is caught between past and present when Kahu (Cliff Curtis) threatens to come between her and her husband.

## **7.30 PM NUHAKA MAORI FILM NIGHT**

A selection of short films followed by feature film "Matariki" \$10 ticket, \$5 kids/kaumatua, fundraiser for Kahungunu Marae Committee. See above for full film synopses.

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**POI E** // (Remix for "BOY") 5 mins

*Intermission*

**8.30 PM FEATURE FILM: MATARIKI** // Michael Bennett New Zealand 2010 93 mins

Just as the stars of the Pleiades constellation come together to mark the Matariki – the Maori New Year and a time of new beginnings – so too do the five intersecting stories of Michael Bennett's first feature film merge into a fascinating portrait of a community.

## **SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2011: KAHUNGUNU MARAE, NUHAKA**

Today's film screenings are at Kahungunu Marae, Nuhaka, from 9 am to 5.15 p.m. Tickets are either \$5 per screening or \$10 for a full day pass (Under 5 Free).

### **9 AM THE VOICE OF THE MAPUCHE**

// Pablo Fernandez & Andrea Henriquez Argentina Chile 2008 113 min

This independent film is the Mapuche vision of the world ..it is the basis to understand their struggle, to hold on to their art and culture, to stop the encroachment of modern multinationals.

**11 AM RUSSIAN SNARK** // Stephen Sinclair New Zealand 2010 78 mins

Misha a Russian Film-maker sets sail in a lifeboat to NZ to pursue his career but soon realises his new home is no more receptive to his ideas than Russia. Starring Stephanie Tauevihi.

**12.30 PM LUNCH** (\$10 per person)

### **1.00 PM THE NEW BLACK**

Seven new Australian short films presented by Flickerfest (75 mins total):

**RALPH** // 10 mins Director Deborah Mailman (Maori/Aboriginal)

For ten year old Madeline, it takes more than just dreaming to survive, it takes a friend.

**THE FARM** // 11 mins Director Romaine Morton

A young girl named Olivia longs to know the people who came before her.

**PARTY SHOES** // 11 mins Director Michelle Blanchard

When Patsy is confronted by her daughter, she is forced to deal with her own obsession.

**JACOB** // 12 mins Director Dena Curtis

Gina, a young mother finds herself in a predicament when her husband Max returns home.

**NIA'S MELANCHOLY** // 11 mins Director SF Tulsa

A young Yalanji girl tragically loses her sister. This is the tale of her descent into melancholy and her journey of redemption.

**BURKE BOY** // 11 mins Director Adrian Willis

A father and adopted troubled teenage son try to find the right words to say to each other before it's too late.

**AUNTY MAGGIE & THE WOMBA WAKGUN** // Director Leah Purcell

Aunty Maggie and Uncle Peter struggle to feed their three nephews. The arrival of some chickens provides a new food source...

2.15 PM BREAK

**2.30 PM LANI'S STORY** // Genevieve Grieves Australia 2009 51 Mins

A moving and intimate portrait of a young Aboriginal woman's journey from victim to victor, from a broken and violent relationship to discovering the redemptive power of love

3.30 PM BREAK

**3.45 PM THIS IS HER** // Katie Wolfe NZ 2008 12 min

One day this angelic child will steal Evie's husband and ruin her life (Short Film).

**4.00 PM NIGHTS IN THE GARDEN OF SPAIN** // Katie Wolfe 76 min NZ 2011

Calvin Tuteao plays David, a businessman and father with a secret. Complicating matters is his family's roots in the Maori culture. Katie Wolfe directs this film with a unique combination of sensitivity and honesty, showing us that it takes great courage to live life on our own terms. Based on the original novel by Witi Ihimaera.

5.15 PM BREAK

**7.00 PM KORE / TAHI / TAHI MULTIMEDIA INSTALLATION**

Join us at the Awards night reception, be there for the opening of an installation of multimedia film screenings including works by **Michelle Lee**, **Tanu Gago** and **Anstein Mikkelsen**:

**THE DANCING VIRGIN** // Sami 15 minutes Director Anstein Mikkelsen

This experimental dance film is inspired by an old narrative that names the Northern Light as the souls of dead virgins dancing through the sky.

**7.30 PM MANA WAIROA FILM AWARDS & DINNER EVENING**

Tickets \$40 including musical concert, dinner and drinks.

Maori film awards and Nuhaka musical evening. Join us with our guest film makers and actors from near and far for the Festival Awards Dinner at Kahungunu Marae in Nuhaka.

## SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2011: KAHUNGUNU MARAE, NUHAKA

Today's screenings are from 11 am to 5 p.m. Tickets are either \$5 a screening or \$10 day pass.

### **10.00 AM BRUNCH FOR FILM MAKERS** (\$10 per person)

Join us for a relaxed brunch with our guest film makers and manuhiri.

### **11 AM HOKIANGA HARBOUR TANIWHA TALE** Ron London HaretukU 20 mins

An animated the story of the formation of Hokianga Harbour. Writer Ross Gregory.

### **11.20 AM OUR GENERATION** // Sinem Saban & Damien Curtis Australia 2010 73 Mins

Hidden from the world's eyes, Australia's First Peoples are fighting for freedom. This film is their call to the nation, a fresh unflinching look at unresolved issues, driven by Yolngu of NE Arnhem.

### **12.20 PM FOR 7 GENERATIONS** // Bruce Hart & Carole Hart, USA 2010 73 mins

13 Indigenous Grandmothers, shamans and medicine women from around the world, have been called together to share their sacred wisdom and earth-based healing. Local Rongomaiwahine kuia Pauline Tangiora is an ambassador for the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers group.

### **2.00 PM DEAD CREEK** // Benjamin Southwell Australia 2010 10 mins

To save his Uncle and protect the land from bloody revenge a young suburbanised aboriginal man, must re-imprison a powerful warrior spirit from the dreamtime.

### **2.15 PM HOOK LINE AND SINKER**

Andrea Bosshard & Shane Loader NZ 2011 108 Mins

PJ (*Rangimoana Taylor*) is a truckdriver with pride in his job. His life with partner Ronnie (*Carmel McGlone*) and her two kids seems to be going well, until his life suddenly unravels.

### **4.00 PM HIDING BEHIND THE GREEN SCREEN**

// Paora Joseph NZ 2011 48 mins

Four young men, addicted to marijuana... a passion for music.... Can they break free?

### **5 PM DINNER** (\$10/ticket)

### **6.30 PM SUNDAY NIGHT DOUBLE FEATURE**

(\$10/Ticket \$5/children & kaumatua)

### **6.30 PM HUGH AND HEKE** // Restan Griffiths NZ 2010 87 Mins

Two families go to the beach for their summer holidays. The men draw two lines in sand to separate the families – will these lines be crossed, and Hugh and Heke learn to get along?

*7.45 PM Intermission*

### **8.00 PM FEATURE FILM: TRACKER** // Ian Sharp UK/New Zealand 2011 102 mins

Temuera Morrison and Ray Winstone star in this gripping Kiwi period thriller.

## MONDAY JUNE 6TH 2011: KAHUNGUNU MARAE, NUHAKA

\$5 for Morning Screenings on today's final day of film screenings.

**9 AM PITTAQANGITTUQ** // Guillaume Saladin, Felx Pharand, Nicolas Tardif 2010 32 mins

In the arctic community of Pittagangituq (Nunavit), the climate is warming at an alarming rate.

**9.30 AM ESCAPELAND** // Oren Tirosh Israel 2008 48 mins

A love story that develops against-all-odds between Eshel, a young Israeli woman from a kibbutz and Adel, a Sudanese Muslim, a UN refugee, who is not allowed to enter Israel.

10.30 AM BREAK

**10.45 AM HOMEALANI** // Ann Marie Nalani Kirk USA/Hawaii 2011 50 mins

Ann Marie Nalani Kirk discovers, through archival film, the story of her grandfather Oliver Homealani Kupua. The story is told through the film he shot in Hawaii 1930s-1960s, through his own writing and by interviews with family members.

**11.45 AM MOKHTAR** // Halima Ouardiri Canada 2010 16 mins

The tale of a young boy in a remote Moroccan village as he adopts a fallen owl.

**12.00 PM KUMARI** // Prina Raj Joshi Nepal 2010 8 mins

Kumari is a virgin goddess to protect and define all human beings, worshipped as the source of supreme power by Hindu and Buddhists.

**12.10 PM TAKU RAKAU E** // Kararaina Rangihau (Tuhoe, Te Arawa) NZ 2010 15 mins

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**12.30 PM CLOSING: FESTIVAL LUNCHEON & POROPOROAKI**

A final opportunity for our guests who have travelled near and far, followed by our Poroporoaki and reflections upon the experience that was Wairoa Maori Film Festival 2011.