

WHANGĀREI FRINGE

SEP 27–OCT 13

2024

IT'S A MAD
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A FESTIVAL!



OVER 100 EVENTS
AT 25 VENUES
ACROSS 17 DAYS



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

WELCOME TO



Fringe is back, baby! With its unique Whangārei style and Te Tai Tokerau spirit, this year's festival is bursting with brave and bold new creative offerings in every corner of our city.

We're thrilled to welcome hundreds of artists from near and far, and celebrate homegrown talent. We're especially excited about the increase in new works, with a focus on local stories and innovative ways to invite our community into the vibrancy of Fringe.

BIG NEWS: a colossal circus tent will appear in Pūtahi Park! For two weeks, it'll be packed with circus wonders, from late-night shows for adults to family-friendly fun.

Get ready to revel in Fringe – discover hidden gems and experience our city like never before.

Expect gongs, dragons, pyjama parties, puppet-making, bedtime stories for adults, late-night libraries, vampires, vaudeville and more. It'll be an unforgettable ride!

Whangārei does Fringe like nowhere else. So take to the streets, y'all!

Laurel, Clark, Kait, Lutz, Derek, Mary, Verena, Scott and the rest of the team

WHANGĀREI FRINGE 2024

READ THIS FIRST!

Whangārei Fringe is a sprawling, many-tentacled beast (in the best possible way). Knowing a few things upfront will help you get the most out of the fest. Read on, Macduff...

VENUES: Fringe takes place in a number of venues across Whangārei; some you may be familiar with, others will be new and unique to Fringe.

To find your way around, all venues are listed with addresses on the next page.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Visit eventfinda.co.nz – venues are small and many shows will sell out, so book now. Ticketing fees apply to all ticketed events.

BOX OFFICE: Buy tickets in person at the official Fringe box office, at ONEONESIX (116 Bank St). Open 10am–1pm, Monday to Friday from September 9 to October 11.

ALL ABOUT PRICING: You may see two or more prices at the bottom of each event listing, eg. \$25/\$10. The first price is the full/adult price; the second is the concession or child price. 'Concession' applies to holders of Gold Cards, Community Services Cards and student IDs; 'child' applies to 13 years and under. If three different prices are displayed, it will be adult/concession/child.

KOHA EVENTS: Kudos to the artists who want to make their work as accessible as possible! You may still need to register for these events, as space is limited.

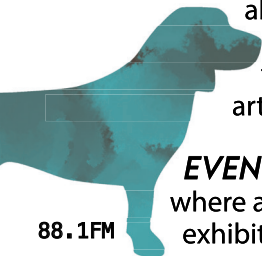
TRIGGER WARNINGS: Fringe events can get fruity and challenging – it's part of the fun. But if you want to be prepared, look out for the trigger warnings on individual Eventfinda listings. Also, look for age ratings in event listings.

KEEP UP TO DATE: Keep checking whangareifringe.co.nz and socials for info about artists, pop-ups, last-minute changes and extra shows.

Listen out for Fringe Radio, on air 10am–midday every day of the festival! Tune in to 88.1FM or stream at beagleradio.co.nz for Fringe artist interviews, show previews and reviews... and more.

EVENTS BY DATE: At the back of this programme, you'll find an index where all events are listed by day and time. We've also highlighted the exhibitions, workshops and pop-ups running throughout the festival.

88.1FM



NZSL REPRESENT! Some Fringe shows will have NZSL (NZ Sign Language) interpreters present. Check our website and social media closer to the time for details. Supported by Whangārei District Creative Communities Scheme.

FRINGE VENUES

ONEONESIX

116 Bank St, CBD

FRINGE HUB: BOX OFFICE, BLACK-BOX THEATRE AND THE HEART OF WHANGĀREI FRINGE.



CIRQUE DU FRINGE

Pūtahi Park, Town Basin

LOOK OUT FOR THIS YEAR'S LITTLE BIG TOP, NEAR VICTORIA BRIDGE.



FRINGE AFTER DARK 18+

Upstairs in The Strand Shopping Centre

THE OFFICIAL FRINGE AFTER DARK COMEDY CLUB IS TAKING OVER WHAT WAS ONCE LIT CAFE & DINER. ENTRY VIA 34 BANK STREET, CBD. LICENSED. R18.



OCTAGON THEATRE

13 Aubrey St, Regent

THE BEST LITTLE BOUTIQUE THEATRE IN WHANGĀREI.



OTHER VENUES

AWHILAB

BEER & LOATHING

CAMERON STREET MALL

FORUM NORTH

HIHIAUA CULTURAL CENTRE

HIKU GALLERY

HUNDERTWASSER ART CENTRE

LEVEL

LOCAL TALENT TAVERNA

MĀRA KOKOTOHA

PŪTAHI PARK

QUARRY ARTS CENTRE

REYBURN HOUSE

TE IWITAHĪ

TE KOWHAI PRINT TRUST

THE BUTTER FACTORY

THE OLD LIBRARY

THE WOODSHED

WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

WHANGĀREI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

WHANGĀREI QUARRY GARDENS

The Strand, enter via Vine St

7–9 Vine Street

CBD

7 Rust Avenue

56–58 Herekino Street

55 King Street, Hikurangi

81 Dent Street

125 Cameron Street

99 Cameron Street

729 State Highway 14, Maunu

Town Basin

21 Selwyn Avenue, Avenues

17 Reyburn House Lane, Town Basin

WDC HQ, 9 Rust Avenue

Quarry Art Centre, Avenues

8 Butter Factory Lane

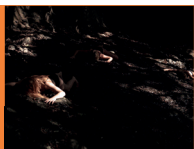
The Old Library, 7 Rust Avenue

44 Riverside Drive

5 Rust Avenue

1 Lupton Avenue, Regent

37A Russell Road, Kensington

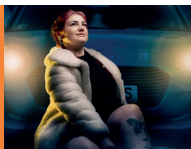


A FLOATING DUET

A site-specific dance duet by Brittany and Natasha Kohler of Dance Plant Collective, accompanied by Jessica Robinson on cello. Situated on the lake at Whangārei Quarry Gardens, *A Floating Duet* responds to the beauty and resilience of the gardens and nearby communities. The site serves as a unique example of creating something beautiful out of disaster, and adapting to our changing environment. How can we be in relationship with nature, navigating the consequences of the moves we make? Family friendly.

Sat 12 Oct, 1.30pm & 2.30pm
Sun 13 Oct, 1.30pm & 2.30pm
WHANGĀREI QUARRY GARDENS

Donation entry **Duration 15 mins**



A HOT GIRL AND HER SUZUKI SWIFT

A Hot Girl and Her Suzuki Swift is an hilarious show where Ocean Denham looks inward to determine whether parallel parking should just be illegal – it's so hard to do. Ocean believes her basic-bitch mentality helps her with life's bigger issues, more than just her parking skills. You may pity her, you may love her, but you will never want to be a passenger in her car.

Strap in for an unforgettable night of laughter, spectacle and pure entertainment.

Thu 10 Oct, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Fri 11 Oct, 10pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



ABSOLUTE

Kick off Whangārei Fringe 2024 with a bang at this late-night cabaret. A star-studded line-up of Aotearoa's greatest circus and variety artists is peppered with gems from across the Fringe. Prepare to be whipped into a frenzy as this show rolls absolute mayhem, talent and hilarity into one. Leave the kids at home and get ready to party!

Fri 27 Sep, 9pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$38/\$35 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



ADVENTURES IN BOOKBINDING: WORKSHOP WITH MARCI TACKETT

Te Kowhai Print Trust is excited to present a two-day workshop with printmaker, colour specialist and bookbinder extraordinaire Marci Tackett. Learn the delicate art of bookbinding using handmade papers, creating notebooks, blank books, or collections of your work. Discover several binding techniques during this opportunity to master the timeless art of bookbinding, practised for more than 2,000 years. Booking essential; 20% discount if booking this and *Luminous Monotype* workshop together.

Wed 9–Thu 10 Oct
9.30am–3.30pm
TE KOWHAI PRINT TRUST

\$220 **Two-day workshop**



ALL TUNED UP MALE VOCAL CHORUS

Just a bunch of guys who love to sing... All Tuned Up was formed in early 2023 by a bunch of like-minded fellas.

We're a local "vocwal chorus" singing anything and everything from light opera and classics to folk and pop.



AM I A SURFER NOW?

After making her daring escape from the streets of Paris, Elisa is taking on New Zealand one wave at a time with her work-in-progress show *Am I a Surfer Now?* Tackling the differences between the French and Kiwis with her trademark curiosity, Elisa takes you on a journey that's as entertaining as it is relatable. Join her for an evening of uproarious anecdotes, cultural quirks and unforgettable, French-accented humour that will leave you in stitches!

Wed 2 Oct, 7pm.....ONEONESIX

Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 45 minutes

Wed 2 Oct, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Thu 3 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$15 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



BABY GORGEOUS – A SOLO SKETCH COMEDY

Marshall Lorenzo is a multi-award-winning sketch comedian and TV writer (Canada's Drag Race). Join him for a night of solo sketch comedy in *Baby Gorgeous*, featuring various characters, parodies and sketches from the familiar to the outright demented as he asks the question: is he Baby Gorgeous™ or Fully Delulu™?



BARNIE DUNCAN "IT'S GONNA BE A BIG BIG SHOW" WIP

Come and join Fred Award-winning comedian Bernie Duncan as he tries out a brand new show idea made up of many small ideas held together by loose ideas. May contain gurus, towels, goats and soup.

Fri 11 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Sat 12 Oct, 9pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$15 **Duration 50 minutes** **18+**

Sat 12 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 **Duration 50 minutes** **18+**



BEAGLE RADIO VINYL SESSIONS AT LOCAL TALENT TAVERNA

Everything sounds better on vinyl! Relaxed afternoons of fab music brought to you by Beagle Radio at everyone's favourite Whangārei venue. Come along before your evening show, stop by for a cold beer to recharge between Fringe events – or simply round up some friends, grab a booth, listen to some great tunes and enjoy the relaxed menu and drinks.

Sat 28 Sep, 2.30pm

Sat 5 Oct, 2.30pm

LOCAL TALENT TAVERNA

Free **Duration 2.5 hours**



BEDTIME STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS

There's nothing quite like being safely tucked in with a hot water-bottle, and someone reading you a whimsical work of fiction. Perhaps these were your very first experiences of live performance? A beautifully simple creative collaboration between you and the reader, where they voice the words and you imagine the pictures. Let us recreate this for you today with some grown-up classics (the must-reads we all pretend we've read), including Edgar Allan Poe.

Sun 6 Oct, 5.30pm.....ONEONESIX

Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)

Duration 1 hour



BIO SIGNALS & STRANGE INTELLIGENCES LAB OPEN WEEK

BioSignals is an international project sending plant signals between NZ, Philippines and the UK, and researching how to send them into space. This installation is concurrent with others across the world, giving insight into a unique, British Council Philippines-funded initiative. It is one of several installations and events within the Strange Intelligences Lab, which will have an open week during Fringe featuring a number of different intelligences: plant, AI and human.
awhiworld.com/whangareifringe

Mon 7 Oct (opening), 10am..... AWHILAB

Opening hours: Mon 7–Sat 12 Oct,
10am–2pm

Free **Drop-in**

Traditional service
with a touch of
fringe let's think
outside the box

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BOTTOMS UP BURLESQUE

Join us for a cheeky evening of classic burlesque glamour and titillating tipsy tease, hosted by the Northern Dolls Burlesque Cabaret! Featuring one of Aotearoa's most celebrated burlesque and pin-up icons, the incredible Kiki Kisses! Alongside local purveyors of sparkly mischief: Cherry Dee, Dahlia Deco and Dixiedoll.



CALLUM AND HOANI OPEN A CAN OF WHOOP-LAUGHS

Kick your chuckle bucket with two of Aotearoa's favourite new comedic black belts.

NZ Raw Comedy Quest 2022 champion Hoani Hotene, and the guy who came second, Callum Wagstaff, team up to take Whangārei all. The way. Down. Town. Prepare your ribs for a night of ludicrous entertainment and gut-punching silliness with two of NZ comedy's future grand masters.

Sat 12 Oct, 7pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Sat 12 Oct, 9pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$25 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**

Fri 4 Oct, 9pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Sat 5 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$15 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**

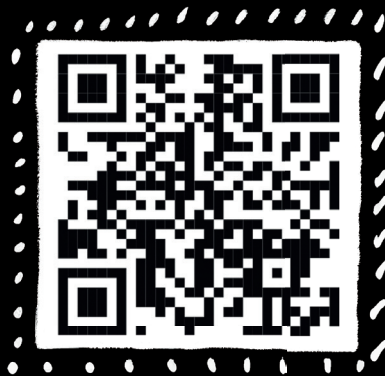


CLOUD REFINERY @ WGHS

Cloud Refinery is a brand new and exciting solo artist, performing a collection of mellow and soulful tunes that will delight all who listen. Their inspiration ranges from delightfully subdued artists such as Elliott Smith and Nick Drake to alternative rock icons such as Radiohead and Pixies. Don't miss out on a lovely night filled with beautiful covers and intricate originals.

Thu 10 Oct, 6pm
WHANGĀREI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Koha **Duration 45 minutes**



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC?
HEAD OVER TO THE FRINGE WEBSITE AND
YOU CAN VIEW EVENTS BY GENRE.



COMEDIC LUBE WRESTLING – THE RE-SLICKENING

Laughter, lube, and a loose understanding of the rules. Nominated for two awards at Whangārei Fringe 2022 (Community and Comedy). We only ask that you keep your expectations low cause we still aren't sure what we're doing.

* Contains sexual jokes/content, but definitely not a sex show. No nudity involved.



COMPANY OF GIANTS: A VAUDEVILLE OF FLOWERS

Company of Giants brings you a wild and wonderful new collection of colourful offerings. Songs, poetry, mime and other acts are performed by a troupe of puppets, animals, clowns and other dreamers; welcome to Company of Giants in Vaudeville! Explore the familiarity of the domestic and the mundane, draped in a blanket of glitter. Wear your best dress! There'll be hats at the door.

Wed 9 Oct, 8pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$35/\$30 Duration 1.5 hours 18+

Tue 8 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON

Wed 9 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON

Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 1 hour

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**WE'RE LOCALS
SUPPORTING LOCALS**





COOMBE* AND DARRAN'S* AWARD WINNING* COMEDY* SHOW

Coombe and Darran's* Award Winning* Comedy* Show* is the brand new show from father-son duo Coombe and Darran Lees, and follows 2022's nationwide sell-out show *Weekends With Dad*.

Coombe and Darran's* Award Winning* Comedy* Show* is an hour of multimedia madness as the pair guides you on a unique journey into their respective takes on the world, using video, stand-up, sketches and improvised comedy along the way.

*The truth will be revealed on the night.

Sat 12 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON
Sat 12 Oct, 10.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$15 Duration 1 hour 18+



CRUM-EDIAN (WORK-IN-PROGRESS SHOW)

Come witness this portly freak as he makes you laugh as many times as he can in 60 minutes. Anthony Crum will beguile you with his tales of shame, spicy observations, and a cavalcade of wacky characters – all from his demented brain. A work-in-progress comedy show from one of Whangārei's own.

Thu 10 Oct, 6.30pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$20/\$15 Duration 1 hour 18+



CRUNCH

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CRUNCH

Winner of the Grand Design Award and nominated for Best in Fringe at NZ Fringe 2024, theatre show *CRUNCH* is travelling to Whangārei to share its whimsy, joy and crunchiness with audiences up north. Come along and enjoy the "playful energy" and "glittery graphics" of *CRUNCH*, created by Laura Gaudin and Izzi Lao (Lighting Designer of the Year, Wellington Theatre Awards 2023). Produced by Angela Pelham.

Sun 6 Oct.....4pm & 6.30pm
Mon 7 Oct.....12pm, 4pm & 6.30pm
ART SHED, QUARRY ARTS CENTRE

\$8/\$5 Duration 20 minutes



CULT CHUR

Looking for a better way to live? This unusual pair sift through their alternative upbringings to find it. Hone Taukiri dives into the world of Hare Krishna, telling tales of multi-headed demons and being told what to dream. Acacia O'Connor searches for answers, from Steiner Schools to Lizard People and back again. These strangely heartwarming, solo theatre shows probably explain the meaning of everything.

Sat 5 Oct, 6pm..... ONEONESIX
Sun 6 Oct, 2pm.....ONEONESIX

\$25/\$15 Duration 75 minutes

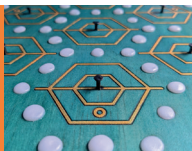


DEACON THE VAMPIRE PERFORMS 197 YEARS OF BULLSHIT

Deacon, the bad-boy vampire from international hit movie *What We Do In The Shadows*, leaps from screen to stage in this darkly comic confessional show. How did he get here, and how did it all go so wrong? Can he bring his long-lost ex-girlfriend back from the dead? Join Deacon in a last-ditch effort to save his dusty soul. All this navel-gazing might be sexy – but it won't be pretty.

Fri 11 Oct, 8pm..... ONEONESIX
 Sat 12 Oct, 8pm.....ONEONESIX

\$25/\$20 Duration 50 minutes 16+

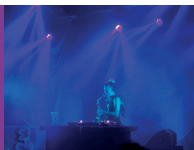


DEEP PHOSPHENE

Attention sci-fi enthusiasts, puzzlers, language nerds and art explorers: come visit *Deep Phosphene* and learn about a clever exoplanetary species called the Shazeqi! A mysterious pod appeared at the Quarry Arts Centre. Inside you'll find otherworldly puzzles ranging from simple to very tricky. Wrap your brain around a hexagonal writing system and imagine life on a water world! Check Eventfinda listing for prices, hours, age recommendations and other details.

Sep 27–Oct 13.....QUARRY ARTS CENTRE

**Bookings by appointment:
 Deep.Phosphene@gmail.com**



DJ MORPHO

Get ready for one funky party! DJ Morpho spins tunes and plays live saxophone and violin during a two-hour, dance-floor-filling set. This magic combo will take you on an amazing journey of celebration!

Sat 5 Oct, 9pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$25/\$10 Duration 2 hours 18+



DOING GREAT

Bailey Poching is Doing Great. His career is going well, he's happy, and I mean, sure, he's been really busy since the funeral, but I'm sure that's not at all connected to how well he's doing!

One of Aotearoa's most exciting new comedic voices delivers his first solo show, digging into grief, avoidance and the absurd notion of convincing everyone you're okay.

Fri 27 Sep, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$12 Duration 1 hour 18+



DRAGONS IN THE LIBRARY

Watch out! Dragons are loose in the library!!... and by that we mean a good ol' game of Dungeons & Dragons, of course! Come along for a morning of board games, card games and tabletop rpgs and play with dragons and warlocks between the bookshelves! Just sign up on the day and start playing, in a team or solo. Newbie and experienced gamers welcome.

For children 11 years and older, and adults.

Sun 6 Oct, 10am.....WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

Free **Duration 3 hours** **11+**



DREAM GARDEN

Step into our dreams. This beautiful, skilful and surreal performance combines aerial circus, projection art and quirky comedy. You can't be sure what's real and what's a dream, so sit up front, get a good view and enjoy the show! Family friendly.

"Inventive and awe-inspiring... lyrical acrobatics and exquisite whimsy" – *Theatreview NZ*

"*Dream Garden* is an ethereal marriage of comedy and skilled acrobatics sure to entertain and delight" – *Strut & Fret Production House*

Sun 29 Sep, 2pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Sun 29 Sep, 4pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$28/\$25/\$20 **Duration 45 minutes**



EARLY BIRDS AND BOOKWORMS

A relaxed multi-sensory event for book-loving families of all ages! Join actor Tahī Mapp-Borren and musician Chris O'Connor with special guests for a book-reading session, to explore stories you don't know yet or relish old favourites told in a new way. Catering for young audiences, these gently interactive sessions will reveal the world of each book through audience participation, live music, props or puppets. Presented by Sweet Beats. Visit wdc.govt.nz/library for details.

Fri 11 Oct 9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 12.30pm	Sat 12 Oct 9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 11.30am	Sun 13 Oct 10.30am 11.30am WHANGĀREI LIBRARY Free Duration 30 minutes
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EAT, SLEEP, DANCE, REPEAT

2017 was a huge year. Pitbull is blasting from the speakers, Jacinda Ardern is elected, but most importantly it is the last year Stage Challenge took place. In *Eat, Sleep, Dance, Repeat*, we are transported to the final Stage Challenge to try and understand what all went horribly wrong. Watch as Rachel Brebner alone tells, acts and dances the sordid tale of blood, sweat and confetti.

Fri 27 Sep, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$15 **Duration 55 minutes** **18+**



ECHOES OF OUR PLACE

Northland Youth Theatre proudly presents a collection of scenes from New Zealand plays, all directed by our young emerging directors. This presentation provides a platform for young voices to tell stories that resonate with both our past and present, offering a fresh perspective through the eyes of our talented rangatahi. Join us for a night of storytelling, creativity and community.

Wed 2 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON
Tue 8 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON

**Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 45 minutes**



EH, I WROTE THIS

Five comedians perform the ultimate test in front of a live audience. Can you tell which jokes they wrote and which were written by AI? Either way, the results will be hilarious.

Fri 11 Oct, 8.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 Duration 1 hour 18+



ESSENCE UNFOLDING

Essence Unfolding is a mesmerising solo performance where dance and circus artistry intertwine. Follow Jules, a character lost in their quest for identity, as they navigate a journey of self-discovery. Through stunning aerial acts and expressive dance, Jules explores self-expression, guided by wise mentors. Celebrate individuality and the courage to find one's true self with the magic of Jules' journey in *Essence Unfolding*.

Sat 5 Oct, 5.30pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Sun 6 Oct, 5.30pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$15/\$10 /\$5 Duration 45 minutes



Michelle Wiley

FACIAL RECOGNITION TECH-COMEDY

Michelle Wiley isn't who she says she is – at least that's what everyone else keeps telling her in her *Facial Recognition Tech-Comedy* show. You'll be treated to laughs about robots taking jobs, the good parts about facial recognition technology, and her sordid past. Join Michelle as she combs through the clues of why she keeps being mistaken for people who are not her!

Tue 8 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 Duration 1 hour 18+



FEAST YOUR EYES



FOR MY FAMILY, AND YOURS

Come to a feast of art and food at the Quarry Arts Centre. Experience screen printing, enjoy art courtesy of the studio holders, consume wood-fired pizza, purchase an artwork, engage with artists in open studios, indulge in multiple exhibitions, solve puzzles in the *Deep Phosphene* interactive experience and more. So much to see and do for the whole family, at the Quarry Arts and Te Kowhai Print Trust open evening.

An intimate solo show interweaving a loving family narrative through music and poetry, dedicated to the loved ones who help us become the people we are. It's a show filled with love and gratitude, mixed with a couple of doses of difficult truths. Come along and leave the evening appreciating the loved ones shaping your journey.

Bring tissues.

Sat 12 Oct, 4.30–7.30pm
QUARRY ARTS CENTRE

Free **Drop-in**

Sun 29 Sep, 4pm.....MĀRA KOKOTOHA

\$15/\$10 **Duration 50 minutes**



FOR YOU TO KNOW AND ME TO FIND OUT

From multi-disciplinary artist Liv Tennet, *For You to Know and Me to Find Out* explores the juggle of trying to keep a small human alive, whilst also keeping your own artistic identity alive. With a soundtrack as eclectic as her toddler's palate, and drawing on a wide range of dance genres, the show gives people a glimpse of the transformative experience of being a "cool mom".



FREE ART ACTIVITY AT HUNDERTWASSER ART CENTRE

Join us for a FREE drop-in art activity and immerse yourself in the vibrant, eco-friendly world of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. You'll help create a window for our building as part of a unique community project celebrating the intersection of art and nature. Bring your friends, family or come solo and meet fellow art enthusiasts. We supply all drawing materials, so just bring YOURSELF and unleash your CREATIVITY! Open to all ages and skill levels. Questions? Contact us at: enquiries@hundertwasserartcentre.co.nz

Wed 9 Oct, 6.30pm.....ONEONESIX
Thu 10 Oct, 6.30pm.....ONEONESIX

\$20/\$15 **Duration 45 minutes** **15+**

Thu 3–Sun 6 Oct, 10am–3pm
HUNDERTWASSER ART CENTRE

Free **Drop-in**



FREQUENCIES ON THE GROOVE

An evening of journeying through the psychedelia of music and dance, as fusion dancers, a medley of musicians and you alike board the mothership of Frequencies and sound, to ride waves of music into the evening. Whether lounging or dancing, your unique expression of self is welcome here. Collaborating through improvised and original song and dance, we journey through the universal language of frequencies. Brought to you by Rà & Paiëma in collaboration with Andre Gomez and Freya.

Sun 6 Oct, 7pm.....OCTAGON

\$20/\$17 Duration 80 minutes 18+



FRINGE EDITION: THE JUGGLING JACK FLASH SHOW

A comedic, family-friendly performance featuring ball juggling, bar flair, and an exhilarating Guinness World Record finale. Perfect for the whole family! Jack's 21-year career includes street performances, cruise ship engagements, and festival appearances, all influenced by his Cirque du Soleil experience.

Thu 3 Oct, 12pm, 2pm & 5.30pm

Fri 4 Oct, 12pm & 2pm

CAMERON STREET MALL

Koha Duration 45 minutes

Hundertwasser Art Centre with Wairau Māori Art Gallery



Proud to be part of the Whangārei art community and support the 2024 Fringe Festival!





FRINGE: OPEN MIC

Fringe: Open Mic is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're going to get. But we can promise it won't just be full of the Cherry Ripes that almost no-one likes. You can expect a pick-and-mix of local and national comedians, those new to the stage or trying new material. Polish up your best comedy lines and give it a go! Email lutz@whangareifringe.co.nz to sign up.



FUNKYRAY CABARET

Funkyray Cabaret is back with a fresh line-up showcasing circus, drag, burlesque and other captivating acts guaranteed to impress. Known for their award-winning performances, Circus Kumarani will ensure this is one event you won't want to miss! This show is possible thanks to funding support from the Whangārei District Creative Communities Scheme.

Wed 2 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 Duration 2 hours 18+

Fri 4 Oct, 7pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

Sat 5 Oct, 8pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$38/\$30 Duration 1.5 hours 18+

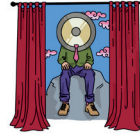


GERRY PAUL & THE ELEPHANT TREE

Come and join Gerry Paul at Whangārei Central Library for an entertaining musical show designed for the young and the young at heart. Gerry is an award-winning Irish-Kiwi songwriter, musician, author, producer and shark wrestler, and will be performing his wacky and wonderful songs. From the hip-hop grooves of "Workin' on the Worm Farm" to the rockabilly shuffle of "Hank the Wrestling Shark", this entertaining and energetic show is guaranteed to get you dancing and singing along.

Sun 6 Oct, 11am.....WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

Free (bookings recommended)
Duration 1 hour

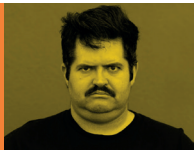


GONG FACE

A solo gong performance by NZ musician Chris O'Connor, *Gong Face* is a theatrical, humorous exploration of the relationship between a drummer and his gong. *Gong Face* weaves an astounding tapestry of sounds, a sonic mediation drawing influences from O'Connor's 40-year journey in music, from avant-garde jazz to music therapy and much else!

Fri 11–Sun 13 Oct.....POP-UP, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Koha – see Fringe's stories on social media for locations Duration 30 minutes



GORMLESS

Weird, dark, filthy and extremely silly, Joel Vinsen delivers dumb/smart comedy in his signature deadpan style. Expect scandal, a short cameo from a particularly kinky octopus, and a sh*tload of big laughs. This is not your standard stand-up, and this is definitely NSFW. Consider yourself warned. Finalist 2022 National Raw Comedy Quest; Comic Originality nominee 2022 & 2023, NZ Comedy Guild Awards.



GREW & GREW DUEL

Two brothers from opposite sides of the world reunite for an improvised duel between piano and electronics. Stephen Grew is an accomplished piano improviser from the UK who has performed in the UK, Europe, and North and South America. Nick Grew is a composer, improviser and music educator based in Whangārei. Come and see them perform for the first time in more than a decade.

Wed 9 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 Duration 1 hour 18+

Thu 10 Oct, 7pm.....HALL THEATRE, WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

\$20/\$10/Free Duration 1 hour



GUERRILLA BOTANICA

Sabotaging the notion of typical gallery spaces, *Guerilla Botanica* transforms your experience of inner-city Whangārei with ephemeral deeds of botanical adornment. Unexpected floral signatures bloom in public spaces without commission or apparent authorisation. As with other forms of graffiti, this small group of discreet artists asks whether an object simply is, or can it assume the transformative power of street art, the landscape of the people? Look out for impromptu displays of botanical art in unexpected inner-city places.

Fri 27 Sep–Sun 13 Oct.....POP-UP, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Free – see Whangārei Fringe's stories on social media for locations



HAVE A GO! CIRCUS WORKSHOPS WITH THE DUST PALACE

Step right up, tamariki and rangatahi! This is a circus workshop for 7-15 year olds in the big-top circus tent, run by circus theatre company The Dust Palace. Each workshop combines aerial and ground-based circus work, and will be run by The Dust Palace professionals (you can also see them performing in *The Ice Cream is Melting!*).

Wed 2 Oct, 12.30pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Thu 3 Oct, 12.30pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Fri 4 Oct, 12.30pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$15 Duration 75 minutes



HERE IF YOU NEED

Here If You Need is the highly anticipated follow-up to Kura Forrester's 2019 Billy T Award-winning show, *Kura Shoulda Woulda*.

Forrester (*Taskmaster NZ, Educators*) returns to stand-up – updating us on where she's at and how it's all going. Her experience getting hearing aids, her time on *Shortland Street*, and finally getting a puppy.

Here If You Need is 'guaranteed crack-ups' for all and is not to be missed!

Thu 3 Oct, 6.30pm.....ONEONESIX
Fri 4 Oct, 7pm.....ONEONESIX

\$28/\$25 Duration 1 hour 18+



HIKU GALLERY: UNFRAMED AND UNHINGED

An exhibition of unique unframed works, on the fringe of Whangārei at Hiku Gallery, Hikurangi. The exhibition is curated by renowned Hikurangi artist Virginia Guy, and features works by Te Tai Tokerau artists. Nau mai, haere mai – come to Hikurangi and experience Hiku: where art and music happily co-exist.

Gallery hours:
Wed–Sun, 10am–2pm.....HIKU GALLERY

Free Throughout Fringe



HUMAN LIBRARY

Don't judge a book by its cover – check out our unique selection of Human Books instead! We all have our stories, and many of us have experienced prejudice and discrimination because of our differences. The Human Library concept is about hearing some of these stories and asking your own questions in order to 'unjudge'.

Sat 5 Oct, 9.30am.....WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

Free Duration 3 hours Drop-in



ICKY

In the stomach of the icky and yucky process that is grief, *Icky* is a dramedy about a struggling university student processing their father's death. They retell moments, thoughts and stories throughout their life – but they realise there's a more sinister truth they have yet to process. With *Icky*, playwright Viki Moananu won Best Play by a Pasifika Playwright at the Adam NZ Play Award 2023. (Warning: mentions of suicide, sexual assault, racism and death.)

Fri 4 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON

\$22/\$15 Duration 1 hour 18+



INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

Come and have a blast at What The Folk, Whangārei's *Instrument Petting Zoo*! Here, you can try out all sorts of cool instruments in a fun, hands-on way and meet local music teachers. Whether you've a passion for music or just want to explore, this is your chance to play and discover new sounds. Unleash your inner musician at the *Instrument Petting Zoo*! For kids and adults alike.

Sat 28 Sep, 10am
CORNER OF BANK STREET & VINE STREET

Choose what you pay, recommend \$10
Duration 2 hours **Drop-in**



JACK ANSETT & ITAY DOM: NEW JOKES

Itay Dom and Jack Ansett are driving north to Whangārei to test out some new jokes.

Please buy a ticket. Ideally we would like to make enough money to cover venue hire, petrol money, advertising and a treat on the way home!

One night only!

Thu 3 Oct, 6.30pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$15 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



INTANGENTIAL 3

Intangential 3 is a spontaneously evolving, eclectic mix of internationally published multi-genre poets and flash fiction aficionados who have joined and mingled with an extremely talented group of experienced local musicians playing a variety of stringed instruments. They will entrance you with their dance of lyric and composition on the edges of belief. Anyone want to dance too? If you thought you knew who we were, think again.

Tue 1 Oct, 7pm.....THE OLD LIBRARY

\$15/\$5/Free **Duration 1.5 hours**



KAITUHI – AUTHOR/WRITER/ SCRIBE

Whangarei District Libraries are bringing some literary interaction to the Fringe. Come and listen to a discussion on the connection between wellbeing and words, attend a talk on mana whenua perspectives on architecture, meet some of Northland's most prominent authors, buy their books, and more. To register for specific events, visit wdc.govt.nz/library/events and search for Fringe.

Sat 12 Oct, 10am.....WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

Free **Duration 2.5 hours**



KEYS & DREAMS

Delwyn, Christian, Abbie and friends bring you covers from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, Noughties and today. Think acoustic, jazzy, swingy, chill, and some songs just great for kicking up your heels and partying. *Keys & Dreams* creates a feel-good ambience, sharing love and bringing the fun for all! Expect keyboard, vocal harmonies, sometimes a sax, and more.

Sat 12 Oct, 5.30pm.....BEER & LOATHING

Koha entry **Duration 1.5 hours** **18+**



KIPLING DC – BIG DOG

The self-proclaimed 'Big Dog' of comedy returns to his hometown to debut his first-ever solo comedy hour! A Jack Russell with a microphone, Kipling navigates his audiences on a journey of storytelling idiotic silly you have never seen before. Critically acclaimed as "effortlessly charismatic", "unpredictable", and most importantly... "very funny!" The award-winning hometown hero promises a show more skuxx, more absurd, and bigger than ever! A work-in-progress show.

Thu 10 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



KYLE FURY BAND

The Kyle Fury Band is a five-piece band playing all original songs that blend reggae and ska with a punk edge. Their catchy, upbeat songs will have you singing along on the dance floor. Singer/songwriter Kyle Fury has toured all over Canada, USA and Mexico – and here he teams up with Whangārei musicians Maru Tana on bass, Mark Churcher on drums, Mike Brandt on keys and Chris Brockie on saxophone.

Fri 11 Oct, 9pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$20 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**

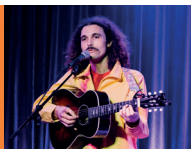


LASER KIWĪ – RISE OF THE OLIVE

Join the world's only surreal, award-winning sketch-comedy circus troupe on a wild ride as they bring people closer together, one olive at a time. Expect bizarre ideas, high-level circus and a bloody good night out. Overall Winner: Circus Award 2023, Fringe World. Winner: Best Circus and Physical Theatre 2019, Adelaide Fringe. "Clever, beautiful and extremely silly all at the same time" – *Scotsman*

Fri 27 Sep, 7pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$35/\$30 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



LEONARD POWELL (SOLO): LIVE AT THE WOODSHED

Tāmaki Makaurau artist Leonard Powell is bringing his acoustic guitar up SH1 for a special solo show at The Woodshed. Performing softly sung songs from his debut album *Slow Mover*, expect laughter, crowd interaction and space for introspection. Leonard's music reflects his inquisitive, gentle and playful nature, and will shine in this intimate setting. Seated gig, all ages, bring a smile. Doors open 2pm, gig starts 2.30pm.



LIVE AT THE FRINGE: BULL RUSH

Bull Rush returns to Whangārei! After delighting Aucklander audiences with their new weekly show, Bull Rush returns to the place where it all started: Whangārei Fringe! Catch a cast of Aotearoa's most exciting new comics, actors and improvisers, as they conjure a whole show out of nothing! Bull Rush was a finalist for Best Improv Group at the 2023 NZ Comedy Guild awards, and also took home the "Side Splitter" Best Comedy Award at Whangārei Fringe in 2020.

Sat 5 Oct, 2.30pm.....THE WOODSHED

\$20/\$15/\$10

Duration 1 hour

Fri 27 Sep, 9pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15

Duration 1 hour

18+



LOWER BAR COLLECTIVE PLAYS THE WHANGĀREI GARDENS

Lower Bar Collective join the Fringe to bring their improvised soundscapes and guitar pedal-driven noise experiments to Whangārei's Quarry Garden tunnels. Lower Bar Collective specialise in creating textured layers of sound in unique spaces, and the garden's tunnels will be a truly unique listening experience from every vantage point. Presented by local vinyl-lovers Badger's Den Records, this experience is one not to be missed.



LUMINOUS MONOTYPE

Te Kowhai Print Trust is thrilled to present *Luminous Monotype*, a two-day workshop with the fabulous Marci Tackett (marcitackett.com) – printmaker, colour specialist and bookbinder extraordinaire! Discover her unique monotype process celebrating colour, tone and form. This is a fantastic opportunity to benefit from Marci's deep expertise in printmaking. Booking essential; 20% discount if booking this and *Adventures in Bookbinding* workshop together.

Sat 12 Oct, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm
WHANGĀREI QUARRY GARDENS

Donation entry

Duration 45 minutes

Sat 5–Sun 6 Oct, 9.30am–3.30pm
TE KOWHAI PRINT TRUST

\$220

Two-day workshop

Northpower lights up our city!

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Together, we're brightening
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Looking to save on your next power bill?

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**Wednesday
2nd October
5pm - 10pm
Putahi Park**

Putahi Park will light up with dazzling fire dancers, vibrant music, and exciting performances at this **FREE** community event.

Enjoy two circus tents, a fiery stage, lively music, delicious treats on the Canopy Bridge, and a night of magical fun for the whole family.



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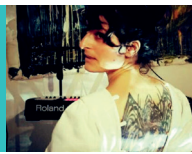


LYNKZ FEAT. MUTES FROM MARS

Come join us as Whangārei's LYNKZ (NorthAble) and Auckland's Mutes From Mars join forces to showcase the power and joy of music. LYNKZ have been exploring their musical identity through song and movement, leading to a remarkable fusion of artistry and expression. Mutes From Mars are a professional rock band distinguished by their extraordinary musicianship and the range of neurodiversity within their ranks. This interactive event celebrates diversity and unity through the universal language of music.

Fri 11 Oct, 6pm.....THE OLD LIBRARY

Koha (booking recommended)
Duration 2 hours



MAGGIE COCCO'S SCIENCE FOR SOCIOPATHS

Experience the unique, award-winning music and art of *Maggie Cocco's Science for Sociopaths*! Witness artworks created with dancers, painters, textile artists and audiences in immersive improvised collaborations past, or attend a bespoke performance featuring local guest artists and audience prompts just for Whangārei. Shows explore systemic and interpersonal themes to cathartic, thought-provoking effect. Attendance at bespoke performances is by lottery. See Eventfinda for details.

Fri 4–Sun 6 Oct, 10am–2pm.....LEVEL
Fri 11–Sun 13 Oct, 10am–2pm.....LEVEL

Free **Drop-in**



MANAGE YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Part image theatre, part live dance improvisation, part performative lecture – *Manage Your Expectations* is an exploration of consent and agency in performative spaces. Through Eliza's unique blend of dance, poetry, clown and absurd philosophising, she takes the idea of the 'trigger warning' to its absurdist extreme and questions how we can be kind to ourselves and others when we inevitably fail to manage our expectations. Contains nudity and explicit content.

Fri 4 Oct, 8.30pm.....ONEONESIX
Sat 5 Oct, 8pm.....ONEONESIX

\$28/\$25 **Duration 75 minutes** **18+**



MASTERCLASS IN COLOUR MAN- AGEMENT FOR PRINTMAKERS

Te Kowhai Print Trust is delighted to present a masterclass in colour management for printmakers by leading colourist Marci Tackett. This one-day intensive will dive into colour mixing, layering and qualities. Marci's vast experience and passion for sharing knowledge will guide you in creating desired colours and understanding their reactions in translucency and opacity. Don't miss this chance to elevate your printmaking skills! Booking essential.

Tues 8 Oct, 9.30am–3.30pm
TE KOWHAI PRINT TRUST

\$70 **One-day workshop**



MERMAID BAIT WITH THE SIDESHOW HUSTLERS

Dive into an extraordinary, whimsical world of music and vaudeville magic. Mermaid Bait & the Brass Monkey, known for their eclectic sound combining rock, folk and blues with northern nautical melodies, will set the tone – and the daring theatrical feats of the Sideshow Hustlers will weave intricate stories through movement, skill and artistry. This event promises to be a spellbinding night to remember.



MODERN DREAMS OF AN ANCIENT HEART

INora takes us on an eclectic, exotic musical journey. Courageously blending traditional musical styles with modern genres, she invites us into an invigorating exploration of cultural roots and contemporary grooves. INora's thrilling performance and exotic musical compositions will give you a fresh, immersive experience. Prepare to groove to dynamic dance rhythms, be moved by meditative cultural nuances, and feast on the visual spectacle of theatrical costuming.

Sat 28 Sep, 8pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$35/\$28/\$10

Duration 1 hour

Sun 6 Oct, 5.30pm.....OCTAGON

\$20/\$10

Duration 45 minutes



NEOBOTANICA

With a quirky combination of art and science, *NeoBotanica* by Liam Martyn Astbury imagines the future composition of the humble houseplant when botanical specimens are cleverly mixed with felines. Set in a dystopian world, this immersive and interactive installation explores this concept in multi-dimensional formats.



NIGHT TERROR

My boyfriend tried to murder me in my sleep. No, really! Time to deal with this the only way I know how: jokes. Winner of Best Comedy Award at Dunedin Fringe 2024. Book your tickets now for an hour of comedy with Eli Matthewson, as seen on *Paddy Gower Has Issues*, *Celebrity Treasure Island* and *7 Days*.

Opening event: Sat 28 Sep, 5pm
Pop-up gallery hours: Wed–Sat, 11am–4pm
QUARRY ARTS CENTRE

Free Throughout Fringe

Sat 28 Sep, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Sat 28 Sep, 9pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$25/\$20

Duration 1 hour

18+



NINA LANE & BRYAN OWENS TRIO

Nina is an original Kiwi songstress in an age of soundalikes. Uplifting lyrics explore life's beauty: intriguing characters, travels, love's ebb and flow, and Aotearoa's magnetic call. "A musician of dedicated quality and intellect" – Paul Ubana Jones

Bryan is a tour de force on strings and vocal harmonies, with accomplished musician John Fraser on acoustic double bass. The trio will perform a fusion of musical genres described as an alt-folk/blues/jazz crossover.



NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWZ

From the creative minds that brought you the musical autopsy that was *DIY – A Punk Opera* at the 2022 Whangārei Fringe Festival comes *No News is Good Newz*, an irreverent musical dive into the banal emotions of someone sticking their head in the sand to avoid the crushing disappointments of a world on fire.

Thu 10 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON
Sat 12 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON

\$20 **Duration 1 hour**

Sat 5 Oct, 5.30pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$5 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



NOCTURNAL ODDITIES

Step into a magical world where the audience's imagination comes to life! Join the Storyteller and a whimsical bunch of characters as they explore a fantastical bedroom and face the world of a sleepless night. Come dressed in your PJs! A new work in development created by emerging artists supported by NYT & ONEONESIX. Aimed at 4–10 year olds.



P*SS OFF PERI

It's not a train wreck – it's just menopause. We all go through different phases of life: some we celebrate with enthusiasm, so what's different about this one? Yup, it's menopause and perimenopause, and it's something we should talk about. Isn't it? Perhaps it's something we should laugh about? Jen and Reggie will have you in stitches with their take on this change-of-life phase. Post-show menopause Q&A with Dr Melissa Gilbert on Sat 5 Oct. Thanks to Whangārei District Creative Communities Scheme for funding support.

Tue 1 Oct, 10am & 1pm.....ONEONESIX
Wed 2 Oct, 10am & 1pm.....ONEONESIX

Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 40 minutes

Sat 28 Sep, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON
Sat 5 Oct, 5.30pm (with Q&A).....OCTAGON
Fri 11 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON

\$15/Oct 5 \$20 **Duration 40 mins** **16+**



PECHAKUCHA

PechaKucha is a platform for sharing ideas and projects in an economical, engaging way – each presentation lasts exactly 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The format is simple: presenters choose 20 images to accompany their kōrero, and each image is displayed for 20 seconds. As a response to the challenging times we live in, we've invited 10 movers and shakers – activists, artists, community builders, thinkers and doers – to share their innovative, hopeful and important ideas, projects and experiences.

Mon 30 Sep, 6.30pm.....ONEONESIX

\$15/\$10 Duration 2 hours



PERIPHERAL VISIONS: NEW WORK

A curated collection of new work and performance concepts. This event is a window into emerging performance projects by local artists. An opportunity to see a range of different work in the raw, initial stages, woven into a mini journey through worlds, characters, ideas and story. Playing with stories from the edges of memories and dreams, obsessions and hunches, we share our peripheral visions with an intimate travelling audience. Featuring Laurel Devenie, Penny Fitt, Zara Skuse, Jan Fisher, Mike Lyons and others.

Mon 7 Oct, 5.30pm.....ONEONESIX

Mon 7 Oct, 7.30pm.....ONEONESIX

**Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 1 hour**

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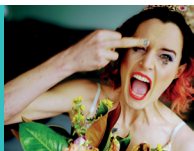
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PETTY GRIEVANCES

Are you seeking a show with substance? A show that makes you think? Well, this is not that show! *Petty Grievances* is not about heavy existential stuff: it's about the banal bothers of everyday life, the tiny papercuts of modern adulthood. Come and revel in a night of musical comedy about the kinds of petty complaints (like taxes and traffic, forehead wrinkles and loud neighbours) that have sustained small talk for generations!



PLAYGROUND

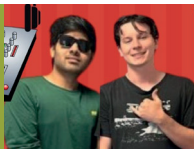
Enter a captivating circus journey through the stages of youth and self-discovery under the big top! Experience performances created and performed by Circus Kumarani's talented local youth from across Kaipara and Whangārei, in a celebration of the joy and challenges of growing up. A sensory-friendly show.

Fri 27 Sep, 9.30pm.....ONEONESIX
Sat 12 Oct, 9.30pm.....ONEONESIX

\$15/\$10 **Duration 1 hour** **16+**

Sat 28 Sep, 2pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Sat 28 Sep, 4.30pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$19/\$14/\$10 **Duration 1 hour**



QUIPS & QUIRKS: INTRUSIVE TALKS ON STAGE

Ever wondered what happens when two stand-up comedians can't decide between making you laugh or dragging you into their latest existential crisis? Join us, the duo behind *Intrusive Talks*, for pure chaos. First, we'll hit you with two 15-minute stand-up sets packed with punchlines your group chat wishes it had. Then, we'll dive into a live podcast recording where the audience gets to chime in. It's like group therapy but way funnier. IG: @intrusivetalkspodcast



REQUEST LINE

Joachim Hackshaw blends stand-up and improv comedy in an evening where you, the audience, call the shots. Having crafted a reputation as a clever and quick-witted stand-up comedian, and an improviser always ready to deliver a moving monologue or killer one-liner, Joachim will bring both together as he performs stand-up comedy based on your requests.

Thu 3 Oct, 9pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$10 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**

Wed 2 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON
Thu 3 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON

\$15/\$10 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



ROSIE – SINGER-SONGWRITER

Experience Rosie's unique blend of homegrown originals at Fringe. Her genre-defying music and authentic lyrics capture life's moments, and tell of love, courage, conviction – and little things that mean a lot. Be uplifted by her free-spirited performance and decide for yourself what the Rosie Genre truly is. Don't miss this captivating debut!

Thu 10 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON

**Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 1 hour**



SONGVERSATION

Songversation is where words fall short, and music takes over to express what's in the soul. This unique event by the Whangārei Gospel Choir combines powerful vocal performances with authentic dialogue, creating a soulful and captivating experience; the choir shares their love and passion, inviting audiences on a heartfelt journey. Join us for an unforgettable evening where melodies speak louder than words, and every note resonates with emotion. *Songversation* — when you can't find the words, sing.

Mon 30 Sep (pop-up, 30 min, see Fringe social media for timing).....TE IWITAHU
Sat 5 & Sun 6 Oct, 6pm.....THE OLD LIBRARY

\$15/\$10 Duration 1.5 hours

SHOW ME SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL

\$10

**THU 17 OCT,
6pm & 8pm
FORUM NORTH**

CINEASTES UNITE: WHANGĀREI FILM SOCIETY IS PROUD TO CONNECT LOCAL AUDIENCES AND FRINGE FANS WITH A NIGHT OF CELEBRATING SHORT FILMS FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AROUND THE WORLD.

SHOW ME SHORTS IS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND'S LEADING INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, AND THEIR 'THE SAMPLER' PROGRAMME OF SHORT FILMS IS ALWAYS A TREAT. JOIN US FOR A POST-FRINGE NIGHT OUT AS WE CELEBRATE THE SHORT FILM ART FORM AND CHAMPION SHORT FILM MAKERS.



SPACE HOLE

Ever feel like your bad decisions have the power to rip apart the fabric of reality, creating a metaphysical tear in time and space? Musical comedian Troubadette is live from the *Space Hole*, wrestling with her life choices while singing about dismemberment, tentacles, and some guy's dick. Channeling the energy of a kindergarten teacher and the wisdom of your favourite wine aunty. Winner of the Good Times Comedy Club (Chch) People's Choice 2023.

Tue 8 Oct, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Wed 9 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON

\$15/\$12 **Duration 55 minutes** **18+**



STINKYPOO, STINKYPOO: A READING OF BAD- JELLY THE WITCH

Badjelly, the baddest witch in the world, is coming to get you! Join us as we celebrate 50 years of this much-loved fairy story by Spike Milligan with a staged reading. Performed by Olivia Tennet (voice of Kiri in *Kiri and Lou*) with an original musical underscore by Tom Broome, this will be an event full of madness and mayhem. Recommended for ages 4+. Some themes could scare very young audiences.

Tue 8 Oct, 11am, 1pm, 3pm & 4.30pm
ONEONESIX

\$16/\$13 **Duration 40 minutes** **4+**



STOREHOUSE

Notorious Auckland beat combo Storehouse have flown firmly beneath the good-taste radar since the turn of the century, delivering unhinged boogie to such exotic locales as Salt Lake City, Oamaru, Zurich and Karangahape Road. Identifying a silvery thread of surrealism in blues, calypso and spirituals, Storehouse mainman Tom Rodwell ("Sheffield's answer to Lightnin' Hopkins", *NME*) is joined by jazz titans Chris O'Connor and Count Bassy.

Fri 4 Oct, 9pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$35/\$25 **Duration 2 hours** **18+**



TANGIHANGA

Dive into the heart of a Maori whānau with *Tangihanga*, where tensions, dramas, and the bonds of family intertwine amidst grief and tradition. This drama-comedy is centred around loving daughter Jess, whose father Karanipa passes away; his whānau and friends gather from near and far at the marae to mourn his loss. Kristyl Neho masterfully embodies more than 30 characters on this emotional rollercoaster, exploring the intricacies of whānau relationships, identity and cultural traditions.

Fri 27 Sep, 6pm.....ONEONESIX
Sun 29 Sep, 6pm.....ONEONESIX

Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 65 minutes



THE CHILDREN OF SACRED VALLEY

Tom Sainsbury and Lara Fischel-Chisholm are bringing their comedy dance crew, Dynamotion, to Whangārei! *The Children of Sacred Valley* follows the story of investigative journalist Davina Cobb, as she goes undercover in the highly secretive community known as 'The Children'. But this is no ordinary religious cult... expect joyous dancing, chilling rituals and thumping pop tunes. Probably the most fun you'll have in a theatre.

Contains haze, mild strobing, adult themes and colourful language.

Sat 28 Sep, 6.30pm.....ONEONESIX
Sat 28 Sep, 8.30pm.....ONEONESIX

\$35/\$32/\$180 group of 6 Duration 1 hour



THE COMING 2ND

The New Messiah Of Godzone is a self-made failure expert and she's here to take on orthodox religion, the patriarchy and colonisation in one go in this captivating musical comedy gem!

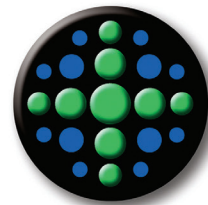
Jaqi Taimana is an imperfection guru with more than one intergalactic failure story to tell well and sell even weller.

It's time to come first for a change!

Fri 11 Oct, 8pm.....OCTAGON
Sat 12 Oct, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$15/\$12 Duration 1 hour 18+

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THE COOKING SHOW

Local chef Amber Wallace, who's passionate about creating appealing, healthy food, will be chatting with a Northland foodie while cookin' up a simple spread together in front of a live audience. The guest must bring five ingredients from their home pantry or garden, and together they will cook up a feast!



THE ICE CREAM IS MELTING!

A family circus show about climate change and how we can act locally whilst thinking globally. Siblings Bonnie and Nikau are bringing some yummy double-scoop ice cream cones back from the dairy for the whānau, but it is such a hot day all the ice creams are starting to melt! They follow the shady path next to the awa back home instead, and adventures await! Will they make it home with ice creams still intact?

Sun 13 Oct, 1pm.....ONEONESIX

\$20/\$12 Duration 1.5 hours 18+

Wed 2, Thu 3 & Fri 4 Oct, 11am & 2.30pm
CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$20/\$17.50/\$15 Duration 45 minutes



THE INCREDIBELLS

Modern music selections played by handbell ringers of Whangārei. Not to be confused with the ringing of church bells in patterns, handbells play the same notes as the piano and can cover 4–5 octaves. This dedicated group has been playing in Whangārei for roughly three years.



THE MAGIC OF PUPPETRY & MUSIC WITH SILO THEATRE

Fire up your imagination and discover the puppets and instruments hiding all around us! Your young ones will bring a classic Aotearoa children's book to life through puppetry and music, in a hands-on workshop with award-winning theatre makers from Silo Theatre. They'll create magical, inventive stories using only household objects and their imaginations. Suitable for children aged 5–10. Parents and younger children are encouraged to attend. Registration essential.

Mon 30 Sep, 7pm.....THE OLD LIBRARY

Free Duration 1 hour

Sat 28 Sep, 11am & 1.30pm
HIHIAUA CULTURAL CENTRE

**Free (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 1 hour**



THE MOVING BOOK CLUB

The Moving Book Club is a collective of local artists who will pop up in the public library throughout Whangārei Fringe Festival, delivering short chapters of impromptu performances in the form of movement improvisation. So look out for a rag-tag company of trained and untrained local artists, experimenting and exploring the everyday with movement – and perhaps books.



THE MUD KITCHEN

Get messy and muddy at The Mud Kitchen! Come for mud pies, mud cakes and all other muddy delights! Mix, squish and create with lots of natural ingredients like flower petals, leaves and so much more. All natural and all sustainable. Ideal for ages 2–8; it's waterfront family fun at the Fringe!

See the Whangārei Library website and social media for details
WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

Free **Duration 15 minutes**

Sat 5 Oct, 10am–1pm.....REYBURN HOUSE

Free **Drop-in**



THE MYTH-ADVENTURES OF VINCENT ANDREW-SCAMMELL

With a \$30k student loan and no career prospects, Vincent's life is hurtling down the wrong track. Luckily, he's found an ancient Grecian artifact said to grant him the power of the nine muses. In a show described as a "hugely entertaining", "bonkers multi-genre supercut of *The Iliad*", Vincent uses the power of these muses to transport the audience to the ludicrous, deadly, whimsical world of Greek mythology. Nominated for Outstanding Solo Performance at NZ Fringe 2024.



THE NIGHT

The night is when the creatures and spirits come out to play, where the darkness hides the forbidden, the unseen world emerges from the shadows, where myths and legends gain life in the moonlit hours. *The Night* group exhibition will showcase the Whangārei Fringe 2024 trophies created by Rosy & Rich, alongside works from Amorangi Hikuroa, Andrea Beazley, Becs Moore, Clark HA, Dave Beazley, Erika Pearce, Evan Heasman, Hamish O-B, Miki Nozomi, Oliver Cain, Alicia Courtney and Rachael Pedersen.

Fri 27 Sep, 7.30pm.....OCTAGON
Sat 28 Sep, 8pm.....OCTAGON

\$20/\$16 **Duration 1 hour** **13+**

Opening event: Sat 28 Sep, 5pm
Gallery hours: Mon–Sat, 10am–4.30pm
QUARRY ARTS CENTRE

Free **Throughout Fringe**



THE NIGHT LIBRARY & CAFÉ

Our Fringe event for social introverts! Enjoy the library at night while sipping on a fresh hot chocolate or coffee. Come join a reading circle or living library tour, play a board game or listen to relaxing live music or some storytelling. Or just pick a book, find your favourite reading nook and experience... the Night Library!*

*Limited library services available.

Wed 9 Oct, 6.30–10pm
WHANGĀREI LIBRARY

Free **Drop-in**



THE PRE CONDITIONED HORI

Hip-hop lyricist and street poet Charles N Charge presents a conscious musical stage show that explores his experiences growing up in urban Aotearoa and the stereotyped discourses he faced. This award-winning show will be heading to Whangārei for the first time after winning Best in Fringe and the Music Award at Ōtepoti Fringe 2024, and appearances in Nelson and Pōneke. Raw, real and kaupapa-driven – nau mai, haere mai.

Thu 3 Oct, 6.30pm.....OCTAGON
Fri 4 Oct, 5.30pm.....ONEONESIX

Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 1 hour



THE SASSY SEXY GORGEOUS HILARIOUS COMEDY SHOW

Josh's cheeky comedy takes the piss out of the annoying Britneys and arrogant Gregs we all know. You can't help but laugh at his extra and boujee ways.

Melissa hasn't slept in a year; her latest comedy is about becoming a mum, marriage and growing up in Australia.

"It's a bit much" – Mel's mum

As seen on *Educators*, *Snort* and *Bullrush*.

Fri 4 Oct, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK
Sat 5 Oct, 9pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$15 **Duration 1 hour** **18+**



TINY STREET ART EXHIBITION

Follow the clues and, hidden around Whangārei central, you will find the *Tiny Street Art Exhibition*: tiny artworks by some of our most treasured artists, tucked away in little corners of the streets. Follow @tekowhaiprint on IG to see the clues and find the hidden *Tiny Street Art Exhibition*. Then photograph what you find and tag @tekowhaiprint to be in to win one of these artworks for your collection.

Fri 27 Sep–Sun 13 Oct
POP-UP EXHIBITION

Free **Throughout Fringe**



TITUS ANDRONICUS: A STORY OF REVENGE

Experience Shakespeare's first and most brutal tragedy, *Titus Andronicus*, inspired by 1920s Britain and the *Peaky Blinders*. This adaptation tells a gripping tale of revenge and betrayal, brought to life by the dynamic energy of a young cast and director. Supported by Northland Youth Theatre, this show offers an innovative take on Shakespeare's most savage work. Contains violence, themes of rape/sexual assault.

Sat 12 Oct, 3pm & 7pm
Sun 13 Oct, 3pm & 7pm
WHANGĀREI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
\$15/\$10 **Duration 1 hour** **14+**



TONGUE IN CHEEK

Leave your feelings at the door or bring them, WDGAF. A delightful and disturbing collection of... well, we don't really know what, but that's the point. Trigger warning: there will be a trigger and we are going to pull it.

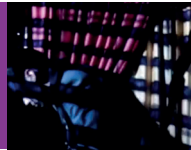
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THE BUTTER FACTORY
Free **Duration 2 hours** **18+**



ŪKAIPŌ

Ūkaipō celebrates a mother's power to manifest life. The modern landscape they navigate, full of quirks and qualms, ignites a desire to connect back to whakapapa and whenua. The contemporary storytelling of these wāhine toa comes to life through the eclectic art form of Māori contemporary dance. With local performers Stormy Kay, Jenn Ruka, Jess Collins, Jan Fisher and Jasmin Fisher-Johnson, directed by Gabrielle Thomas.

Fri 11 Oct, 6pm.....ONEONESIX
Sat 12 Oct, 2pm & 6pm.....ONEONESIX
Koha (Eventfinda bookings essential)
Duration 1 hour



UNREAL-UNREAL

A musical/live visual performance by Thom Burton and Kim Newall (both formerly of indie-electronic group SoccerPractise). Both veterans in their respective fields, Newall and Burton weave together a sensory alchemy to transport the viewer/listener, smash the mundane, and reveal the wormholes to parallel worlds of light, sound and feeling. Post-punk/avant-garde/electronica. Contains strobe lighting and loud noises.

Thu 10 Oct, 8pm.....ONEONESIX
\$20/\$10 **Duration 1 hour**



VOID (WORK IN PROGRESS)

Zane Jarvie has toured nationally, internationally and won things... none of which were for stand-up comedy, but at least you know he is good at something. He has been entertaining audiences since before he can remember and wants nothing more than for everyone to get along.

Join him in his attempt to fill the void.

“Everything about him is slick and polished – excellent comedy chops” – The Ruminator, New Zealand

Thu 10 Oct, 8pm.....BEER & LOATHING

\$20 **Duration 55 minutes** **18+**



WALKING SONGS

An intimate performance of story and song, inspired by a solo journey on Te Araroa. This unique, raw and darkly explosive re-telling of five months walking the "world's toughest through-hike" celebrates the power of the voice, the body, and being shit scared but doing it anyway. Milly Moon's rich storytelling and seamless weaving of prose and song earned Melbourne Fringe's Best Music award 2023.

NOTE: Hiku Gallery doors open at 2pm for 3pm show. Seating limited, booking essential.

Sat 5 Oct, 7.30pm.....OCTAGON

Sun 6 Oct, 3pm.....HIKU GALLERY

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Duration 1 hour **16+**



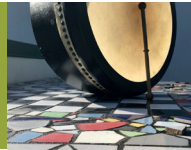
WE, THE OUTSIDERS

An original documentary theatre piece created with real-life stories of migrant workers living in New Zealand, using storytelling, original music and multimedia. This captivating, thought-provoking theatrical experience sheds light on the diverse challenges migrants face in this country – including unspoken issues of trying to fit in, learning new languages and adapting to a new culture. Winner of the Theatre Award – and nominated for Best in Fringe, and Dance/Cabaret/Physical Theatre Award – at Dunedin Fringe 2024.

Fri 27 Sep, 8pm.....ONEONESIX

Sun 29 Sep, 2pm.....ONEONESIX

\$25/\$20/\$15 **Duration 55 minutes**



WHAT THE FOLK, WHANGAREI!

A vibrant celebration of international folk and acoustic music! *What the Folk, Whangārei!* returns for its second year, bringing together talented local musicians and music lovers for a lively series of workshops and performances that capture the heart and soul of Te Tai Tokerau's folk music scene. Whether you're a long-time folk enthusiast or new to the genre, there's something for all ages. Come for the music, stay for the good vibes, and experience the community that is *What The Folk!*

Fri 27 Sep, 3pm–Sun 29 Sep, 9pm

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\$90 pre-sale three-day pass

\$35 door-sale day pass

Koha one-off performance or workshop



WHOSE LINE IS IT, WHANGĀREI?

Enjoy hilarious on-stage skits and cringe-inducing theatresports games as a group of actors compete to make the biggest dicks of themselves for your amusement. Yes, the Improv Mob is back with 90 minutes of hilarity, plenty of audience interaction and participation, and a guest judge to give two teams punishing points.

- Improvised theatresports show.
- Guest judge comedian.
- Lols guaranteed.

Sat 12 Oct, 7pm.....THE CAVE,
THE BUTTER FACTORY

\$20/\$10 Duration 1.5 hours 18+



WRITE-OFF

Award-winning comedian Sean Collier returns from a successful Melbourne International Comedy Festival with his debut solo show. Raised in Whangārei, Sean is known for his dark humour and tales of delinquency about his upbringing. He won the Wellington Raw Comedy Quest 2018 and Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Comedy Out West Competition 2024.

Thu 3 Oct, 8pm.....BEER & LOATHING
Sat 5 Oct, 6pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$20/\$17 Duration 55 minutes 18+



YOU MUSTAPICKED THE WRONG GUY TO MESS WITH

James Mustapic has many enemies, and it's time to show them all that they mustapicked the wrong guy to mess with. Join him for a brand new hour of multi-media stand-up comedy that will leave you thinking, "I mustapicked the right show to go along to this Whangārei Fringe!"

Fri 4 Oct, 7.30pm.....FRINGE AFTER DARK

\$25/\$20 Duration 1 hour 18+



ZAKTAKULAR'S HOUSE OF TRICKS

Returning for his second Whangārei Fringe... please welcome Zaktakular!!! Come watch as this award-winning entertainer takes his abilities to new heights by performing a variety of classic circus stunts and original tricks – some so perilous that the consequences stretch far beyond a bruised ego. This family-friendly show is not to be missed. From whips to chocolate chips, there will be something for everyone.

Fri 11 Oct, 2pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE
Fri 11 Oct, 6pm.....CIRQUE DU FRINGE

\$10/\$5 Duration 50 minutes



THROUGHOUT FRINGE

These arty events are running throughout the festival – often during the day, and in many cases it’s free to drop in and enjoy them. (Booking is essential for the workshops, though.) Check the individual event listings, or jump onto Fringe’s social media to get the latest locations of the pop-up fun.

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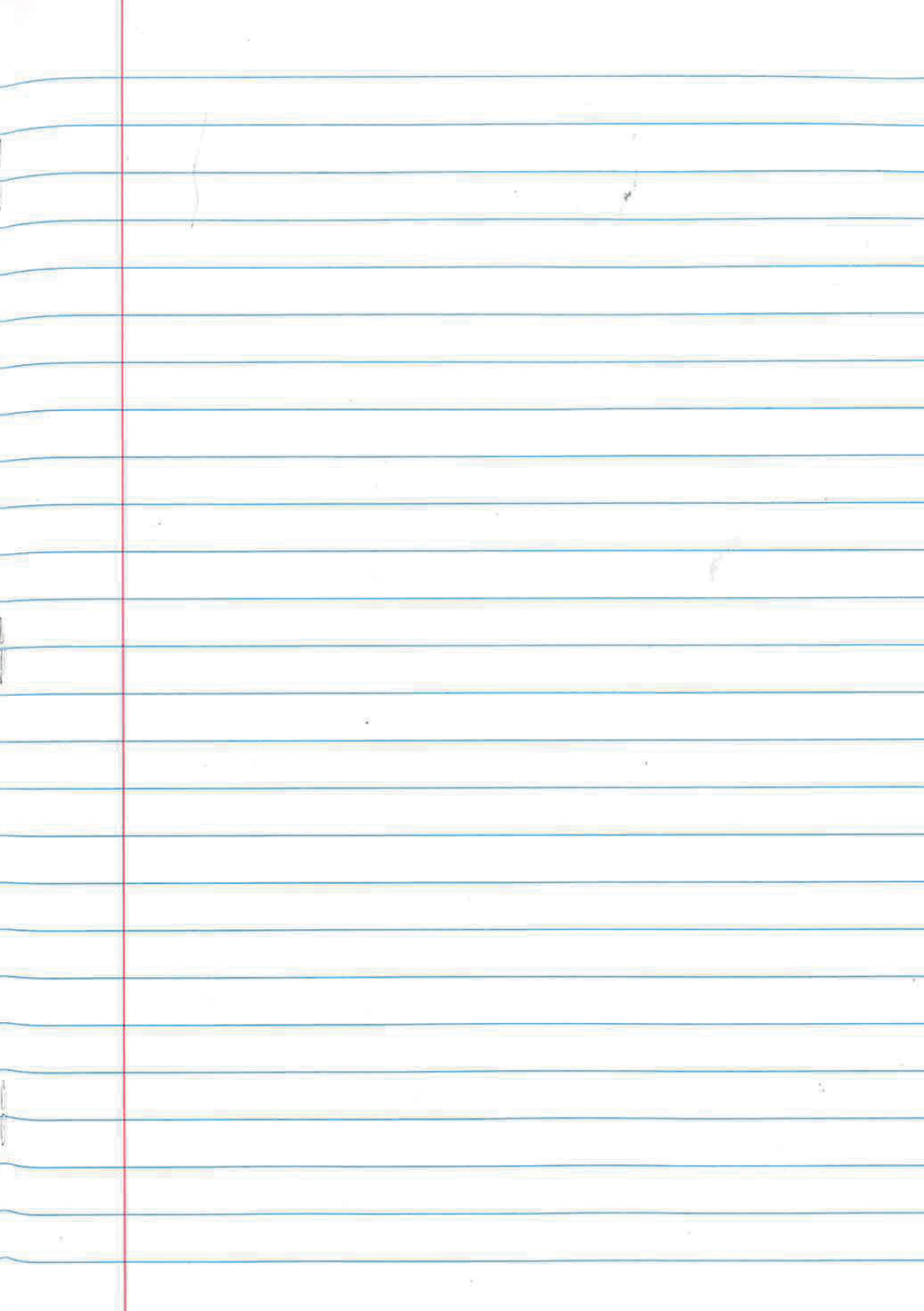


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