

The Big Sing

Friday 30 May 2025, 2.00pm

Note that the gala concert (6pm) will feature two songs from each choir's repertoire below.

1. Marlborough Boys' College

Synergy

Music Director: Robin Randall

Instrumentalist: Barbara Song

*Wairua Tapu** – Maisey Rika

Drunken Sailor – trad arr. Gary Parks

You Raise Me Up – Brendon Graham and Rolf Lovland, arr. Roger Emerson

2. Nelson College for Girls and Nelson College

Combined Nelson Colleges Choir

Music Director: Zoë Dee

Instrumentalists: Anne Shearer (piano) and Amen Lee (piano)

*Lullaby for Matariki** – David Hamilton

The Ballad of Sweeney Todd – Stephen Sondheim, arr. Andy Beck

Exsultate Jubilate – Karl Jenkins

3. Nelson College for Girls

Bel Canto

Music Director: Rosemary Galton

Instrumentalist: Amen Lee (piano)

Child with the Starry Crayon – Eleanor Daley

Balulalow – Benjamin Britten

Little Blue Pigeon – Chris Artley

4. Richmond View School

Whakakororia

Music Director: Alison Dight

Fly away home – Pinkzebra

Why we sing – Greg Gilpin

*Whakaria Mai** – Carl Boberg, Rev. Henry Francis Lyte and

Wiremu Te Tau Huata, arr. Alison Dight

5. Nayland College

Sotto Voce

Music Director: Zoë Dee

Instrumentalists: Anne Shearer (piano), Rose Leighton (guitar) and

Molly Sussex (bass)

I Loved You – Jay Rouse

Anybody Have A Map? – Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, arr. Mark Brymer

6. Motueka High School

Suono Bellissimo

Music Director: Hilary Sinclair

Instrumentalist: Louis Lucas-Perry

Uphill – David Hamilton

Glow – Eric Whitacre, arr. Emily Crocker

Everybody Says Don't – Stephen Sondheim

7. Marlborough Girls' College

Ovation

Music Directors: Rosie McAllister and Christianna Morgan

Instrumentalists: Iona Panoho, Emily Mason (violin) and

Navitha Sivanathan (violin)

*A Charm for Rain: He Tua I Te Rangī** – David Hamilton

Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet – Greg Gilpin

Tundra – Ola Gjeilo

8. Nayland College

Naycol Chorale

Music Director: Zoë Dee

Instrumentalist: Louis Lucas-Perry

*Te Aroha** – Te Puoho Katene

By Night – Elaine Hagenberg

Sing – Mitchell Grassi, Scott Hoying, Kevin Olusola, Martin Johnson and
Sam Hollander, arr. Mark Brymer

** to be considered for a te reo Māori performance award*

NZCF Nelson-Marlborough Regional Awards

- ◆ Blenheim Choral Society Award for Best Performance of a NZ Composition
- ◆ Best Performance of Choral Art Music Award
- ◆ Nelson Civic Choir Award for Best Performance of an Open Choice Piece
- ◆ Best Performance of a Piece in Te Reo Māori Award
- ◆ Audience Impact Award
- ◆ Ministry of Youth Development Spirit of the Festival Award

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