

David Squire The Kids Sing Adjudicator 2026



David Squire was Music Director of the New Zealand Youth Choir from 2011-2025, which won the 'Choir of the World' title at the Llangollen Eisteddfod in Wales last year. He currently directs international award-winning ensembles Voicemale (Westlake Boys High School), Euphony (Kristin School), the Takapuna Grammar School Chorale, the Westlake Symphony Orchestra, and the Auckland Youth Choir. He is in demand around the world as a choral director, adjudicator and educator, including the annual International Schools Choral Music Society festival in China. He was the off-camera choral director for the 'Assisi Singers' in the movie *Tinā*.

Monday 7th September

The Kids Sing Massed Choirs

Musical Director **Megan Flint**

Piano **Lynnette Leggett**

Keyboard **Felicity Auva'a**

Choirs

Bayfield Primary School
Churchill Park School
Mairangi Bay School
Milford School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School
Our Lady Star of the Sea School
Papakura Normal School
Pigeon Mountain Primary School
Silverdale Primary School
St Joseph's School, Pukekohe
St Mary's College
St Michael's School
St Thomas's School
Three King's Primary School
Tirimoana School
Willow Park Primary School

Choir Directors

Emma Cooper
Anna McLeod
Clare McCormack and Sarah Kim
Deborah Palmer
Tim Carson
Melody Collings and Louise Campbell
Felicity Auva'a and Glenys Mason
Lynnette Leggett
Corli Husselmann
Jenni Logan and Linda Sokimi
Natalie Tantrum
Tim Carson
Miriam Gwyn and Sarah Kim
Hannah Wynne
Sarah Kim and Miriana Christiansen
Erica Knights

Guest Choirs

NZ Children's Choral Academy

The driving force behind NZ Children's Choral Academy is Dr Karen Grylls CNZM and Elise Bradley MNZM, who have both made an indelible mark on Aotearoa's choral community. NZCCA, established in 2022, provides exceptional choral experiences for young singers through Junior, Intermediate and Senior choirs. Led by acclaimed choral director Elise Bradley, the programme offers performance opportunities, workshops with leading artists, festival participation and collaborations with outstanding choirs from Aotearoa and around the world, providing young singers with opportunities to learn, perform and grow. Registrations are open for Term 4.

For more information: www.nzchildrenschoralacademy.co.nz



Tau Malolo Ha Niue

Directed by **Esa-Jayne Peika**

Established in 2019, Tau Malolo ha Niue is a cultural performing group of Niue youth based in Auckland. Committed to preserving and promoting the Niue language and cultural heritage through traditional and contemporary song and dance, the group fosters cultural identity, strengthens community connections, and inspires pride for their Niue heritage.



Monday gala programme

Massed Choir

- » *Raise Up Your Voices* by Suzzie Vango
- » *God Defend New Zealand*, music J.J. Woods. arr. Phil Riley with descant by Craig Utting
- » *Tihore Mai Te Rangi* by Hirini Melbourne with ukulele players from Mairangi Bay School

New Zealand Children's Choral Academy

Musical Directors: Elise Bradley MNZM, Amelia Giles and Maria Winder MNZM

Collaborative Pianists: Cathy Bennett and Sofia Onishko

Violinist: Miranda Hutton

- 1) *Schmückt das frohe Fest mit Maien* - Telemann, arr. Conlon. NZCCA Choral Scholars
- 2) *A Dark and Stormy Night* - Mark Burrows. NZCCA Senior Choir
- 3) *Time is Precious* - Ruth Elaine Schram and Celsie Staggers. NZCCA Junior, Intermediate & Senior Choirs
- 4) *Firefly* - Andy Beck. NZCCA Junior, Intermediate & Senior Choirs

Items 1, 2 and 4 conducted by Elise Bradley, pianist Cathy Bennett

Item 3 conducted by Amelia Giles, pianist Sofia Onishko

Massed Choir

- » *E Lanu Moana* by Elisha Fa'i-So'oialo
- » *E Ua Ua A Ia* - Trad. Niuean Song performed with *Tau Malolo Ha Niue*

Tau Malolo Ha Niue

Musical Director: Esa-Jayne Peika

Instrumentalists: Donald Faitala and Lindelle Taulu

- » *Fakaaue*

Massed Choir

- » *On the Road of Life* - Music Chris Artley, lyrics Michelanne Forster
- » *Alvin the Alligator* - Nick and Chris Thorkelson - Alligator: Addison Kluts
- » *Pūrerehua* - Hirini Melbourne
- » *I Bought Me a Cat* - Trad. Folk Song

Presentation of awards

All: Massed Singing

- » *Raise Up Your Voices* - Suzzie Vango

Tuesday 8th September & Wednesday 9th September

Choir recitals 1-48 as detailed in the schedule and repertoire form

2026 The Kids Sing, Auckland

Please note: (NC) indicates a participating, non-competitive choir.

Tuesday 8 September

Session One 9:00am – 11:45am

1. Chapel Choir Diocesan School for Girls - Junior School

Conductor: Gemma Lee

Accompanists: Dr Philip Smith (organ) and Deirdra O'Byrne (piano)

Tiaho i roto from *Two Blessings* (NZ) David Hamilton

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Badgers and Hedgehogs from

Benedicite

Andrew Carter

2. Junior Black Watch Singers St Cuthbert's College (NC)

Conductor: Mary Cornish

Accompanists: Alyssa Yuan, Summer Chen, Oliver Gilmour and Zoe Wu

Teach Me Your Way

Timothy Shaw, text based on Psalm 86:11-13

My Favourite Things

Rogers and Hammerstein, arr. Linda Spevacek

Wind on The Hill

Victoria Ebel-Sabo, text A.A.Milne

3. All The King's Boys King's School

Conductor: Susan Unasa

Accompanist: Michael Bell

Minoi, Minoi (NZ)

Kuki Tuitama, arr. Susan Unasa

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

It Don't Mean A Thing (If it Ain't

Got That Swing)

Duke Ellington, lyrics Irving Mills, arr. Mac Huff

4. St Mary's Voices St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Conductor: Jillian Grainger

Accompanists: Judith Fullerton (piano), Kristen Lee (violin) and

Jasmin Tablada (cello)

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Ancient City

Paul Jarman and Andrew DeTeliga

Give Us Hope

Jim Papoulis, arr. Francisco J. Nunez

5. Rox Vox Northcross Intermediate School

Conductor: Gnesyer Gomez

Accompanist: Anxia Fu

Something in the Water (NZ)

Hine, e Hine

High Hopes

Brooke Fraser and Scott Ligertwood,

arr. Charissa Seutter, adapted G. J. Gomez

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

B. Urie, S. Hollander, W. L. Bean, J. Jeberg,

J. Sinclair, J. Owen Youngs, I. Juber, L. Pritchard

and T. Parks, arr. Roger Emerson

Break

6. Royal Harmonics Royal Oak Primary School

Conductor: Amelia Giles

Accompanist: Sofia Onishko

Hine, e Hine

Forêts Paisibles from *Les Indes*

Galantes

Monsters Live In Wardrobes (NZ)

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington,

J.P. Rameau, text L. Fuzelier, body percussion

J. Solomon, adapted / devised A. Giles

Richard Oswin

7. Holy Cross Senior Boys' Choir Holy Cross Catholic School, Papatoetoe

Conductor: Ann O'Grady

Accompanist: Julie Brzozowski

Pepeha (NZ)

Hine, e Hine

Top of the World

Matiu Walters, Marlon Gerbes, Sir Timoti Kāretu

and Jeremy Tātere McLeod, arr. Ali Caldwell

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Richard Carpenter

8. Pinehurst School Primary Choir Pinehurst School

Conductor: Tim Wayne-Wright

Accompanist: Hadley Ronayne

Hine, e Hine

Cat in the Dark (NZ)

Whisper!

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Anthony Ritchie

Greg Gilpin

9. Treble Clefs Kristin Junior School

Conductor: Edith Poon-Lai

Accompanists: Ada Zhang (piano), Marina Geric, Elva Huang and

Miranda Ma (percussion)

The Mechanical Dragon (NZ)

Hine, e Hine

The Lobster Quadrille

David Hamilton, text Jack Prelutsky

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

David Eddleman, text Lewis Carroll

10. Northcross Intermediate Chamber Choir Northcross Intermediate

Conductor: Annabel Yu

Accompanists: Vernon Xie and Ethan Shen

Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes Patti Drennan

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

If I were a Fish

Corrine Savage and Olivia Lynn Barton,
arr. Roger Emerson

Break

11. Rhythm & Rhyme Holy Cross School Papatoetoe

Conductor: Carmelita Kyd

Accompanist: Julie Brzozowski

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Can you feel the love tonight

Elton John, arr. Keith Christopher

Te Iwi E / Te Kura E (NZ)

Ngāpō Wehi, adapted / arr. Gemma Potangaroa

12. Junior Saints St Cuthbert's College

Conductor: Mary Cornish

Accompanists: Zoe Wu and Betty Liu

Be Glad Your Nose Is on

Your Face (NZ)

Mary Cornish, text Jack Prelutsky

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

This Ol' Man

Greg Gilpin, text trad.

13. Vox Box Saint Kentigern Girls School

Conductor: Bianca Porter

Accompanist: Elizabeth Lau

Nasty Little Dragonsong from

Three More Dragons (NZ)

David Hamilton

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Earworm

Mark Burrows

14. Willow Park Kauri Choir Willow Park School (NC)

Conductor: Erica Knights

Accompanist: Julian Sian

Tukua Ahau

Hoani Keepa

The Kazoo Concerto

Mary Donnelly, arr. George L. O. Strid

One Small Voice

Erica Knights

15. Viscount School Children's Choir Viscount School

Conductor: Arlan Sello

Hine, e Hine

Panis Angelicus

Te Aroha (NZ)

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

César Franck

Te Puoho Katene

Session Two 2:15pm – 4:45pm

16. MEPS Choir 2 Mangere East Primary School

Conductor: Melissa Absolum

Accompanist: Jill Pearson

Somewhere in My Memory

Hine, e Hine

Lean on Me / Don't Stop Believin'

Leslie Bricusse and John Williams

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Bill Withers, Steve Perry, Neal Schon and

Jonathan Cain, arr. Adam Anders / Tim Davis

17. Remuera Primary School Choir Remuera Primary School

Conductor: Ruby Khan

Roar

Hine, e Hine

What A Wonderful World

Katy Perry

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Louis Armstrong

18. Blazing Bucklands Beach Bucklands Beach Primary (NC)

Conductor: Tamsyn Chan

ABC - Jackson 5

Cups (When I'm Gone)

Berry Gordy, Freddie Perren, Alphonzo Mizell
and Deke Richards

A.P. Carter, arr. Luisa Gerstein,
Heloise Tunstall-Behrens and Deke Sharon

19. ACG Parnell Junior Choir ACG Parnell

Conductor: Sohee Son

Accompanists: Lillian Tang (piano) and Joyce Liu (piano)

Hine, e Hine

Firefly

All things bright and beautiful

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Andy Beck

John Rutter

Break

20. MEPS Choir Intermediate Mangere East Primary School

Conductor: Melissa Absolum

Accompanist: Jill Pearson

Hine, e Hine

Hallelujah

We Know the Way (NZ)

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Leonard Cohen

Opetia Foa'i

21. Chelsea Senior Choir Chelsea Primary School (NC)

Conductor: Rebecca Hedges

Accompanist: Jacob Thompson

Naughty – Matilda the Musical

Africa

Tim Minchin

Toto, arr. Tim Christie

22. Raise your voice The Cloud Children's Choir

Conductor: Dr Changmuwei Wei

Accompanist: Iris Zheng

Northern Lights

Hine, e Hine

Calico Pie (NZ)

Andy Beck

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Chris Artley, text Edward Lear

23. Voices of Mairangi Mairangi Bay School

Conductors: Clare McCormack and Sarah Kim

Accompanist: Sofia Onishko

Whisper!

Galop

Hine, e Hine

Greg Gilpin

Ken Berg

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

24. The Bellbirds Belmont Primary School (NC)

Conductor: Loren Easterbrook

Accompanist: Stella Hu

Wau Bulan

Natsu No Yo Wa (In the

Summer Night)

Waiata Ki Te Rā (NZ)

Malaysian folk song, arr. Tracy Wong

Ruth Morris Gray, text Kiyohara No Fukayabu

from Ogura Hyakunin Isshu, ed. William N. Porter

Hirini Melbourne

Wednesday 9 September

Session Three 9:00am – 1:15pm

25. Sacred Heart Junior Choir Sacred Heart College (NC)

Conductor: Lilia Carpinelli

Accompanist: Helen Klaassen

A Child's Prayer

Janice Kapp Perry

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

trad. Spiritual, arr. Roger Emerson

26. King's School Chapel Choir King's School

Conductor: Kirsten Scouller

Accompanist: Michael Bell

City of Sails and Stone (NZ)

M. C. W. Bell

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

27. Virtuoso Voce Diocesan School for Girls

Conductor: Andrea Creighton

Accompanists: Juan Kim (piano) and Mary Lewis (percussion)

Firefly

Andy Beck

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Bringers of Noise

Kyle Pederson

28. Sophia Choir Baradene College

Conductor: Erin Atchison

Accompanist: Penny Christiansen

Ave Maria (NZ)

David Hamilton

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Carry Me

Don Macdonald

29. Seven Notes ACG Parnell College

Conductor: Derek Chan

Accompanist: Johnny Zhao

Te iwi e (NZ)

trad. Māori waiata, arr. Te Whānau Wehi

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Firefly

Andy Beck

Break

30. Noteworthy Kristin School

Conductor: Margot Button

Accompanist: Penny Christiansen

Shenandoah

American folk trad., arr. Jeff Funk

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

The Mock Turtle's Song (NZ)

Chris Artley

31. ACG Strathallan Choir ACG Strathallan

Conductors: Jo Molyneux and Rose Brownlie

Accompanist: Bronwyn Spencer

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

One and a Million

Emily Barden

The Wind Beneath My Wings

Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar, arr. Roger Emerson

32. Song Squad St Cuthbert's College

Conductor: Mary Cornish

Accompanist: Kate Xu

Tyger

Elaine Hagenberg, text William Blake

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

The Quangle Wangle's Hat (NZ)

Felicity Williams, text Edward Lear

33. KingsWay Middle School and Primary Choir KingsWay School

Conductor: Jo Clayton

Accompanist: Mackenzie Wu

Glorious

David Archuleta, arr. Masa Fukuda

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

The Lion Sleeps Tonight

George David Weiss, Luigi Creatore and

Hugo Peretti, arr. Jeff Funk

34. Riverhead Voices Riverhead School

Conductor: Tjitske Timmermans

Accompanist: Sherryl-Lee Ward

Rhythm of Life

Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields, arr. John Leavitt

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Why We Sing

Greg Gilpin

Break

35. St Dominic's Catholic College Junior Choir St Dominic's Catholic College

Conductor: Celia Liu

Accompanists: Jelena Sepie and Jun Castelblanco-Zheng

Gratias Agimus Tibi

Andrew Parr

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Be Who You Are

Ryan Main

36. Dilworth Junior Choir Dilworth School

Conductor: Jacob Moore

Accompanist: Matthew Spooner

J'entends le Moulin

French Canadian folk song, arr. Emily Crocker

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Kōrero Māori (NZ)

Marlon Williams and KOMMI, arr. Jacob Moore

37. GEIS Choir Glen Eden Intermediate School (NC)

Conductor: Kasha Klee

Accompanist: Joshua Pritchard

Purea Nei

Dr Hirini Melbourne, Aotearoa Songbook

Dreams

Dolores O'Riordan and Noel Hogan

Somewhere only we know

Keane, arr. Max Schneider, Elizabeth Gillies
and Kurt Schneider (cover)

38. Korokoro Tūi Takapuna Normal Intermediate School

Conductor: Maria Kim

Accompanist: Eivin Cao

Minoi, Minoi (NZ)

Christopher Marshall

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

A Jubilant Song

Victor C. Johnson

39. Aspirare ACG Sunderland (NC)

Conductor: Allyson Trew

On the Road of Life (NZ)

Chris Artley

Northern Lights

Andy Beck

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Session Four 2:15pm – 5:00pm

40. Rosmini Junior Choir Rosmini College

Conductor: Vanessa Kay

Accompanist: Rachel Song

The Moon

Hine, e Hine

Oye

Andy Beck

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Jim Papoulis

41. Junior Boys' Choir Saint Kentigern College

Conductor: Matthew Leese

Accompanist: Rachel Young

Duct Tape

Hine, e Hine

Seize the Day

Mark Burrows

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Alan Menken, arr. Mac Huff

42. St Peter's College Junior Choir St Peter's College

Conductor: Da-Hae Kim

Accompanist: Lewis Tao

Boaty McBoatface

Hine, e Hine

Sisi Ni Moja (We Are One)

Jason Sullivan

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Jacob Narverud, arr. Da-Hae Kim

43. Marybelles Marist College

Conductor: Charlotte Nicklin

Accompanists: Nick Gill (guitar) and Soeun Park (piano)

Love is an Open Door

Hine, e Hine

Getting Stronger (NZ)

Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez,
arr. Mac Huff

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Adeaze, arr. Charlotte Nicklin

Break

44. Auckland Normal Intermediate School Choir Auckland Normal Intermediate

Conductor: Dr Changmuwei Wei

Accompanist: Yue Li

The Moon

Andy Beck

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Fum, Fum, Fum

trad. Catalanian Carol, arr. Audrey Snyder

45. Puhinui School Choir Puhinui School

Conductor: Brent Read

Accompanist: Marlena Seumalii

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Love Never Leaves

Jacob Narverud

Little David, Play on Your Harp

trad., arr. Rollo Dilworth

46. Find Your Voice The Cloud Children's Choir

Conductor: Dr Changmuwei Wei

Accompanist: Iris Zheng

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Danny Boy

trad., text F. E. Weatherly, arr. Hao Wu

Fire and Ice

Emily Crocker, text Robert Frost

47. Top Notes Belmont Intermediate School

Conductor: Helene Piper

Accompanist: Ethan Zhang

Solfège Symphony

Various composers, arr. Cristi Cary Miller

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Storm

James DesJardins

48. Junior Girls' Choir Saint Kentigern College

Conductor: Rachel Young

Accompanist: Penny Christiansen

Hurry, Grandma Hurry (NZ)

David Hamilton

Hine, e Hine

Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington

Wau Bulan

Malaysian folk song, arr. Tracy Wong

Tuesday 8 September Gala Concert 6.30pm

Welcome and National Anthem

Treble Clefs Kristin Junior Choir Kristin School
Boys' Choir Holy Cross Catholic School Papatoetoe
Chapel Choir Diocesan School for Girls
Rox Vox Northcross Intermediate School (FP)
St Mary's Voices St Mary's Catholic School, Ellerslie
Rhythm & Rhyme Holy Cross Catholic School Papatoetoe (FP)
Northcross Chamber Choir Northcross Intermediate School (FP)
Voices of Mairangi Mairangi Bay School

15-20min interval

Royal Harmonics Royal Oak Primary School
All the King's Boys King's School
Junior Saints St Cuthbert's College
Willow Park Kauri Choir Willow Park School
ACG Parnell Junior Choir ACG Parnell College
Raise Your Voice The Cloud Children's Choir
Remuera Primary School Choir Remuera Primary School

Presentation of awards

Wednesday 9 September Gala Concert 6.30pm

Welcome and National Anthem

Song Squad St Cuthbert's College
St Peter's College Junior Choir St Peter's College
Top Notes Belmont Intermediate School
Noteworthy Kristin School
ACG Strathallan Choir ACG Strathallan
St Dominic's Catholic College Junior Choir St Dominic's Catholic College
Seven Notes ACG Parnell College
Rosmini Junior Choir Rosmini College
Puhinui School Choir Puhinui School (CP)
Sophia Choir Baradene College of the Sacred Heart

15-20min interval

Korokoro Tūi Takapuna Normal Intermediate School
Aspirare ACG Sunderland
King's School Chapel Choir King's School
Junior Boys' Choir Saint Kentigern College
Marybelles Marist College
Auckland Normal Intermediate Choir Auckland Normal Intermediate School
Find Your Voice The Cloud Children's Choir
Dilworth Junior Choir Dilworth School
Virtuoso Voce Diocesan School for Girls
Junior Girls' Choir Saint Kentigern College

Presentation of awards

Both Nights Massed item

Hine, e Hine (Princess Te Rangi Pai, arr. Andrew Withington)

Conductor **David Squire** · Tuesday accompanist **Sofia Onishko** · Wednesday accompanist **Juan Kim**