

SOUNZ-NZCF Te Reo Māori Choral Composition Award Adjudicator 2022

REUBEN RAMEKA



Reuben Rameka *BMus (Comp.), GradDipTchg(Sec)* (b. 1997) is a music composer, arranger, performer, conductor and teacher based in Auckland, New Zealand. He is primarily of Ngāpuhi and Te Arawa descent.

In 2019, Reuben was selected as the APO 'Rising Star' Young Composer-in-residence where he was commissioned to write three new pieces for the APO to premier.

In 2020, Reuben's work '*Takoto mai rā*' won the Waiata Tira category in the Compose Aotearoa! choral composing competition. At the end of the same year, he completed his graduate diploma in teaching, specialising in secondary music education.

Reuben currently works as a music teacher and choral director at his old secondary school, Aorere College.