

WHAU ARTS FESTIVAL 2022
MARCH 31 - APRIL 3
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Whau Arts Festival 2022: Return of the Mac...(ro)/micro arts festival you love!

Your favourite community arts festival is back and it's busier and more inclusive than ever!

Now in its eighth year The Whau Arts Festival 2022 will take place indoors and outdoors, online and in-person across the Whau suburbs of Avondale, Kelston, Blockhouse Bay, Green Bay, New Lynn, Rosebank, and New Windsor, from March 31 to April 3.

Whau Arts Festival is the brainchild of 'Whau The People', a group of local artists who came together in 2013 to connect the creative constellation of artists residing in Central West Auckland. The annual interdisciplinary festival is an arts feast for the heart and mind.

Known for exploring the possibilities between everyday people and creativity, tā and vā (time and space), the festival attracts community-minded practitioners and thinkers who share a genuine love for Te Whau. The programme responds to an open call, leaving themes and focus points open to the changeable village of artists who contribute each year.

Whau Arts Festival 2022 is packed with all the goodies audiences have come to know and love: performance activations in nature, edgy emergent exhibitions and light-hearted workshops where the focus is all about togetherness. There's growth in the areas of youth and elder arts, with themes of reconnecting to the whenua, and of re-capturing calmness and simple joys.

This year's festival follows WTP 2021's 'BTW' (By The Whau) publication. Meaningfully responsive to changing alert levels, organisers acted swiftly and changed tact - culminating in a 100-artist anthology made freely available in over 40 local dairies.

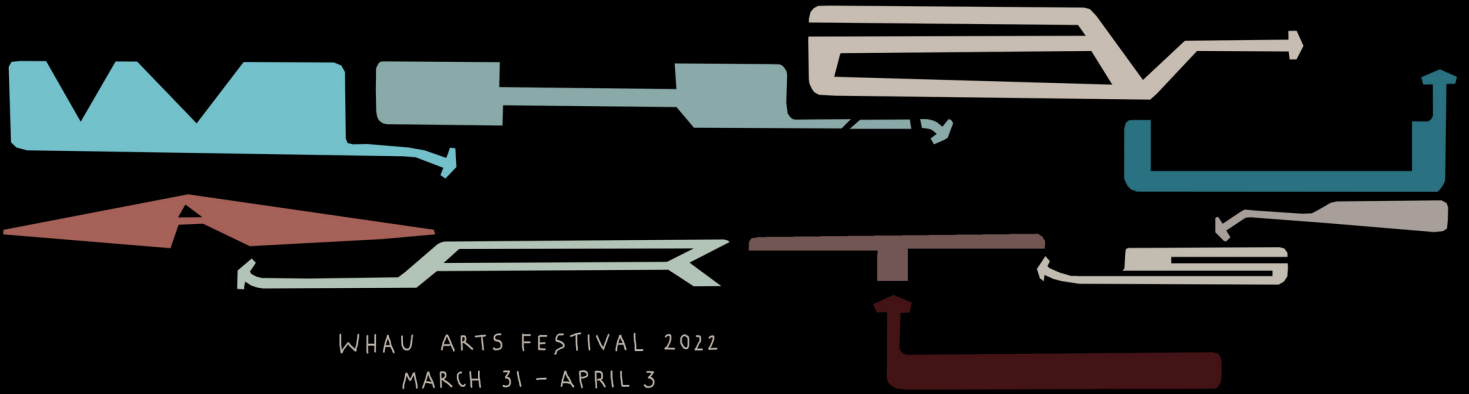
The 2022 programme is reflective of the artistic resilience that inspires Whau The People Directors Janet Lilo, Jody Yawa-McMillan, and Bronwyn Bent.

"We're excited to bring the Whau Arts Festival back to life after adapting the full programme into a book in 2021, we loved the challenge of transforming the vision to fit the times - but this year, we're back baby! With each festival we try to cast the net a little wider, to provide greater access especially to those parts of the community that we know are under-served. It's about bringing our creatives together to celebrate Te Whau - but on a deeper level it's also about creating important space for new and urgent voices. That's the charm and the challenge of what we do at WTP, for everything that draws the eye - the beauty and colour - the vibrancy and energy - there's a serious focus on visibility and acceptance, working in with the flow of the community. This festival is unlike anything happening in the region, it really does have a special local feel all of its own. We look forward to seeing you at one of the many events on offer!"

- Bronwyn (Festival Lead), Janet, & Jody

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THURSDAY MARCH 31

ALL GOODS
99 Rosebank Road, Avondale

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11AM - 4PM
MAIN SPACE / GALLERY:
Art exhibition

Ladybug
Abhi Chinniah
Naomi Azoulay
spdrtnbby

Vaccine pass required: yes

5.30PM - 7.30PM
MAIN SPACE / GALLERY:

Janet Charman
the pistils book launch

Please note:
This is a free event, but as
venue capacity is very limited,
only those already registered
will be able to attend.

If you wish to purchase a book,
please bring \$25 cash.

Please register here: [https://
the-pistils.lilregie.com/booking/
attendees/new](https://the-pistils.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new)

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Rohan Sauvage &
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(Space courtesy of I Love Avondale)

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Main street Avondale
Shop fronts

Keep an eye out
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Fatima Sanussi

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HAVEN FOUNDATION (WALL)
1855 Great North Road,
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NEXT TO OL'MATE COFFEE CARAVAN

Eva Fuemana
will be on site painting a mural during
the festival until completion

SHOP FRONT EXHIBITION
1977 Great North Road, Avondale

By HOOPLA

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DUNG BEETLE
3098 Great North Road, New Lynn

STORE HOURS 9.30AM - 4.30PM

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OLD 3 GUYS SITE
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Road Cone Wonderland
7pm - 9pm

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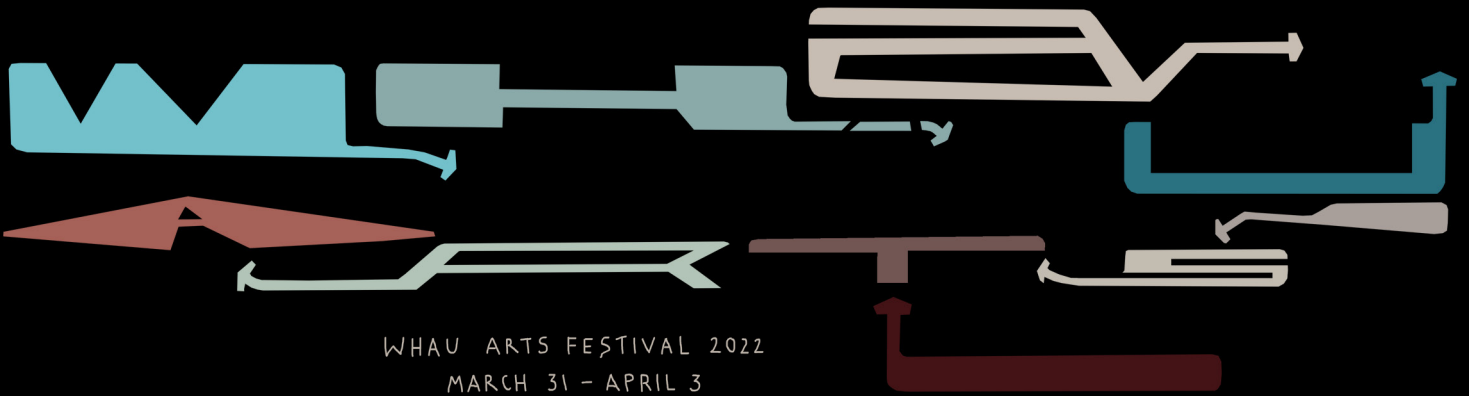
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SATURDAY APRIL 2

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1 Barron Drive

2PM - 4.30PM

children / teens 5 - 16 years

Register your child for a fun-filled afternoon of making mandalas and creating rock painting art with Bernadette Shea.

Booking essential with maximum class of 15
expressiveartnz@gmail.com

Vaccine pass required: yes for 12+

Connecting People to Nature and Art

Outdoor sunrise and sunset pastel art workshop led by Dianna Brinsden, Susie Gay, and Deborah Tait.

Please bring a cushion, and ensure your phone is charged to use the torch function

BLOCKHOUSE BAY BEACH RESERVE

Meet at the playground at 6.45 am for SUNRISE at 7.35am

HERON PARK

Meet at the playground at 6.30pm for SUNSET at 7.14pm

See detailed programme for more info

Vaccine pass required: no

Session 1: 10AM - 1PM
Session 2: 2PM - 5PM
MAIN SPACE / GALLERY:

Katie Smith /
Smitten workshops

Artist Katie Smith leads a print design workshop. Participants will be guided by Katie to create a collection of unique printed designs on cotton fabric. Ages 13+

ALL GOODS / GARDEN:
10AM - 12PM

Artist Akiko Diegel will guide a Tanabata custom exchange, participants are invited to write their wishes onto material tags that will then be hung on a bamboo tree.

Evelyn White
Weaving demonstration

Vaccine pass required: yes

RIVERSDALE RESERVE
Avondale

2PM -

Performance Artist Mark Harvey leads a guided rest at Riversdale Reserve. Participants are invited to use this time to reconnect to the land, and are advised to come along prepared for all weather conditions. Social distancing applied.

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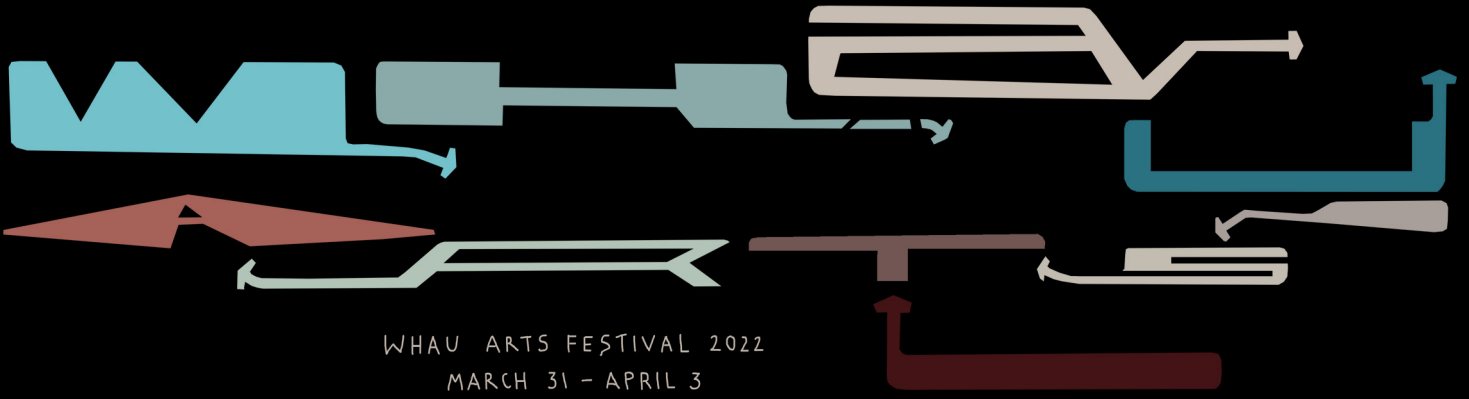
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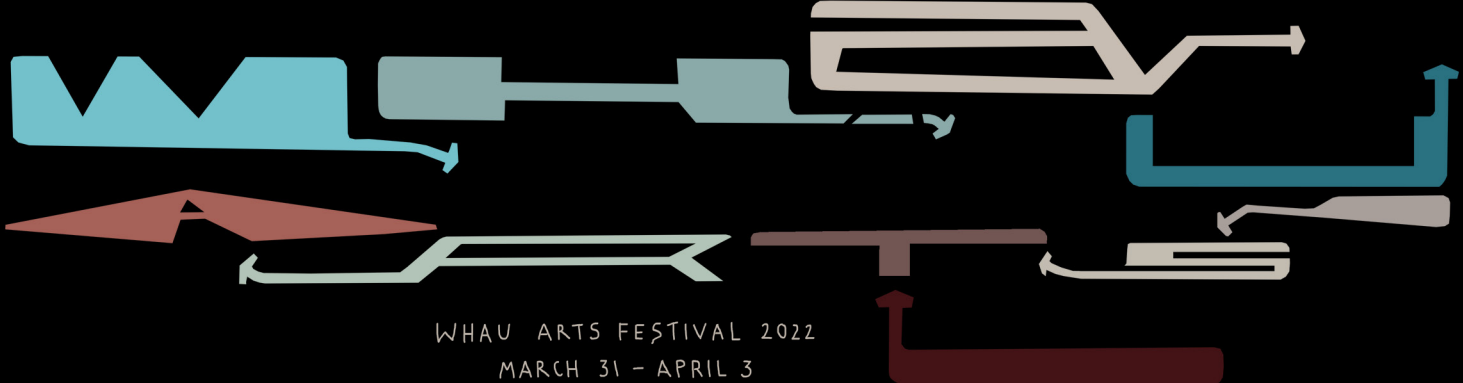
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Fun 'revenge fantasy' poetry workshop led by artists Aiiwa Pooamorn and Gemishka Chetty. Participants will be guided through a creative writing session with the aim of completing at least one poem.

Ages 16+, open to women of colour / non-binary people of colour. Please register here:

<https://revenge-fantasy-poetry-workshop.lilregie.com/>

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