

The Big Sing National Finale 2026

Recital Sessions

Please note: * indicates a piece to be considered for the *Best performance of a piece in te reo Māori Award*

^ indicates a piece to be considered for the *Pasifika Performance Award*

Session 1

Thursday 2.00pm-3.30pm

Compère: **Enyah Talamaivao**

1. Westlake Girls High School

Cantare

Director: **Fiona Wilson**

Instrumentalists: **Cathy Bennett (piano)** and **Alison Dunlop (oboe)**

Solstice – Rosa Elliot

Suscepit Israel from *Magnificat* – J.S. Bach

Kekatu dziesma (Carnival Song) – Pēteris Vasks

2. St Andrew's College

Ngā Manu Tioriori

Director: **Jared Corbett**

Instrumentalists: **Hsing-Yin Lin (piano)** and **Duncan Ferguson (double bass)**

The House of the Rising Sun – trad. American, arr. Bob Chilcott

Die Nachtigall – Felix Mendelssohn

Martha Goose Suite: III. Mary;

V. There's no earthly way of knowing –

Andrew Baldwin

3. Kristin School

Euphony

Director: **David Squire**

Instrumentalist: **Juan Kim (piano)**

Hexenlied – Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Paul Neal

Wild Embers – Melissa Dunphy

Ain'a That Good News! – trad. spiritual,

arr. William L. Dawson

4. St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie

Con Anima

Director: **Mark Bobb**

Instrumentalist: **Abilio Fernandes**

Grab und Mond – Franz Schubert

A Shelter in the time of Storm – Ira D. Sankey,

arr. Walt Harrah

Ko Hoku Malu'anga ia ^ – Helen Tupai,

arr. Jadhra Tupai

5. Wellington College & Wellington Girls' College

Ngā Korimako

Director: **Michael Fletcher**

Instrumentalist: **Nicola Sutherland (piano)**

Ubi Caritas – Ola Gjeilo

Two Word Poem from *Then I Understood* –

Anthony Ritchie

Kızıcıklar – trad. folk song, arr. Hakan Önsöz

6. Chilton Saint James School

Seraphim

Director: **Rowan Johnston**

Instrumentalist: **Samuel Berkahn (piano)**

Laudate Dominum – Egil Hovland

Holy Night – David Hamilton

Swifter than Flame – Elaine Hagenberg

Session 2

Thursday 5.00pm-6.30pm

Compère: **Maria Winder**

7. Mount Albert Grammar School

The Centennial Choir

Director: **Terence Maskell**

Instrumentalist: **Soomin Kim (piano)**

Northern Lights – Ola Gjeilo

Der Gondelfahrer – Franz Schubert

La belle si nous étions – Francis Poulenc

8. Burnside High School

Bel Canto

Director: **Susan Densem**

Instrumentalists: **Kate Ramsay (piano),**

Alex Gibson (tenor sax), Wonie Park

(double bass), Yichen Li and Olina Zeng (violins),

Lily Adams (viola) and Harriet Pankhurst (cello)

You and I – Glyn MacDonald

Egyedem Begyedem – Zoltán Kodály

Flight – Craig Carnelia, arr. Ryan Murphy

9. St Cuthbert's College

Saints Alive

Director: **Denzel Panama**

Instrumentalist: **Juan Kim (piano)**

The Early Morning – David Hamilton

Svete Tihy – Pavel Chesnokov

Evocation (Mon-Nee-Joh) – Hye-Young Cho

10. Tawa College

Blue Notes

Director: **Isaac Stone**

Instrumentalist: **Rachel Malcolm-Swindells (piano)**

It was a lover and his lass – Matthew Harris

Salmo 150 – Ernani Aguilar

Lo'u Fesoasoani – Helen Tupai, arr. H. Tupai,
J. Tupai & J. Tupai

11. Takapuna Grammar School

Takapuna Grammar School Chorale

Director: **David Squire**

Instrumentalist: **Elaine Zhang (piano)**

Two Word Poem from Then I Understood –

Anthony Ritchie

Och jungfrun hon går i ringen – trad. Swedish,

arr. Hugo Alfvén

Sure On This Shining Night – Morten Lauridsen

12. Diocesan School for Girls

St Cecilia Singers

Director: **Jono Palmer**

Instrumentalist: **Juan Kim (piano)**

Die Schwestern – Johannes Brahms

Nuit d'étoiles – Claude Debussy,

arr. Alan Raines

Good News – trad. spiritual, arr. Robert Wiremu

Session 3

Thursday 8.00pm-9.30pm

Compère: **William Squire**

13. Westlake Girls High School &

Westlake Boys High School

Choralation

Director: **Fiona Wilson**

Instrumentalist: **Soomin Kim (organ)**

Beati quorum via – Charles Villiers Stanford

Monument – Craig Utting

Pseudo-Yoik – Jaakko Mäntyjärvi

14. Rangitoto College

Resolutions

Director: **Helen Charlton**

Instrumentalists: **Anya Fang (piano), Renee Jiang**

and **Tiffany Li (violin), Donna Qiu (viola) and**

Emma Xing (cello)

Where the Light Begins – Susan LaBarr,

arr. Sharon Udoh

Ave Maria – Chris Archer

Rain, Rain! – Daniel Brinsmead

15. Rangitoto College

Serenata

Directors: **Rhianna Maker and Karen Roberts**

Instrumentalists: **Edmond Wong (piano),**

Jono Sawyer (drums) and Kay Robinson
(bass guitar)

Cantate Domino – Rupert Lang

*Hine e Hine** – Fannie Rose Howie

(Princess Te Rangi Pai), arr. David Hamilton

As Long As I'm Singing – Bobby Darin,

arr. Kirby Shaw

16. Dilworth School

Fortissimo

Director: **Jacob Moore**

Instrumentalists: **Jacob Moore and David Stent**
(drums)

Kung Liljekonvalje – David Wikander

La Cucaracha – trad. Mexican folk song,

arr. Robert Sund

Vi'i o Kiliuati – Maoiautele Pule Tusa,

arr. Jacob Moore

17. Saint Kentigern College

Kentoris

Director: **Matthew Leese**

Instrumentalists: **Ivan Zhang and Matthew Leese**
(percussion)

Tu es Petrus (Prima parte) –

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

The Word was God – Rosephanye Powell

Tate le fia Manatua – trad. Samoan,

arr. Steven Rapana and Benson Wilson

18. Westlake Boys High School

Voicemale

Director: **David Squire**

Instrumentalists: **Juan Kim (piano) and**

Tony Zhao (erhu)

Song of Sunset on the River – David Hamilton

Domaredansen – trad. Swedish, arr. Otto Olsson

There is Faint Music – Dan Forrest

Session 4

Friday 11.00am-12.15pm

Compère: **Sarah Trevethick**

19. Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Bel Suono

Director: **Maria Colvin**

Instrumentalists: **Helen Webby (harp),
Angela Smith (piano) and Alison Dunlop (oboe)**

Deo Gracias from *A Ceremony of Carols* –
Benjamin Britten

There Will Come Soft Rains – Kevin A. Memley

Ta Na Solbici – Samo Vovk

20. Epsom Girls Grammar School

Paradisum

Director: **Virginia Le Cren**

Instrumentalists: **Rachael Mannering (violin),
Chloe Kwon (violin), Matthew Spooner (bongos)
and Takerei Komene (tambourine)**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo from *Gloria Kajoniensis* –
Levente Gyöngyösi

Le petit garçon malade and *Le hérisson* from
Petites voix – Francis Poulenc

*Ōhana I runga rawa!** – Takerei Komene

21. Palmerston North Boys' High School

MANifesto

Director: **Graeme Young**

Instrumentalist: **Paul Dredge (pātē, piano)**

*Mauga O Le Atuolo** – trad. Samoan,
arr. Benjamin Viljoen

Mis on Inimene? (What is Human?) –
Pärt Uusberg

We Rise Again – Leon Dubinsky,
arr. Stephen Smith

22. Wellington East Girls' College

Rāwhiti

Director: **Kathryn Hunt**

Instrumentalists: **Katie Rawles (piano),
Barbara Paterson (cabasa) and
Te Ao Rangi Tawhara (guitar)**

Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing – Stevie Wonder,
arr. Roger Emerson

The Lord bless you and keep you – John Rutter
*E Hoki Ana** – Hinetekawa Thomson-Laulu

23. Macleans College

Macleans College Chorale

Director: **Sarah McNabb**

Instrumentalists: **Selina Wang (piano)
and Takerei Komene (cajon)**

To Sit and Dream – Rosephanye Powell

Weihnachten – Felix Mendelssohn

*Te Hīmene o Maria** – Takerei Komene

Session 5

Friday 1.30pm-2.50pm

Compère: **Sarah Trevethick**

24. Napier Girls' High School

Ad Lucem

Director: **Chris Atkinson**

Instrumentalists: **Sarah Lee (piano, woodblock),
Ayla Wylie (cajun), Audrey Anna Robin (drum)
and Zilin Zhao (claves)**

Opening Up from *Waitress* – Sara Bareilles,
arr. Mac Huff

Days of Beauty – Ola Gjeilo

Apple Tree – Aurora Aksnes, Odd Martin Skålnes
and Magnus Skylstad, arr. Katerina Gimon

25. Takapuna Grammar School

Takapuna Grammar School Chorale

Director: **David Squire**

Instrumentalist: **Elaine Zhang (piano)**

Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord – trad.
spiritual, arr. Undine S. Moore

Sunday (from *Sunday in the Park with George*)
– Stephen Sondheim, arr. Mac Huff

26. Westlake Girls High School

Cantare

Director: **Fiona Wilson**

Instrumentalists: **Cathy Bennett (piano),
James Harrison and Kasey Hani Lui (percussion)**

Les roses d'Ispahan – Gabriel Fauré,
arr. Alan Raines

Sun on Water – Hussein Janmohamed,
arr. Matthew Otto

27. St Patrick's College, Wellington

Con Anima

Director: **Mark Bobb**

Instrumentalists: **Abilio Fernandes and
J C Historillo**

Ave Maria – Abilio Fernandes

Kpanlongo – trad. Ghana, arr. D. Bermel

28. Wellington College &
Wellington Girls' College

Ngā Korimako

Director: **Michael Fletcher**

Instrumentalists: **Grant Bartley (organ),
Nicola Sutherland (piano), Liam Boyle
(tambourine) and Cathy Irons (violin)**

Libera me – Gabriel Fauré

Kalá kallá – Eric Whitacre

29. Tawa College
Blue Notes
Director: Isaac Stone
Instrumentalist: Rachel Malcolm-Swindells
Give Me Jesus – trad. Spiritual, arr. Trevor Manor
Wild Mountain Thyme – trad. Scottish,
 arr. Eoin Conway

34. Mount Albert Grammar School
The Centennial Choir
Director: Terence Maskell
Instrumentalists: Soomin Kim (organ) and Thomas Eves (trumpet)
Thou didst delight my eyes – Gerald Finzi
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills –
 Chris Artley

Session 6

Friday 3.45pm-5.00pm

Compère: **Molly Dreaver Stimpson**

30. Diocesan School for Girls
St Cecilia Singers
Director: Jono Palmer
Instrumentalists: Soomin Kim (organ), Alison Dunlop (oboe) and Juan Kim (piano)
I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes – Chris Artley
Gloria – Bob Chilcott

31. Chilton Saint James School
Seraphim
Director: Rowan Johnston
Instrumentalist: Samuel Berkahn (piano)
Rain, Rain! – Daniel Brinsmead
Rise Up – Jake Runestad

32. St Andrew's College
Ngā Manu Tīori
Director: Jared Corbett
Instrumentalists: Hsing-Yin Lin (piano), Yang Zhang and Samuel Hu (percussion)
Lammaa Badaa Yatathannaa –
 trad. mūwashshah, arr. Shireen Abu-Khader
The Times They Are A-Changin' – Bob Dylan,
 arr. Adam Podd

33. Burnside High School
Bel Canto
Director: Susan Densem
Instrumentalists: Sherry Zhang (harp), Seiji Yoneda-Dimitrov and Derrick Wong (French horns), Kate Ramsay (piano), Wonie Park (double bass), Wonu Park, Agnes Kwan and Jayden Stevens (percussion)
Der Gärtner – Johannes Brahms
The Shadow Dance of Sylva – Darius Lim

35. St Cuthbert's College
Saints Alive
Director: Denzel Panama
Instrumentalists: Juan Kim (piano), Abby Grant (drums) and Anna Fukushima (bass guitar)
Ave Maria – David MacIntyre
Gloria from *Nidaros Jazz Mass* – Bob Chilcott

Session 7

Friday 6.30pm-8.00pm

Compère: **Simon Curnow**

36. Saint Kentigern College
Kentoris
Director: Matthew Leese
Instrumentalists: Richard Liu (piano), Nate Collings (bass) and Albert Lee (percussion)
The World is at Peace – David Hamilton
City Called Heaven – trad. Gospel,
 arr. Josephine Poelinitz

37. Westlake Boys High School
Voicemale
Director: David Squire
Instrumentalist: Juan Kim (piano)
Sing Out My Soul – Marques Garrett
Songs of the Wizard – Stephen Schwartz,
 arr. Gary Eckert

38. Rangitoto College
Serenata
Directors: Karen Roberts and Rhianna Maker
Instrumentalist: Edmond Wong (piano)
After the Rain – Sarah Quartel
Yo Le Canto Todo El Dia – David L. Brunner

39. Dilworth School

Fortissimo

Director: **Jacob Moore**

Lux Aurumque – Eric Whitacre
Sit Down Servant – trad. spiritual,
 arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

40. Rangī Ruru Girls' School

Resolutions

Director: **Helen Charlton**

Justitiae Domini – Michael John Trotta
Ergen Deda – Peter Lyondev

41. Kristin School

Euphony

Director: **David Squire**

Instrumentalists: **Juan Kim (piano),
 William Squire (French horn), Nick Duirs
 (bass guitar), Jono Sawyer (drums) and
 Warwick Robinson (clarinet)**

A Woven Web of Light – David Hamilton
Just One of Those Things – Cole Porter,
 arr. Mark Hayes

42. Westlake Girls High School &
 Westlake Boys High School

Choralation

Director: **Fiona Wilson**

Instrumentalist: **Soomin Kim (piano)**

Kyrie eleison and *Heilig* from *Die Deutsche
 Liturgie* – Felix Mendelssohn
Goodnight Moon – Eric Whitacre

Session 8

Saturday 11.00am-12.15pm

Compère: **Tessa Dalgety-Evans**

43. Napier Girls' High School

Ad Lucem

Director: **Chris Atkinson**

Instrumentalist: **Sarah Lee (piano)**

Dirait-on from *'Les Chansons des Roses'* –
 Morten Lauridsen
*A Charm for Rain: He Tua I Te Rangi** –
 David Hamilton

44. Macleans College

Macleans College Chorale

Director: **Sarah McNabb**

Instrumentalists: **Selina Wang (piano) and
 Daniel Chan (cello)**

O Love – Elaine Hagenberg
Daemon Irrepiit Calidus – György Orbán

45. Wellington East Girls' College

Rāwhiti

Director: **Kathryn Hunt**

Instrumentalist: **Katie Rawles (piano)**

On Children – Ysaÿe M. Barnwell
Le Ali'i e, Lo'u Atua^ –
 Faletua iā Lealofisā Folasa Mata'afa,
 arr. Kathryn Hunt

46. Palmerston North Boys' High School

MANifesto

Director: **Graeme Young**

Instrumentalist: **Paul Dredge (piano)**

*Te Mahina** – Takerei Komene
The Song of the Blacksmith – Hampshire folk
 song, arr. Gustav Holst

47. Epsom Girls' Grammar School

Paradisum

Director: **Virginia Le Cren**

Instrumentalists: **Peter Le Cren (guitar),
 Matthew Spooner and Takerei Komene
 (percussion)**

Ave Maria – Gustav Holst
Tupulaga Samoa^ – Juliana Sopoaga Lologa and
 Joyce Louise Toleafoa

48. Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Bel Suono

Director: **Maria Colvin**

Instrumentalists: **Angela Smith (piano),
 Bridget Greenslade (drums) and Michael Story
 (upright bass)**

*Manawa Whenua** – Rosa Elliott,
 lyrics Bianca Beard
It's Only A Paper Moon – Harold Arlen,
 arr. Kirby Shaw