

Palmerston North Performing Arts Trust - Arts Heart Educational Development Project Scheme 2022

Kia ora tatou,

Project Title: Workshopping Original Theatrical Ideas with Youth

Hokozoo Productions/MYTH Youth Theatre towards costs for running a course in early 2023 to workshop concepts/stories to develop into original musicals.

Project Director: Kane Parsons & Graham Johnston

Project Budget: \$2650.00

We have actually run more than one workshop as originally planned. This has been due to Graham & Kane's work commitments with putting on Moana Jr at the Regent Theatre, The Legend of Okatia world premiere, followed by the sold out season of Madagascar at the Globe.

We have utilised cast from each of these three shows as part of this mahi and worked in with the various rehearsal schedules as the opportunity to work with a variety of youth from different cultural backgrounds was an exciting opportunity.

Our last workshop is planned for August the 20th where we will record a song and a scene for further development into a larger format.





Project Progress:

We are currently in the process of developing the brainstorming sessions into lyrical content and crafting a dramatic scene/script.

The feedback from participants so far has been around putting on shows that have resonance with their culture/community and place where they live. Another theme has been writing a piece about High School life but from a Kiwi perspective.

Project Impact:

The project is expected to have a positive impact on the theatre community. The workshops are helping to promote diversity and inclusion in the theatre community, and they will help to develop the next generation of theatre artists.

Project Evaluation:

The project is well-positioned to achieve its goals. We have a strong team of professionals leading the workshops, and we have a clear plan for how the project will be implemented. We are confident that the project will have a positive impact on the youth participants and on the theatre community.

Our next step is to apply for funding to create a 20min version that leads into the development of a full scale 1 hour long production.

We thank you very much for your support and look forward to sharing the final output.

Ngā mihi nui

Kane & Graham