

The Long Song: He Waiata Roa

Aotearoa Music Residency & Wānanga 2026



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Aotearoa & Global Artists Unite for a 10-Day Music Residency & Wānanga

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THE LONG SONG GATHERING 2026 - He waiata roa
A Pathway for Global Music and Cultural Exchange.



About the Residency

A unique collective of **20 experienced international and Aotearoa artists** gathering for a 10-day residency, noho marae, and wānanga dedicated to the kaupapa of *'Haerenga and Wayfinding'*.

Spanning Te Tai Tokerau and the Waitākere ranges in Tāmaki Makaurau, bringing professionals together to blend languages, instruments, and expansive genres.

GLOBAL ARTISTS

The Showcase Concert

Saturday, 12th September at Te Puna Creative Hub
Henderson, Tāmakai Makaurau, Auckland

Doors Open: 7:00 PM | Intro Kōrero: 7:30 PM
Main Show: 8:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Koha Entry • RSVP Essential for Numbers • Family Friendly

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE -

An Intimate Acoustic & World-Music Experience

The Long Song: He Waiata Roa showcase concert is a once in a lifetime experience of original music in languages from around our world.

Featuring indigenous and first nation artists and instruments from Norway and Sweden, Cymru (Wales), Turtle Island (Canada), First Nation (Australia) and our te reo Māori artists from Aotearoa, the music and show will be curated and created over 10 days in Aotearoa at the The Long Song: He Waiata Roa residency and wānanga, spanning Te Tai Tokerau to Huia in the Waitākere ranges with 20 artists involved.

Filled with Storytelling and Knowledge sharing of ancient customs, the artists share their new works to entertain and inspire new ears and hearts.

Many of these waiata will be the first ever created between 2 or 3 cultures and nations! You can expect a cross fusion of oro, where traditional instruments and language meets future sounds in ways you have never heard before.

Iwi taketake, Manuhiri, Global Artists



Gareth Bonello
Cymru/Wales / Cymri

Artist Producer

<https://thegentlegood.com/>



Torgeir Vassvik /
Norway / Sámi /

Artist Producer

<https://vassvik.com/>



Kari Heimen /
Norway / Sámi /

Artist Producer

<https://kariheimen.no/>



Sara Ajnnak /
Sweden / Sámi /

Singer Producer

www.saraajnnak.com/



Nimkii Osawamick /
Turtle Island (Canada)
Odawa/Potawatomi

Drummer Singer Dancer

<https://www.facebook.com/nimkiimusic/>



Leela Gilday / Turtle Island
(Canada) / Déljine
(Dene Nation)

<https://www.leelagilday.com/>



Akala Newman /
So-called Australia /
Wiradjuri/Gadigal /

Singer, dancer

<https://akalanewman.com/>



Tristan Field / So-Called
Australia / Walbunja,
Bidjigal, Sri Lankan /

Musician, Artist,
Videographer

[@sound](https://soundcloud.com/@sound)

Aotearoa Kaiwaiata

Our artists and cultural representatives of the residency



Kelly Kahukiwa

Artist & Kaiwaiata

maurea.co.nz/kelly

[Ngāti Io, Ngāti Whakaue,](#)
[Tūhoe, Te](#)
[Aitanga-a-Māhaki](#)



Rei McDougall

Artist & Producer

musicbyrei.com

[Ngāti Raukawa, Ngati Huia](#)



Allana Goldsmith

Jazz & Soul Vocalist

allanagoldsmith.com

[Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Tai](#)



Hohua Clark

Kaiwaiata & Creative

[@hohua_sta](#)

[Ngāti Kurī, Ngāpuhi, Tūhoe,](#)
[and Kuki.](#)



Bryce McLeod

Plastic Pounamu

[@plasticpounamu](#)

[Tarawhai, Tuhorangi, Ngati](#)
[Awa, Ngāi te rangi](#)



Gigi Crayford

Hine

[@hine.auaha](#)

[Ngāti Raukawa te tonga](#)



Miriama

Kaiwaiata & Creative

Tāmaki-Oro-Rau

[Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara,](#)

[Ngāti Apakura, Ngāti](#)

[Tara-Tokanui](#)

[@made.by.miriama](#)



Charles & Emily Looker (Aro)

Acoustic Duo, Producers

aromusic.co.nz

[Ngā Puhi, Te Rarawa, Ngati Te](#)
[Ata](#)



Huia Hamon

Huia

Producer Singer

www.iamhuia.com

[Ngati Porou, Te-Aitanga ā](#)
[Mahaki, Kahungunu, Uawa](#)

Joining the Wānanga

Artists, Producers, Team and Manaaki



Maudena Wood

Artist & Taonga Puoro

[Ngā Puhi](#)



**Pos & Tanz
Mavaega**

Pacific Underground
Artist & Producers

[Samoa](#)



Chris Chetland

Producer

[Swiss, German, Pākehā](#)



Hinurewa te Hau

Matariki Cultural
Foundation

[Ngati Hine, Te Whatohea](#)
[Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati](#)
[Hamoā](#)



Olivia Garelja

Creative North

[Dalmatian/Kiwi](#)



Huia Hamon

HūHā Music

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