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Welcome to the 48th National Youth Jazz Competition



2026 is the 48th year of the National Youth Jazz Competition – another milestone year with still more entries than ever before plus our new initiative the auditioned NYJC Big Band 2026. We just keep on growing, reflecting the high interest in jazz across secondary schools in Aotearoa. Keep it coming!

Our grateful thanks to our naming sponsor the Wright Family Foundation for their support. The Tauranga Jazz Society is pleased to partner with them in promoting youth and music education.

We are very privileged to have two esteemed judging panels, one for Big Bands and one for Combos comprised of some of our finest international jazz players all of whom are teachers on major jazz degree

programmes in Aotearoa.

We are grateful to them, to our sponsors and to all the Music Directors, teachers and parents who support their young proteges. Thank you.

The Competition is committed to excellence in performance, and we love giving out our treasured Tauranga Jazz Society trophies to our winners. But above all we hope students will enjoy the experience, make some great musical memories and forge some lifelong friendships.

Go for Gold! See you on the Gig!

Liam Ryan
MANAGER NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ COMPETITION

National Youth Jazz Competition Prizes and Trophies

BIG BAND TROPHIES

NEW ORLEANS TROPHY
for the Most Outstanding Big Band
The winner receives \$500 from Tauranga Jazz Society

GEORGE RAWIRI TROPHY
for the Most Outstanding Big Band Musician
The winner receives a \$200 gift certificate from Music Planet

SOUNZ TROPHY: Best performance of a NZ composition

RODGER FOX TROPHY: Best Big Band Trombonist

DAVE FEEHAN TROPHY: Best Big Band Vocalist

EDWINA THORNE TROPHY: Best Big Band Trumpet or Flugel Player

P & L NORMAN TROPHY: Best Big Band Lead Trumpet

MAYERS MUSIC CENTRE TROPHY: Best Big Band Guitarist

P&S PENMAN TROPHY: Best Big Band Bassist

BILL HOFFMEISTER TROPHY: Best Big Band Pianist

YANAGISAWA TROPHY: Best Big Band Saxophonist

BAKER/ALLEN TROPHY: Best Big Band Arrangement

DENNIS HUGGARD TROPHY: Best First Year Performance Band

LAUREN ELLIS TROPHY: Best Big Band Drummer

JEFF BAKER TROPHY: Best Big Band Rhythm Section

COMBO TROPHIES

NORMAN FAMILY TROPHY
for the Best Jazz Combo
The winner receives \$250 from Tauranga Jazz Society

TAURANGA JAZZ SOCIETY TROPHY
for the Most Outstanding Combo Musician
The winner receives \$200 from Tauranga Jazz Society

MASON TROPHY MUSICIANSHIP Award: Combo displaying strong band concept

RYAN TROPHY: Best Combo Vocalist

TOM BAYLISS TROPHY: Best Combo Clarinetist

BRIAN GEOGHAN TROPHY: Best Combo Trumpet or Flugel

MURPHY TRUST AKA DR TOOT TROPHY: Best Combo Saxophonist

DAVID PROUD TROPHY: Best Combo Trombonist

BAY CITY MUSIC TROPHY: Best Combo Keyboard Player

ERROL CHRISTIANSEN TROPHY: Best Combo Flautist

DEREK JACOMBS TROPHY: Award for Innovation

HILL/WILCOCK TROPHY: Best Combo Drummer

TOI OHOMAI TROPHY: Best Combo Bassist

TREVOR BRAUNIAS TROPHY: Best Combo Guitarist

KEN MITCHELL TROPHY: Best Original Composition

A full list of winners will be published on National Youth Jazz Competition facebook and website PLUS Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Emerging Awards nationallyouthjazz.org.nz

Our Judges



Lana Law
BIG BAND JUDGE
Saxophonist and teacher Lana Law holds a BMus in Jazz Performance and has toured the world as a professional musician. Lana lives in Christchurch teaching music privately and leading bands in schools. She is the Music Director of the The All Girl Big Band, former MD of the Garden City Big Band and the Music Director of the Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra.



Dr Nick Tipping
BIG BAND JUDGE
Dr Nick Tipping is a bass player, teacher, and broadcaster based in Wellington. He's best known for hosting jazz and classical music shows on RNZ Concert. Nick has a PhD in Musicology looking at the NZ jazz scene and is a three time winner of the Best Jazz Artist award at the Aotearoa Music Awards. Nick was Head of the New Zealand School of Music in Wellington from 2007-2011, and is a highly experienced performer. He has shared the stage with jazz legends James Moody, Phil Woods, and Kenny Burrell; he is first call bass player for the NZSO; and was a member of the Rodger Fox Big Band for 10 years.



Ben Wilcock
COMBO JUDGE
Jazz pianist and composer Ben Wilcock tours nationally. In 2014 he co-founded Thick Records NZ, and has since released six albums as a leader. He has worked as a sideman for artists such as Chris Cain, Bella Kalolo, Aaradhna and Louis Baker, and has shared the stage with jazz greats Bennie Maupin and Bob Moses. He is a senior academic staff member at Toi Ohomai Institute of technology, where he has worked with aspiring musicians since 2015.



Dr Roger Manins
COMBO JUDGE
Saxophonist Dr Roger Manins is widely regarded as one of the leading jazz saxophonists in the Southern Hemisphere. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland and continues to perform internationally. He has appeared as a featured soloist on more than 40 jazz albums and has released several CDs as a leader and collaborator, including the critically acclaimed *Two-Out* with pianist Mike Nock. Roger is featured on six albums that have won the TUI Award for New Zealand Jazz Album of the Year, including *The Thing*, *The Edge of Chos*, *Dog*, *Panacea*, *Fearless Music*, and *Resonator*.

Let the Competition begin!

Thank you to our sponsors

On behalf of the Tauranga Jazz Society thank you to our sponsors and funders for their ongoing support of the National Youth Jazz Competition.



NYJC BIG BAND 2026 SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!

Wednesday 1 April 5.00pm

- SAXES:** Jaden Lee - Saint Kentigern College, Reiss Fatani - Burnside High School, Alex Gibson - Burnside High School, Abilio Fernandes - St Patricks College, Wellington, Aardash Roy - Burnside High School
- TRUMPETS:** Logan Topp - Pukekohe High School, Aidan Jobe - Hamilton Boys' High School, Ollie Larson - Tauranga Boys' College, Arthur Thomson - Bethlehem College, Max Tay-Morrison - Sancta Maria College, Matthew Hermitte - Pukekohe High School
- TROMBONES:** Xavier Churchouse - Tauranga Boys' College, Sasha Whitlock - St Cuthbert's College, Oliver McKay - Pukekohe High School, Felix Holdaway - Palmerston North Boys' High, Simon Gillies - Western Heights High School
- RHYTHM SECTION:** Ben Viljoene - Palmerston North Boys' High, Hunter Davis - Cambridge High School, Rikipapaki Reedy - Gisborne Boys' High School, Mason Johnstone - Hamilton Boys' High School
- VOCALIST:** Caitlin Lewis - Cambridge High School

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Paul Norman

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SCHEDULE FOR 48TH NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ COMPETITION 2026

COMBOS – Monday 30 March | X Space

TIME	SCHOOL	COMBO	PERFORMERS
8.30am	Mount Maunganui College	MMC Jazz Combo	Flynn Augustine, Isaac De Oliveira Ferreira, Tyler Ormsby, Conor Toner
9.00am	Otumoetai College	OTC Jazz Combo	George Cowan, Zen Miyayami, Osman Keenan, Caleb Friar, Adam Sushames
9.30am	Hutt International Boys' School	Flying Funk	Isaac Bott, Luken Robertson, Liam Struthers, Ridley Sheehan, Wilf Madle
10.00am	Hamilton Boys' High School	Hamilton Boys' High School Combo	Aidan Jobe, Leni Reid, Edward O'Connor, John Huang, Jethro Croucher, Mason Johnstone, Lennox Goodman
10.30am	Wellington High School	Equinox	Oli Hills, James Nimmo, Lenni Aschenberger, Len Suzaki
11.00am	Lynfield College	Moa Combo	Harry Baker, Minh Phan, James Gallagher, Theo Jackson, Ashton Silveira
11.30am	ACG Parnell	ACG Parnell Junior Jazz Combo	Louis Kwok, Vivaan Sarda, Yinuo Jiang, Hansen Yu, Max Wang
12.00pm	LUNCH		
12.30pm	St Mary's College	Swagger Saints	Eden Inia, Samantha Jensen, Zara Peterson, Georgia Alexander, Ayla Hambrook, Wendilyn Basanez, Lozen Nicholls, Xandra Zubiri
1.00pm	Orewa College	Wombo Combo	Bruno Mcleod, Cayden Young, Perola Oliveira Bond, Ernesto Pfeiffer, Miguel Duting
1.30pm	Hamilton Boys' High School	Hamilton Boys' High School Junior Combo	Caleb Brown, Tawhana Hohipa, Eli Conlon, Joshua Palmer, Ezra Yang, Te Manawa Turangi-Joseph, Leni Reid, Lennox Goodman, Solomona Ennion, Nathaniel Liju, Quinn James, Jack Murphy
2.00pm	Lynfield College	Huia Combo	Lara Kuo, Sohail Asyaban, Jiawei Wu, Caitlin Hsiao, Amelia Misiagi, Meghna Malik, Ellice Hii, Joshua Fleming, Breanna Flowers
2.30pm	Sancta Maria College	Big Kahuna Burger	Daniel Butcher, Joshua Orange, Max Tay-Morrison, Audrey Basilio, Liam Wu, Arianna Peters, Gabriel Huerella
3.00pm	St Patrick's College	The Blue Messenger's	Abilio Fernandes, Lorenzo Di Maio, Zach Breen, John Christian Historillo
3.30pm	Sancta Maria College	Mama's Ramen	Ariane Cordeiro, Maia Tay-Morrison, Amelia Brzozowzki, Madi Isaia, Aaron Satoso, Rocky Liu
4.00pm	ACG Parnell	The Improv Guild	Keshav Gai, Aanya Nair, Kevin Chi, Milan Bing, James Paul, Alvin Zhao, Nathan Geng
4.30pm	Sancta Maria College	Royale with Cheese	Amelia Brzozowzki, Raynelle Ramos, Olivia Yang, Rocky Liu, Chloe Ting, Cedric Ybanez, Christina Chiatchara
5.00pm	Lynfield College	Pouākai Combo	Kiran Treanor, Diyon Pushparaja, Frank Ave, Tristan Dear, Toby Pin, Enoch Satrio, Iszak Stewart, Lupe Fetuani
5.30pm	Tauranga Boys' College	TBC Combo 2	Xavier Churchouse, Tom Crisp, Tasman Struthers, Zach Webster, Oliver Larsen, Kris Mangnus
6.00pm	Wellington High School	WHS Combo 2	Leo Cattell, Charley Holland, Kalais Pandian, Theo Moyes-Stewart, Izy Iverson, Aiden McElrea, Nathaniel Elliot
6.30pm	Tauranga Boys' College	TBC Combo 3	Daniel Willis, Carlos Santamaria Puga, Leo Gray, Harim Choi, Tomas Antia Varon, Peter Chang
7.00pm	Tauranga Boys' College	TBC Combo 1	Oliver Larsen, Lenny Hoskin, Leo Gray, Daniel Barback, Max Horn

Judges: Ben Wilcock and Roger Manins

Maximum playing time is 20 minutes for each group

Combo set piece *Caravan* by Tizol/Ellington

Bands receive feedback from the judges following their performance.



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BIG BANDS – Monday 30 March | Addison Theatre

TIME	SCHOOL BAND	BAND LEADER	PERFORMERS
10.45am	MMC Big Band	Mark Dennison	Daniel Anderson, Flynn Augustine, Milani Boase, Ayana Burgess, Yuri Chung, Trelise Cotter, Lyla Courtney, Isaac De, Andre Downey, Elodie Keeble, Zeijah Larence, Bryn Lloyd, Lennox Lloyd, Josh Minchington, Kingston Mortell, Stella Murphy, Tyler Ormsby, Kaea Paki, Ezekiel Phillips, Maddi Rolleston, Harper Shallard
11.30am	Tauranga Boys' College Big Band Two	Paul Hoskin	Daniel Barback, Mylo Bywater, Carlos Santamaria Puga, Vincent Scott, Korban Tuck, Michael Sidwell, Julian Polomka, Jakeem Van Wyk, Zach Norwood, Travis Lammas, Bruno Tawharu-Senf, Jake Bell Booth, Saimone Takitaki, Kobe Park, Taj Upton, Zach Webster, Lleyton Smith
12.15pm	LUNCH		
12.45pm	Sancta Maria College Big Band	Lukas Fritsch	Audrey Basilio, Daniel Butcher, Amelia Brzozowzki, Ariane Cordeiro, Raynelle Ramos, Joshua Orange, Aaron Chan, Patrick Maldon, Matthew Ye, Lucas Siu, Maia Tay-Morrison, Max Tay-Morrison, Aaron Santoso, Jake Price, Liam Wu, Cedric Ybanez, Rocky Liu, Christina Chiatchara, Gabe Huerella, Madi Isaia, Chloe Ting
1.30pm	Pukekohe High School Big Band	Steven Granshaw	Noelle Thomson, Chrystal Heagney, Jessie Bigell, Nicholas Howes, Gerrit du Plessis, Navani Nand, Kayla Roux, Elliot Stewart, Emily Stacey-Baxter, William Nemme, Japkir Singh, Andrew Jang, Elrich Macaskill, Sean Devany, Jamie Van De Westerl, Archer Cocker, Catherine Tegman, Meeka Mills, Ash Seamer, Jerry Xu, Jasson Wang, Lucas Huang, Luan Macaskill
2.15pm	Tauranga Boys' College Big Band One	John Page	Tom Crisp, Michael Dewan, Carlos Santamaria Puga, Mateo Kaupmann, Daniel Willis, Ollie Larsen, Malachi Robertson, Dominic Polomka, Michael Sidwell, Xavier Churchouse, Zach Norwood, Travis Lammas, Korban Tuck, Peter Chang, Tasmin Struthers, Lenny Hoskin, Daniel Barback, Lero Gray, Kris Mangnus
3.00pm	Hamilton Boys' High School /Sacred Heart Girls' College Big Band	Paul Norman	Aidan Jobe, Micah Ennion, Connor McCracken, Oscar Lawrence, Ethan Jobe, Tobias Croucher, Leni Reid, Jayson Yang, Joshua Palmer, Caleb Brown, Renesh Parawidana, Eli Conlon, Edward O'Connor, John Huang, Jethro Croucher, Lennox Goodman, Mason Johnstone, Lizzie Barr, Katie Barr, Lale Ieremia-Allan
3.45pm	St Paul's Big Band	Greg Taylor	Ethan Edge, Vivian Ho, Shannon Yu, Bruno Laing, Adi Manda, Cam Evans, Liam Edge, Trivahn Walker-Riggins, Ariv Goel, Mark Liao, Ashton Russell, Shane Plimmer, Troy Poole, Leo Plimmer, Reid Sim, Julia Chang, Sonny Lee, Daniel Stokes, Tanay Sharma, Rina Zhou, Nachi Fukuoka, Julia Zhou, Taila Davidson, Anu Manda, Jubhair Tohill, Lachlan Stent
4.30pm	St Mary's College Jazz Band	Tala O'famo'oni / Felix Hayes-Tourelle	Erin Joyce, Athena Zhang, Océane Stanfield, Melissa Hollewand, Jaiden Roca, Freya Deng, Indie Hedgepeth, Evangeline Koh, Abigail Karnadi, Ariannah Ahki, Caitlin Reid, Jessica Garland, Emma Leite, Lennox Nathan-Edmonds, Zoe Masih, Siendra Lawrence, Kiara Leumoana, Eden Nansen, Elaine Zhu, Alexandra Wagg, Svenja Andreas, Bella Steedman, Abi Hobson, Malaika Pereira, Camille Rupp, Robyn Ashton, Xandra Zubiri, Addison Morgan

Judges: Lana Law, Nick Tipping

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Big Band set piece **Advanced Level 1: *Basie Straight Ahead* by Sammy Nestico**

Intermediate Level 2: *Until I Met You (Corner Pocket)* Arr. Mark Taylor

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TIME	SCHOOL	COMBO	PERFORMERS
8.30am	Green Bay High School	Green Note	Simone Lieu, Ava-Rose Lee-Sang, Arthur Thompson, Matiu Barrington, Regina Wu, Eve Maloni-Simpson, Harrison Trouse
9.00am	Kuranui College	MONS Quartet	Maceo Field, Oskar Marks, Nathan Belluomini, Sanjeet Sachdev
9.30am	St Mary's College	Stella Nova '67	Kassandra Bas, Jacinta Lawrence, Lily Higgins, Hanielle Rois de Jesus, Briana Chloe Basco, Destiny Fruean-Ah Ching, Sienna Tohi
10.00am	Wellington High School	\$4.50	Ferris Vautier, Louis Mackie, Izy Iverson, Nathaniel Elliot
10.30am	Westlake Boys High School	Swans Quintet	Shan Liu, Joseph Lee, Nate Johnson, Joshua Wilson, Elijah Ahn
11.00am	Wellington College	J Parker Sextet	James Parker, Duncan Blennerhassett, Richie Usher, Ben Cookson, Miles Lin, Loki Sparksman
11.30am	St Cuthbert's College	Milestones	Emmie Speedy, Georgie McGregor-McDonald, Sasha Whitlock, Yahan Duan, Yiwen Pan, Emma Zheng, Anna Fukushima, Abby Grant, Chelsea Wu
12.00pm	LUNCH		
12.30pm	Liston College	Bi-fore We Go	Temhani Mbangwa, Lexie Idio, Kathy Chen, Vivian Yang, Max RobbMarkham, Henry Valette, Riley Wang, William Winter
1.00pm	Avondale College	Birdland	Beau Buchanan, Ollie Carson, Avika Singh, Azeez Johar, Eli Hiini-Neilson, Victoria Hu, Amadeia D'Souza
1.30pm	New Plymouth Boys High School	The Maund Dawgs	James Peng, Xavier Kilgour, Isaac Thornhill, Ashton Green, Marley Norman, Tommy Broadmore
2.00pm	Westlake Boys High School	The Red Stripes	Zander Gill, Max Bailey, Luke Manley, Peter Raistrick, Nate Johnson
2.30pm	St Cuthbert's College	5th Ave	Emma Zheng, Abby Grant, Sasha Whitlock, Georgie McGregor-McDonald, Anna Fukushima
3.00pm	Westlake Boys High School	The Green Jackets	Ethan Chen, Ethan Zhang, Julian Wang, Lawson Munn, Nullah De Souza
3.30pm	Saint Kentigern College	Yoshi's	Oscar Gu, Lara Diprose, Zara Shanks, Kara Scouler
4.00pm	Rangitoto College	Montreux	Jo-Ann Cai, Ernie Hurley, Ollie Preston-Thomas, Lara McLeay, Lila Poppelbaum, Dylan Johnston
4.30pm	Kristin School	Blue in Green	Chanice Yan, Dani Scanlan-Dyas, Saumel Coombe, Richard Yang, Dania Al-Hakeem, Andrew Guan, Zoe De Boer
5.00pm	Avondale College	52nd Street	Ahran Panesar, Joshua Ave, Ryan Chen, Mat Simonov, Eliza Gleeson
5.30pm	Avondale College	Rob's Dogs	Leila O'Loughlin, Faagalo Rasmussen, Alyssa-Mai Leauga, Ethan Haver, Nathan O'Neill, Tiane Finau, Richard Tagilima
6.00pm	Kristin School	Kind of Teal	Caleb Pitout, Mariella van Houts, Matthew Purton, Jocelyn Ho, Sam Qing, Akaal Singh, Guy Winstone
6.30pm	Avondale College	Swing46	Rose Elias, Andrew Pedrezuela, Max McCulloch, Felix Wong, Alex Hutchinson-Jones
7.00pm	Marcellin College	Marcellin College Jazz Unit	Vincent Leiataua, Minerva Finefeuiaki, Nathan Tamangaro, Maidyn Afato, Desire Maketi, Malakai Williams-Sala, Franchesca Laurenciana, Raphael Perillo
7.30pm	Scots College	Fearful Flyer: the Return	Ridley Sheehan, Max Horn, Lenny Hoskin, Liam Struthers
8.00pm	Rangitoto College	Stockholm	Cleo Duirs, Beckett Coghlan, Sam Reid, Eden Turner, Liam Glynn

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9.15am	JPC Jazz Band	Stephen Morton-Jones	Eliza Chapman, Kieran Conder, Carl Delos Santos, Samantha Foster, Josh Graham, Sophie Harper, Allan Huang, Harper Kelly, Jun Kwon Kim, Juliet McDonald, Harrison McLeod, Nadia Wu
10.00am	BC Big Band	Josh Crump	Max Balmer, Joel Black, Max Burmister, Jack Chai, Clayton Iversen, Judah Matautia, Keonhu Park, Sebin Park, Chloe Slater, Harry Renner, Heejun Shin, Tristan Sparks, Jeremy Tang, Arthur Thompson, Enoch Tie, Ephraim Tie, Anna Park, Sam McFarlane
10.45am	St Mary's Big Band	Tim Atkinson	Zara Peterson, Samantha Lees, Georgia Alexander, Jacinta Lawrence, Anthea Lynch, Samantha Jensen, Kassandra Bas, Caoilinn Bhreatnach, Hope-Neriah Rokeni, Chloe Wong, Matilda Gulliver, Addison Morgan, Liam Gallurah, Wendilyn Basanez, Katherine Bagley, Eden Robertson, Lina Leo, Victoria Tang, Segi Lelaulu, Maia Moore
11.30am	Tawa College Jazz Band	Ben Casbolt	Emmaus Dennison, Esther Humphrey, Jordan You, Kathryn Jarvis, Cooper Dellow, Blythe Dennison, Harper Brown, Nico Gillon, Caleb Doragh, Jesse Wallace, Josh Wolff, Betsy Ussher, Wesley Prescott, Davey Ang, Arlo Brown, Myilee Butcher, Reuben Fraser, Eden Gray, Maya Fata
12.15pm	LUNCH		
12.45pm	Saint Kentigern Jazz Orchestra	Albert Lee/Nate Collings	Mihir Samant, Tom Aitken, Jacob Santiago, Joleen Lee, Zachary Bell, Emily Wu, Benjamin Kernohan, Ashley Wang, Fabian Van Rooyen, George Reeves, Kayden Wang, Ashton Gong, Jimmy Ward, Moeaki Tapueleulu, Sachin Matheson, Kevin Yang, Liam Ma, Khiem Tran, Olivia Shi
1.30pm	Pukekohe High School Stage Band	Steven Granshaw	Jaide Boulton, Ash Seamer, Sean Devaney, Matthew Hermitte, Noelle Thomson, Grace Huang, Megan Smith, Oliver McKay, William Nemme, Danica Newby, Patrick Nota, Mia Fernandez, Eva Reynolds, Corbyn Bangarter, Emily Stacey-Baxter, Elrich Macaskill, Aimee Mascelle, Logan Topp, Jamie van de Westerlo, Lucas Huang
2.15pm	King's College Little Big Band	Chris Artley	Charles Barron, Yian Chen, Baihan Feng, Liam Freudlsperger, Oscar Groves, Aiden Guo, Luca Henderson, Oscar Holt, Zichen Hou, Siyuan Li, Kai Li, Miller Lyons, Mason Ma, Thomas Nand, Benjamin Qi, Felix Smith, Henry Wang, Victor Wu, Jasper Xie, Teddy Yao, Rex Zhao, Min Zhou
3.00pm	Westlake Girls Jazz Band	Jono Howan	Limin Khaw, Coco Pratt, Antonija Georgieva, Charlotte Adlam, Rhea Bourhill, Rosa Morris, Eden Peoples, Nanae Sato-Nates, Megan Leslie, Sylvie Waddingham, Michelle Hendra, Hannah Wilmot, Natalie Teasdale, Piper Donaldson, Alyssa Song, Emilie Adlam, Charlotte Smith, Jimin Ban, Hollie Blackwell
3.45pm	Waikato Dio & Morrinsville Jazz Collective	Marie Colvin/Clive Burnell	Niamh Posimani-McCay, Sarah Wang, Sarina Reymer, Shanshan Fu, Jess Foster, Charlotte Colvin, Melody Guo, Anessa Ginever, Mia Bryant, Stella Kim, Tessa Gao, Angelina Wang, Jasper Chen, Poppy Barnet, Katie Gao, Bella Jiao, Alya Finn, Cate Young
4.30pm	Western Heights High School Big Band	Mark Dennison	Khushi Patel, Emily Sollitt, Cass Giles, Paris Blackman, Kiara Pelasio, Simon Gillies, Ana Olsen, Jayden Chiu, Finnegan Siringoringo, Leon Hintz, Callahn Rauwhero, Kai Jung-Ishida, Lauren Sollitt, Tara Akurangi, Felix Ronayne, Liithum Kethmika, Maddi Coxhead, Cory Francis-Tew, Ben Gillies

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TNT!

Tuesday 31 March 8pm

An explosive mix of Reo Māori & Big Band Jazz

Special Guest **Whirimako Black**



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TIME	SCHOOL	COMBO	PERFORMERS
8.00am	Rangitoto College	North Sea	Joshua Curham, Riku Watanabe, Yui Jang, Vivian Zhu, Maddi Phillips, Daniel Mulcahy
8.30am	Saint Kentigern College	Ronnie Scott's	Sean Folley, Khiem Tran, Kevin Yang, Wilson Li, Mihir Samant, Norah Stubbs, Trista Tian
9.00am	Avondale College	Five Spot	Eliza Tate, KK Rompicheria, Joe Morris, Harper Spurway, Ryan Chen, Maddie Tomilap
9.30am	Cambridge High School	Cam High Jazz Ensemble	Evelyn Winter, Daniel Hughes, Luca Cartwright, Anna Crouchman, Ava Bell, Geffen RD, Daichi Hanabusa, Caleb Morton Jones, Jack Hay, Ruby Sem
10.00am	ACG Strathallan	ACG Strathallan Trio of Four	Daniel Lister, Isaiah Tauu, Mu-Chien Lee, Louis Bessette
10.30am	Cambridge High School	CHS Jazz Band	Hunter Davis, Ryan Littlejohn, Theo Goodwin, Blake Williams, Jed Smith, Vivien Pettit, Georgia Bertrand, Caitlin Lewis
11.00am	Sacred Heart Girls College	SHGC Jazz Combo	Clare Stevens, Lizzie Barr, Sandrine Riady, Anna Turingan, Chloe Hilario, Abby Lawn
11.30am	Marcellin College	Jazz Saints	Noah Ah Sam, Arah Binaluyo, Felicity Pomee, Semu Fa'alava'au, Rachel Uy, Ayva Collins, Cecilia König, Frances Eltanal, Eliesa Mausia
12.00pm	LUNCH		
12.30pm	Burnside High School Cambridge High School Tauranga Boys' College Hamilton Boys' High School	Aotearoa Jazz Collective	Reiss Fatani, Hunter Davis, Alex Gibson, Lenny Hoskin, Mason Johnstone
1.00pm	Avondale College	Blue Note	Louis De Biasio, Tia Wara, Ava Phipps, Cole Utumapu
1.30pm	Sacred Heart College Wgtn	SHC Combros	Isabella Andrews, Emily Molenaar, Daisy Robinson, Kelaiah Rahui- Lawton, Angelina Stanley, Joelle Bucal
2.00pm	Auckland Grammar School	Auckland Grammar Combo	Henry Wong, Joshua Benson, Montesinos Garcia Fernando, Andy Cheng
2.30pm	King's College	All the King's Horses	Luca Henderson, Oscar Holt, Henry Wang, Kai Li, Noah McLaughlin
3.00pm	ACG Strathallan	Big Dawg Harry and the Cliffords	Harry Reid, Ryan Wu, Luxman Love Perry, Sam Carter, Shaylen Sonny, Ivy Du, Eitia Taylor
3.30pm	Westlake Girls High School	Crimson Collective	Limin Khaw, Megan Leslie, Piper Donaldson, Alyssa Song, Charlotte Smith, Jimin Ban
4.00pm	King's College	King's College 10ers	Aiden Guo, Mason Ma, Teddy Yao, George Zhou, Seb Lamb, Melvin Liu, Harry Thompson
4.30pm	Saint Kentigern College	Village Vanguard	Josh Eaton, Chloe Ira, Antoni Dick, Halen Jurisich, Jaden Lee

Judges: Ben Wilcock and Roger Manins

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NYJC BIG BAND 2026 Programme

Count Bubba by Gordon Goodwin

Blues Machine by Sammy Nestico

Too Close For Comfort by Bock, Holofcener, Weiss, Arr. Gordon Goodwin

Lover Come Back To Me by Oscar Hammerstein & Sydney Romberg, Arr. Mark Taylor

Samba del Gringo by Gordon Goodwin

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BIG BANDS – Wednesday 1 April | Addison Theatre

TIME	SCHOOL BAND	BAND LEADER	PERFORMERS
8.30am	Scots College Big Band	Jake Baxendale	Amrith Radhakrishnan, Malou Machado Gomez, Sophia Song, Jarvis Hayward, Victor Monet-Bonnifait, Marty Connelly, George Barton, Matthew Dunn, Abigail Zhau, Jewel Chan, Jaeci Yee, Ethan Dong, Nathan Dong, Issac Chan, Kristian Fukac, Ridley Sheehan, Dylan Contin, Lucas Li, Derek Wu, Liam Struthers
9.15am	Kristin Big Band	Sam Swindells	Siwoo Kim, Andrew Guan, Archie Frankham, Sam Wilde, Guy Winstone, Bella Hales, Jenny Wang, Liam McLisky, Steven Di, Jenny Yan, Mack Sutherland, Sam Qing, Harry Atkinson, Kevin Cao, Jocelyn Ho, Richard Yang, Caleb Pitout, Chanice Yan, Hayoung Yun, Benjamin Higgins, Dani Scanlan-Dyas
10.00am	St Cuthbert's College Stage Band	David Edmundson	Georgie McGregor-McDonald, Ananrita Chaudhuri, Meher Randhawa, Yahan Duan, Emmie Speedy, Sylvie Haldane, Sasha Whitlock, Yiwen Pan, Emma Zheng, Alice Feng, Anna Fukushima, Lauren Ogier, Abby Grant, Felicia Zou, Chelsea Wu, Claudia Milne
10.45am	Auckland Grammar Big Band	Elliot Gray	Henry Wong, Ryan Wang, Joshua Benson, Hunter Wang, Cosmo Honey, Ryland Te Tamaki, Jacob Haeusser, Matthew Marziano, Hanrui Liu, Ken Chino, Tim Walker, Michael Carney, Keat Cervin, Chuanmiao Lin, Andy Cheng, Theodore Heather, Stanley Zhou, Tanemairanginui Jones-Edwards, Isaac Yim, Fernando Garcia, Blake Lewis
11.30am	Saint Kentigern Big Band	Albert Lee/ Nate Collings	Jaden Lee, Lara Diprose, Wilson Li, Lawrence Liu, Chloe Ira, James Wang, Austin Watson, Kara Scouler, Jimmy Zhang, Kobain Birchall, Matthew Stubbs, Reuben Kennerly, Sarah Zhao, Joshua Davies, Oscar Gu, Josh Eaton, Eason Liu, Antoni Dick, Zara Shanks, Jerry Xu
12.15pm	LUNCH		
12.45pm	ACG Strathallan Big Band (The Stocktakers)	Josh Mckay	Junxuan Mai, Abby Lucas, Rachel Lister, Daniel Lister, Claire Pearce, Ruby Carter, Tom Plimmer, Jeremy Louw, Ryan Wu, Tim Yang, Charlie Lucas, Juwon Kim, Isaac Lin, Mu-Chien Chien, Luxman Love, Isaiah Tauu, Sam Carter, Eitia Taylor, Harry Kim, Shaylen Sonny, Harry Reid
1.30pm	WC & WGC Big Band	Liam Boyle	Duncan Blennerhassett, Ben Cookson, Johnson Ding, Binara Amaratunga, Oskar Gallen, Sam Gallagher, Max Horn, Louis Joli, Nicholas Kennedy, Oliver Mackie, Alexander McElrea, Alex Moreham-Smith, James Parker, Arlo Pryor, Logan Sparks, Loki Sparksman, Ryan Stow, Yan-Kit Thompson, Richie Usher, Sarah Angelsey, Margaux Astrid Detera
2.15pm	Cambridge High School Big Band	Paul Norman	Barry Baldo, Logan Bentley, Georgia Betrand, Luca Cartwright, Anna Crouchman, Leon Davidson, Hunter Davis, Annabelle Drake, Mason Eyres, Ellie Glew, Theo Goodwin, Stella Harrop, Ethan Harvey, Jack Hey, George Hill, Daniel Hughes, Caitlin Lewis, Ryan Littlejohn, Sofia Obeso, Vivien Pettit, Jed Smith, Evelyn Winter, Katrina Winter
3.00pm	Rangitoto College Big Band	Alex Park/ Markus Fritsch	Riku Watanabe, Jo-Ann Cai, Ernie Hurley, Jack Zhang, Beckett Coghlan, Donghyun Oh, Aubrey Yu, Lance Lyu, Kanjiro Watanabe, Ethan Blackett, Joshua Curham, David Dong, Lara McLeay, Yui Jang, Vivian Zhu, Maddi Phillips, Dylan Johnston, Liam Glynn
3.45pm	Avondale College Big Band	Mike Robinson	Cole Utumapu, Harrison Cao, Rose Elias, Victoria Hu, Eli Hiini-Neilson, Joseph Morris, Richard Tagilima, Monica Dean, Ethan Haver, Angelo Tavelia, Tess Robinson, Elaine Wang, Rosemary Zhang, Jakub McEntee, Andrew Pedrezuela, Max McCulloch, Felix Wong, Alex Hutchinson-Jones, Maddie Tomilap

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