

BAY OF ISLANDS COLLEGE ARTS FESTIVAL - #ToiTU

Big News - Four nationally and internationally acclaimed artists will be performing workshops with students during Week 10 - April the 3rd to April the 7th, finishing off with an open public performance on Thursday night in the school Hall.

Kawiti Waetford - Opera Baritone singer.

James Webster - Taonga Puoro, Maori Puppetry, Ta Moko, Sculpture (multi - disciplinary)

Nancy Wijohn - Independent Choreographer, Core dancer for Atamira Dance Company

Rob Mocaraka - Actor

The Arts Festival is the concept of the Bay of Islands College Arts Faculty which includes **Davina Duke** Visual arts, **Michele Wilson** Performing arts, **Rose Loveridge** Music.

The festival will cover all of these areas and more. Bay of Islands College has a long and rich history with the arts having connections with many famous local and national artists. **#ToiTU** is both a rekindling of the rich diverse creative history of the school as well as an acknowledgement of the talent and expertise of the students in the school at present.

Davina Duke considers this years **#ToiTU** festival to be the start of developing connections between Bay of Islands College students, international and Nationally acclaimed artists together with reinforcing and cementing relationships with the local creative community.

She can envisage in future festivals the Internationally acclaimed artists would have passed through the College as students themselves. Further information will be made available within the next week, including timing and costs of the Thursday night performance.

Youtube Links

Kawiti Waetford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoDzMqVeBZo>

James Webster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2D-JGZHFkUM>