



THE ŌTAUTAHIA GALA

Saturday 11th July
2026

The Piano
156 Armagh St
Christchurch, Central City



Eva Stein



Ameera Woods

Singing Teacher: Judy Bellingham



Teddy Finney Waters

Singing Teacher: Judy Bellingham



Erin Connelly-Whyte

Singing Teacher: Rebecca Ryan



Kieran Kelly

Singing Teacher: Judy Bellingham



Elias Nguyen

Singing Teacher: Jenny Wollerman

MC: Alex Robinson of Toi Toi Opera

Mihi Whakatua (Waiata Welcome):
Timua Brennan (Oldest) & Dave Brennan (Youngest)
Mana Whenua o Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Performance: Class 126 Waiata Winner: Grace Hill

Welcome to the Ōtautahi Aria Gala for 2026

It is our great pleasure to introduce out **Adjudicator**, Patrick Power
O.N.Z.M



This evening, all of our contestants will be accompanied by the
wonderful Catherine Norton.

Let us Begin.

1. Eva Stein	"Il faut partir"	Donizette
2. Ameera Woods	"Fair Robin I Love"	Mechem (Tartuffe)
3. Teddy Finney Waters	"Vainement, ma bien-aimée"	Lalo (Le Roi d'Ys)
4. Erin Connelly-Whyte	"Senza mamma"	Puccini (Suor Angelica)
5. Kieran Kelly	"O vin dissipe la tristesse"	Thomas (Hamlet)
6. Elias Nguyen	"Pourquoi me réveiller"	Massenet (Werther)

INTERVAL

Refreshments – The bar is open

Welcome back and I hope you're all feeling suitably refreshed. We invite Catherine Norton back to the stage with our first contestant for the second half of this evening's epic Gala.

1. Eva Stein	"Le nozze di Figaro"	Mozart
2. Ameera Woods	"Saper Vorreste"	Verdi
3. Teddy Finney Waters	"The Second Lute Song of the Earl of Essex"	Britten (Gloriana)
4. Erin Connelly-Whyte	"Song to the Moon"	(Rusalka) - Dvořák
5. Kieran Kelly	"Largo al factotum"	Rossini
6. Elias Nguyen	"Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön"	Mozart

While our judge is making his final notes and decisions, it's our pleasure now to introduce the winners of Class 125 English Art Song and Class 131 German Lieder, which were held yesterday in the Chamber room.

Please welcome to the stage Class 125 English Art Song winner, accompanied by Catherine Norton.

Put your hands together for the winner of Class 131 German Lieder, accompanied by Catherine Norton.

JUDGES NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Under the expert direction of Patrick Power, and with Catherine Norton at the piano, we'd love you to join our singers in raising the roof – and perhaps imagining you're raising a glass as well!

Please turn the page for the lyrics to Pokarekare ana

Pokarekare ana

Pokarekare ana
Nga wai o waiapu
Whiti atu koe hine
Marino ana e

E hine e
Hoki maira
Kamate au
-I te aroha e

Tuhituhi taku rita
Tuku atu taku ringi
Kia kiti to iwi
Raru raru ana e

E hine e
Hoki maira
Kamate au I could die
-I te aroha e

E hine e
Hoki maira
Kamate au
-I te aroha e

Kamate au I could die
-I te aroha e Of love for you