

THE METEOR THEATRE



2026 Programme July — Dec

2026



Cian Parker
General Manager

Haere mai!

The Meteor theatre is excited to announce a must-see lineup of theatre, music, comedy, and dance for the second half of 2026!

The team have been busy putting together some exciting initiatives that champion our arts scene here in Kirikiriroa. We are focusing on creating high-quality and accessible events for all to experience.



Tracey Wood
Chair

Meet the people behind the place.



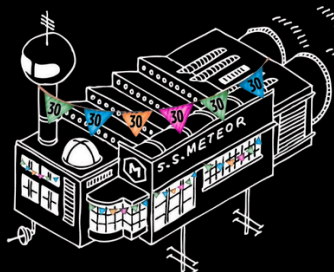
As a small but mighty team, we are determined to provide wraparound support for all who enter our building.

Our kaupapa is centred around supporting artists who want to create and present work; as well as helping carve out pathways so the arts are accessible for all. From the moment an artist submits an expression of interest, to their final curtain call and pack out, our team is there to make sure they have the best experience possible.

30, FLIRTY, AND THRIVING!

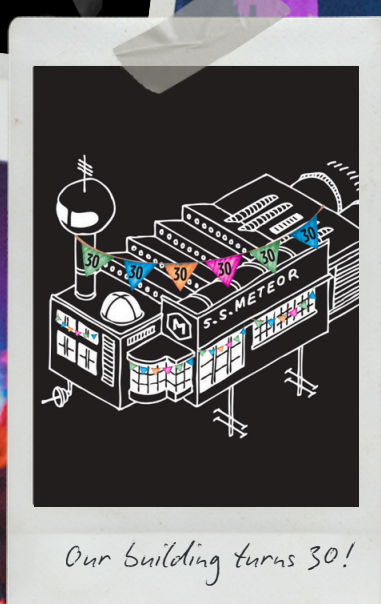
Help our building keep going.

**We're asking our community to help
sustain this space — every little bit helps**



Donate here!





Donate today!
Help shape what
comes next.



Get Learnt

GET LEARNT is our programme connecting rangatahi with inspiring arts experiences beyond the classroom.

From professional performances and dedicated school shows, to hands-on workshops with leading artists, the programme sparks creativity, builds confidence, and brings learning to life.

This year students experienced *The Bookbinder* by Trick of the Light and *Ration the queen's veges* by Te Wehi Ratana and Tainui Tukiwaho.

Our one-day workshop intensive immersed students in theatre-making, writing, music composition, movement, and physical performance. Led by experienced local artists, these practical sessions develop creativity, collaboration, and real-world performing arts skills.

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HELP RANGATAHI TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE ARTS

We believe everyone deserves a chance to access the arts so SHOUT A TICKET today! Help contribute to our community access fund where we break down barriers rangatahi face when accessing the arts.

A photograph of three children in a theater or auditorium. They are sitting in red seats and have their hands raised in excitement. Each child has a 'SHOUT A TICKET' sign overlaid on the image. The child on the left is a young girl with dark hair, wearing a patterned shirt. The child in the middle is a boy with dark hair, wearing a grey sweater. The child on the right is a girl with long dark hair, wearing a black jacket. The signs are orange for the girl on the left and the boy in the middle, and blue for the girl on the right. The background is dark, suggesting a theater setting.

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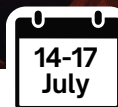


Supporters can come in many shapes and sizes — you may choose to shout a ticket or a whole class; shout a ride or a whole show. Shout a way into the arts!

Make a donation.

Here's the must-see
lineup of **theatre,**
music, **comedy,** and
dance to hit our stage.





The Hunt for the Giant's Heart

The Meteor Kids Show

For years, a small town has been plagued by a giant, who loves nothing but stomping and squashing and smashing and mashing, and taking the townspeople to add to his pot. But Boot, a young person, has had enough.

With a bag full of trinkets and a map that doesn't quite make sense, they must journey through a dark wood, face down a wolf and the King of the Gnomes to save their father and save their town. Can they finish their quest before it's too late?



Smakdown

Hamtown

Annual all-ages hardcore punk festival held in Kirikiriroa, Aotearoa New Zealand.

They're proud to announce Speed from Te Whenua Moemoeaa/AUS will be headlining Hamtown Smakdown 2026 on Saturday 18th July as part of their Aotearoa Tour.



Looks Like a Bit of Me

Jack Ansett

Fresh off touring Australia, Jack Ansett is bringing his new show to The Meteor for one night only!

A New Zealand comedian, writer, and 2025 Sydney Comedy Festival Best Newcomer winner, Jack has appeared on and written for hit shows including Taskmaster NZ and 7 Days. Don't miss your chance to catch one of NZ comedy's rising stars live!

Daylight Savings



Theatre

Daylight Savings

Magic Mirror Theatre Company

Twenty years ago, the heat became unbearable. In desperation, humanity deployed a planetary shroud that blocked the sun's light and heat. Seasons vanished, the natural world withered, and civilisation rebuilt itself around artificial light.

Set in the Waikato inside a chain superstore called Daylight Savings, three young workers and their manager grind through another endless shift. Everything changes when two intruders arrive with a daring plan to bring back daytime.

KIRSTY WEBECK



Comedy

Lost For Words

Kirsty Webeck

After a huge 2025 tour, Kirsty is back to show you that the words just keep flowing and that they're always hilarious.

As seen on 7 Days, Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee and the New Zealand Comedy Festival Gala. Grab some tickets and come down to see why Kirsty is Australia's champion of cheerful comedy who never misses.



HAMILTON
BIG
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Music

Hidden Gems

Hamilton Big Band

Women and queer musicians who shape the past, present, and future of jazz. Throughout its history, jazz and swing has been a safe haven for women and queer musicians, with legendary vocalists, instrumentalists, and composers who left their indelible mark.

Join the Hamilton Big Band as we celebrate and commemorate those who pushed the bounds and paved the way, with the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Strayhorn, Cole Porter, Ethel Waters, and more.



The Meteor Black Box

WINNER of the ADAM NZ AWARD for BEST PLAY



20-22
Aug

Theatre

Passionfruits

One Question Theatre

It's Christmas 2009. The Ashford family home's buckling at its seams—sagging roof, cracked septic tank. Mum's got her head in the sand. Dad's had a stroke. The three adult children, themselves plagued by stricken bodies & cash crises, raise the hard-issue of relocating their parents.

Fast forward ten years, the family struggles with calamitous loss, strangers appear at the door & long buried resentments dig their way to the surface.

arts access aotearoa

Putanga Toi ki Aotearoa



Arts For All Waikato Network regional hui

Arts Access Aotearoa

The Arts For All Network regional hui is an annual opportunity for local artists, arts workers and arts lovers to get together to connect and share goals, plans and ideas about increasing access in the arts to Deaf and disabled people.

The disabled-led hui is hosted by Katie Querin, Whakahohe a Toi Ōritetanga | Arts For All Activator for Arts Access Aotearoa. Attend the Arts For All Waikato Network hui on Thursday 27 August, from 10:00am - 12:30pm.



Front of House accessibility workshop

Arts Access Aotearoa

Learn how to provide an accessible, dignified and equitable events experience to all visitors, and gain more confidence in your abilities to meet the needs of Deaf and disabled people. For all levels of experience with accessibility in the arts, the session is ideal for theatre, venue, and event staff and anyone working in front of house and customer facing roles. Leave the session with concrete knowledge you can bring back to your organisation. Attend the FOH accessibility training workshop on Thursday 27 August, 1:30pm - 4:30pm.



Thrifty! Threads



**The Meteor Theatre,
Victoria Street, Hamilton**



Thrifty Threads

Hospice Waikato

Hamilton's largest second-hand pop-up apparel sale is back!

With the aim of reducing the clothing sent to landfill, Hospice Waikato are inviting you to bring your bags and find some pre-loved gems! All proceeds go back to Hospice Waikato.

The Wallypug of Why



Adapted for the stage by **Georgia Pollock-Barker**



Theatre

The Wallypug of Why

Waikato Actor Training

Two siblings go on the hunt for a strange creature called a 'Goo', but things don't go as planned and they end up lost in the magical land of 'Why'. Here, they meet all kinds of weird and wonderful characters and go on an incredible adventure.

The students of Waikato Actor Training showcase their talent in this stage adaptation of a Victorian nonsense novel. It's full of silly word play, interesting characters, puppets, and taxes! Perfect for children and adults alike.



CARVING IN ICE PRESENTS A STAGED READING

THE HERD

BY RORY KINNEAR

7TH & 8TH OCTOBER, \$15



Theatre

The Herd

Carving in Ice

It's Andy Griffiths twenty-first birthday. Not that he's counting. But his mother Carol is. Kinnear's heartfelt play looks at a family falling apart - and pulling together - when life doesn't turn out quite the way they imagined it. This is the debut play from Rory Kinnear, acclaimed stage and screen actor.

Directed by Gaye Poole.



Brain Storm

Bryony Matthews

Brain Storm is an immersive live music and storytelling experience exploring the realities of traumatic brain injury and recovery. Created by Ōtautahi singer-songwriter Bryony Matthews, the show combines original music, personal storytelling, and evocative visuals to share an honest account of life after head trauma.

Featuring songs from Bryony's new concept album, Brain Storm traces a journey through injury, uncertainty, healing, and renewal, offering audiences a powerful and thought-provoking experience.



The Meeting

Lola Productions

A sassy, sharp and politically relevant satire is coming to Hamilton! A top secret, future-defining meeting is about to take place in a swanky hotel. Everything falls on an overworked cleaner, three bumbling P.A.s, and a paranoid secret agent... What could possibly go wrong?

Straight from touring NZ and an international Commedia dell'Arte festival in Italy, this one woman comedic farce brings the current political chaos in Aotearoa to life with witty dialogue and laughter.



PRESENTS

Downtown Musicals Junior



Downtown Musicals

Hamilton Operatic Society

‘Downtown Musicals’ nights are designed to give up-and-coming theatre performers the chance to gain valuable experience performing in front of a live audience.

Performers can take the spotlight as soloists or collaborate as part of a duet or trio, making each event a varied and exciting showcase of talent. Whether you’re building confidence, refining your craft, or rediscovering your love of performance, Downtown Musicals offers a supportive and encouraging space to shine.



Theatre

The Collection & The Lover

Double bill from Potent Pause Productions

The Collection explores suspicion, jealousy, and the uncertainty of truth as two couples confront conflicting accounts of an alleged affair, leaving the audience to question what really happened.

In contrast, The Lover follows a married couple who use elaborate role-playing to revive their relationship, blurring the line between fantasy and reality. Presented together, these two plays examine trust, desire, deception, and the complexities of human relationships from contrasting perspectives.



Miss Cadaver 2026

Necrodancer

Who will be crowned the very last Miss Cadaver. Open to all undead species and genders.

Miss Cadaver was created as a way to celebrate our undead beauties. Often left forgotten in the world of high fashion, this is a place where they can bare all and fight within themselves to be the reigning Miss Cadaver.

BECOMING

*A hip hop dance theatre production
exploring the search for self.*

METEOR THEATRE
SAT 7 NOV 2026
2PM & 7PM

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**STREET
DANCE**
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Music

Becoming

Street Dance Sessions

A hip hop dance theatre show exploring the different identities we create to belong, succeed and be seen. Through themes of freedom, pressure, loneliness, ambition and healing, Becoming follows the emotional journey of discovering who we are beneath the expectations of the world. This is not a story about having life figured out, it is about realising that we are all still becoming. Written, directed and choreographed by Miriana Wetere-Ryder.



9-to-5: The Musical

Te Kawai Toi | Wintec

Based on the 1980 hit movie, this story of friendship and revenge is a little bit romantic, thought-provoking and a whole lot outrageous. Pushed to their limits, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical boss. Hilarity ensues as Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest dreams and take control of the company that had always kept them down. With the toe-tapping songs of Dolly Parton and the razor sharp book of Patricia Resnick, 9-to-5 is anything but a typical day at the office!

CARVING IN ICE PRESENTS A STAGED READING

BALLYTURK

BY ENDA WALSH

25TH & 26TH NOVEMBER, \$15



Theatre

Ballyturk

Carving in Ice

The lives of two men unravel quickly over the course of ninety minutes. Who are they? What is this room, and what might be beyond the walls? Ballyturk is an ambitious and kinetic work by one of Ireland's leading playwrights.

Directed by Gaye Poole.



TREES AT THE METEOR



Meteor
Event

Trees at the Meteor

The Meteor theatre

One of the most iconic Waikato Christmas events returns for another year of 'tree-rific' festivities. The Trees exhibition will be showcased in our Nancy Caiger Gallery.

After a sellout season last year, Apocalypse Lounge Room Break will return to The Meteor with a brand-new Christmas Escape Room for 2026. What do they have under the tree for us this year?

Check out an exhibition at our Nancy Caiger Gallery!

Mudras to Motifs

22-25 July

Kaleidoscope

7-17 October

Nature in your hands

29 July - 15 August

Otago Polytechnic

Exhibition of work

22 October - 7 November

TAIWHETUKI

20 August - 5 September

Wintec Exhibition

12-21 November

Architecture of Connection

17 September - 3 October



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Quiz Fundraiser

All of the proceeds from our Quiz events go towards keeping our creative space alive!

The Meteor
**QUIZ
NIGHT**
Fundraiser

END OF YEAR!
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Your ideas light up our stage.

The Meteor has always been a home for creative ideas, emerging artists, and risk-takers — and no one knows what our community needs better than you.

As we shape the future of our programmes, events, and creative activations, we'd love to hear what sparks your imagination.

Scan the QR code



The Meteor Merch

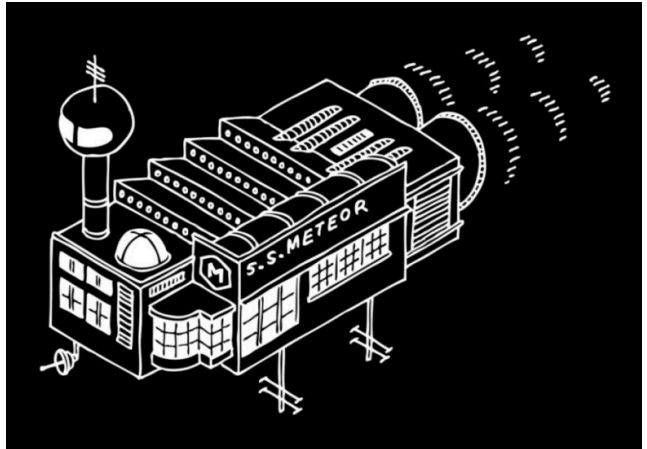
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and love close to your heart!

Rep The Meteor by getting
yourself one of our S.S Meteor
t-shirts. All profits go towards
keeping the lights on.



T-Shirt \$35.00

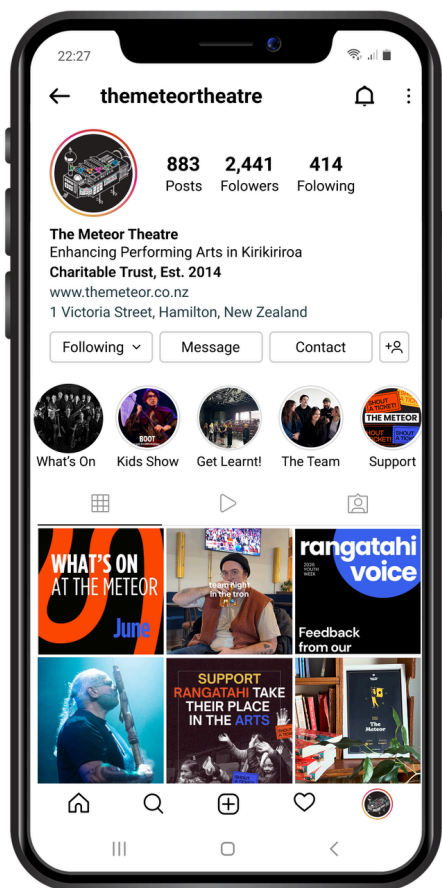
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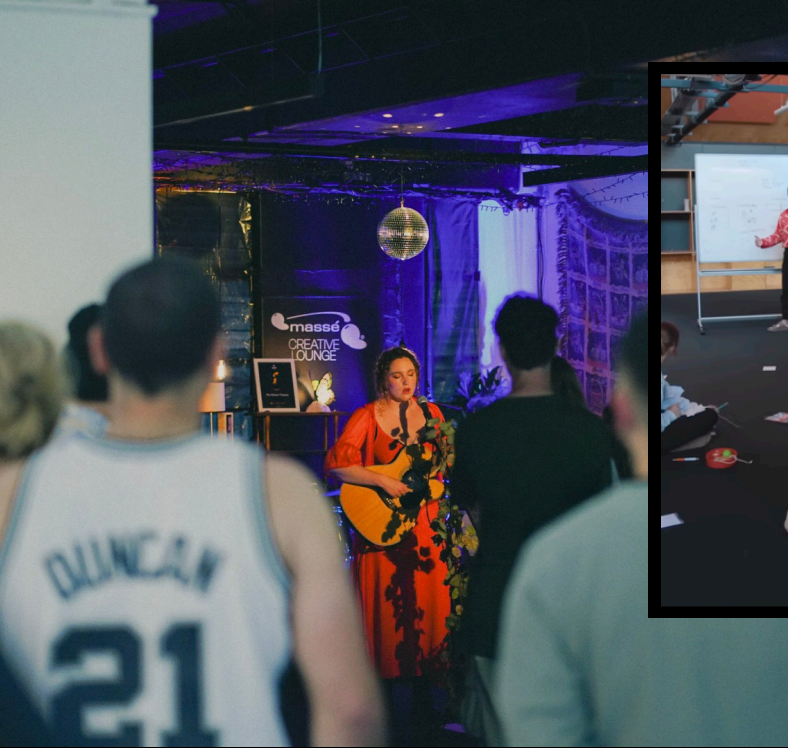


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Hire our Space

Whether it's our Black Box theatre, Gallery, Rehearsal Room or our Creative Cluster — we have the space for you!

Black box theatre

Hire rates from \$400 +GST.

Gallery

Event hire from \$150 +GST

Exhibitions from \$50 +GST

Rehearsal Room

Hire rates from \$45+GST

Lounge

Hire rates from \$100 +GST

Or free if you're bringing a free event during our Gallery/Cafe hours

Creative Cluster

Daily hire from \$20 +GST

Monthly hire from \$140+GST

Creative internships & volunteer opportunities

The Meteor theatre is excited to offer internship opportunities to inspired individuals and students in Kirikiriroa. We currently have placements available across various areas, including marketing, operations, and our vibrant café space.

We are also always on the lookout for passionate volunteers to support the Nancy Caiger Gallery and Black box theatre. We're incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated crew of volunteers — and we're inviting you to join them!





Images by Muredach Daly from One Man Crew.

Special thank you to our supporters and sponsors!



Norah Howell
Charitable Trust

We are fuelled by the sponsors and long-standing supporters of The Meteor.
Their generosity and commitment make it possible for us to keep our doors open, our stages lit, and our community thriving.



Get in touch with us

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We are a not-for-profit
Black Box theatre
and arts space.

Supporting our Kirikiriroa
Creative Community!

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The One Victoria Trust

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