

MĀORILAND FILM FESTIVAL

NATIVE PEOPLES - GLOBAL FILMS

ŌTAKI 20-24 MARCH 2024

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AOTEAROA'S INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL

Each March, Māoriland Film Festival brings the world of Indigenous cinema to Ōtaki for five days of screenings, workshops, art exhibitions and special events.

Māoriland Film Festival is the largest international Indigenous film festival in the Southern Hemisphere, welcoming over 16,500 attendees in March 2023.

The festival is held on the Kāpiti Coast in Ōtaki which is nestled between the Tararua Ranges and Tasman Sea with views towards Kāpiti Island.

This vibrant town, deeply rooted in Māori heritage, is a unique community where filmmakers and visitors alike can appreciate the distinct environmental and cultural elements.

**NAU MAI HOKI MAI - WELCOME TO ŌTAKI FOR
MFF2024**

HOU MAI KOE KI ROTO I TE WHARE KŌRERO O MĀORILAND. KO TŌNA TĀHUHU KO TE IWI, KO TE POUTĀHU KO TE MANA O TE KUPU, KO TE POUTUARONGO KO TE IRA TANGATA. KEI WAENGA KO TE POUTOKOMANAWA O TE AROHA NOA. KA MUTU, KO NGĀ POU KOKO KA TITI IHO KI TE WHENUA KO ĒNEI

We bid you entry into our house of stories. The ridgepole is the people, the front post is the authority of the word, the rear post is the essence of our humanity. Between them, we find the support pillar of love. The posts that anchor the corners to the land are these

CELEBRATION

Māoriland celebrates the rise of Indigenous cinema. It invites filmmakers from around the world to share their compelling big-screen stories with us, and with each other.

INSPIRATION

Māoriland upholds the mana and inspiration of our storytellers. We are guided by our elders, and taught by our children. The festival assists our community to expand their perspectives and connect with those from other cultures.

RESPECT

Māoriland is rooted in the traditions and language of the hapū and iwi of Ōtaki. It is our honour to extend manaakitanga to the many visitors to the festival.

INCLUSION

Māoriland provides a portal to the Indigenous world for all people. It assists social cohesion, a sense of pride, and the informed well-being of our community.

Kāti. Tuia te kawa, tairanga te kawa, ko te kawa o te manaaki i te tangata tēnei ka poua nei.

He mea tuhi nā Tainui Stephens (Te Rarawa) 2016. Extract from chant “Te Kawa o te Manaaki” marking the opening of the Māoriland Hub 2016.

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Please note this outline is subject to change.
The full festival program will be published in February 2024

Join us in celebrating the opening of the Māoriland Film Festival at 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 20, with a Pōwhiri at Raukawa Marae.

A pōwhiri is a traditional Māori welcome ceremony in New Zealand, extending hospitality and forging connections between hosts and guests. It is a meaningful and symbolic introduction to the spirit of hospitality and mutual respect in Māori customs.

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

- Pōwhiri
- Māoriland Speed Dating - Opening of Industry Program
- Māoriland Keynote
- Opening Night Film

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

- Opening of Māoriland Rangatahi Film Festival (MRFF)
- E Tū Whānau Rangatahi Film Awards
- Opening of M.A.T.C.H - Digital & Interactive Exhibition
- Toi Te Mana - Artists Night
- Industry Programme Continues
- Screenings Continue

FRIDAY 22 - SATURDAY 23 MARCH

- Industry Program Continues
- Screenings Continue
- Free Whānau Outdoor Screening

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

- All programmes operating - Screenings, MRFF, Industry, Toi Matarau, M.A.T.C.H
- Māoriland Awards
- Māoriland Red Carpet Party with special musical guests



THE ELEVENTH MĀORILAND FILM FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE:

- Screenings of **films from around the world**
- **Toi Matarau** - Exhibition of leading contemporary and traditional Māori art
- **Māoriland 2024 Festival Arts Project** - large scale artworks, including projection installations
- **Māoriland Rangatahi Film Festival** - Schools Programme
- **M.A.T.C.H** - Emerging technology exhibition featuring cutting edge VR/AR/XR
- **NATIVE Minds** - series of interactive discussions with leading Indigenous filmmakers and thinkers
- **Industry Events** for filmmakers and industry looking to collaborate, connect and grow their practice
- **Māoriland Keynote Address** with a significant figure from New Zealand's Screen Sector
- **People's Choice & Category Awards** celebrating filmmaker achievement
- **Māoriland Red Carpet Party**



KEY INFORMATION FOR GUESTS ATTENDING MFF2024

Māoriland Film Festival is known for its inclusive and relaxed atmosphere where filmmakers have an opportunity to genuinely connect with fellow filmmakers, industry representatives and audience alike.

Industry events invite participants to actively contribute so that we may collectively come away from the festival with tangible actions and support for where to next. Industry events include facilitated discussions and wānanga (opportunities to exchange ideas), networking, one-on-one meetings and receptions including meals.

Industry activities are accessible to industry pass holders only.

All programmed films will receive two complimentary industry passes.

Passes may also be purchased for \$200 NZD (special rate)



Māoriland offers filmmaker accommodation in shared beach houses.

As a small community, Ōtaki does not have hotels. For the past 10 years, part of the charm of the Māoriland Film Festival has been the opportunity to spend a week at the beach, with fellow filmmakers.

Festival accommodation ranges in price from \$150 NZD per night to \$350 NZD.

Single and double rooms are available.

Accommodation is available on a first-come first-served basis.

Private accommodation may also be booked directly via Airbnb, BookaBach or Booking.com

If you are arranging private accommodation, please note carefully the location of your accommodation as the festival does not provide bus services to private rentals.



Māoriland is located in Ōtaki on New Zealand's Kāpiti Coast, 80 km from Wellington.

AIRPORTS

Kāpiti - Air Chathams (24 mins by car)

Wellington - Air New Zealand & Jetstar (67 mins by car)

Palmerston North - Air New Zealand (70 mins by car)

GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

The festival offers airport transfers between Wellington and Ōtaki, and Kāpiti and Ōtaki. These must be booked in advance and are subject to driver availability.

Travellers from Wellington may consider catching the train to Waikanae. This one-hour trip offers stunning views along the Kāpiti Coast. Sit on the left-hand side of the train heading North for the best views out to Kāpiti Island.

Car hire is also available at each airport.



CLIMATE

Māoriland Film Festival takes place at the end of Summer. It is usually still fairly warm (20 - 25°C), although at night temperatures can drop to 8°C. Days are usually sunny, but there can be unexpected rainfall.

Make sure to pack swimwear for the beach and a warm layer for the evenings.



GETTING AROUND ŌTAKI

Please note that once you are in Ōtaki, there is no uber or taxis available.

A limited bus service will be operated by the festival for guests staying in festival accommodation between your accommodation and festival venues

We recommend hiring a vehicle if you would like your own autonomy during your time at the MFF.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We are committed to creating environments and presenting work that upholds the mana and inspiration of our storytellers – guided by our elders and taught by our children. We respect our audience – Māoriland is rooted in the traditions and language of the hapu and iwi of Ōtaki. It is our honour to extend manaakitanga to all who present their work and experience those presented within Māoriland.

Whether you've come to share your work, ask questions or to participate as an audience we welcome you to bring your creativity and spirit of collaboration.

At Māoriland, we are on our journey to Para Kore – Zero Waste. We are all kaitiaki for this land we live on – please be mindful of the waste that you create or bring with you to our festival.

Māoriland events and spaces are not a place for behaviour that is inappropriate, off-topic, disruptive, or abusive.

All attendees to Māoriland, including Kaumatua (elders) and Rangatahi (young people), programmed artists and industry, and members of the public have the right to be free of harassment, discrimination, sexism, and threatening or disrespectful behaviour – either in-person or online from others attending Māoriland events.

This could include but is not limited to: offensive verbal comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, physical acts, disability, physical appearance, race, ethnicity, or religion;

- deliberate intimidation;
- harassing photography;
- sustained disruption of talks or other events;
- inappropriate physical contact.

We reserve the right to refuse entry or revoke accreditation to Māoriland events and venues without notice for those who engage in such conduct.

If you experience a violation of this Code of Conduct at a Māoriland event please contact a member of staff or email kiaora@maorilandfilm.co.nz

All violations of the law should also be reported to local law enforcement. For emergencies, immediately dial 111.

