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MEDIA STATEMENT

NEW TECHNOLOGY & EXPERT JUDGING COME TOGETHER AT TE MATATINI NATIONAL KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL 2009

Kaiwhiriwhiri (Judges) presiding at Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival 2009 will combine their specialist expertise in the Māori performing arts with the latest computer technology - to decide the country's top kapa haka groups.

An automated software system for scoring the 36 competing teams has been developed for Te Matatini by PC Vote Limited. Using a PC and wireless mouse, each of the 28 Kaiwhiriwhiri will now enter their individual marks on a screen via a series of prompts. When confirmed, the results are automatically computed and sent to a central database.

The new system can provide instant reports across a range of categories - by group, judge, discipline, or any combination of these. A computerised data capture system has also been developed as a backup.

Te Matatini Festival chairman, Selwyn Parata said the new technology was a welcome innovation to replace the previously labour-intensive task of manually collating, recording and tallying results.

Cumbersome and time consuming, he said the manual process was vulnerable to human error and not without contention during its time.

"The introduction of this new technology restores the integrity, transparency, and confidentiality, crucial to the judging process." He said the 'audit-ability' and the fast and comprehensive reporting functions of the system would alleviate the pressure felt by judges at past Festivals.

Kaiwhiriwhiri had received training in the technology, which Mr Parata said had potential as a standardised system for application at regional competition level too.

From Thursday to Saturday, 12 teams compete in three pools. On Saturday evening the aggregate marks from the required disciplines - Whakaeke (entry); Mōteatea (traditional chant); Waiata-ā-Ringa (action song); Poi; Haka; and Whakawātea (exit) - are averaged and tallied to decide the nine finalists for the Sunday showdown.

As well as the required disciplines, the 36 kapa haka teams are judged in nine non-compulsory disciplines that include Kakahu (costumes); Manukura Wahine (female leader) and Manukura Tāne (male leader).

Nominated and selected by the regions for their knowledge and skill in the Māori performing arts, Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival 2009 Kaiwhiriwhiri are:

WHAKAEKE

Kahu Pou
Ruhiterangi Richards
Raymond Kaiki
Hone Green

MŌTEATEA

Pou Temara
Kaa Williams
Te Ripowai Higgins
William Elliot

POI

Te Aroha Paenga
Kiriwaitangi Rei
Ngaringi Katipa
Hinetu Dell

WHAKAWĀTEA

Tui Ranapiri-Ransfield
Kimoro Taiepa
Tawhirimatea Williams
Paraone Gloyne

MANUKURA TĀNE

Mauriora Kingi
Joe Harawira
Pou Temara
Paraone Gloyne

KĀKAHU

Ruhiterangi Richards
Te Aroha Paenga
Kimoro Taiepa
Raymond Kaiki

TE KAIRANGI O TE REO

Wharehuia Milroy
Rahui Papa
Keita Walker
Petina Winiata

WAIATA A RINGA

Te Rita Papesch
Tihi Puanaki
Kuini Moehau Reedy
John Tapene

HAKA

Joe Harawira
Muriwai Ihakara
Rev. Napi Waaka
Mauriora Kingi

WAIATA TIRA

Mercia-Dawn Yates
Rev. Napi Waaka
Te Rita Papesch
John Tapene

MANUKURA WAHINE

Kahu Pou
Tihi Puanaki
Tui Ranapiri-Ransfield
Kuini Moehau Reedy

RESERVE

Leon Blake
Watson Ohia



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Media Note: Attached is the Festival competition schedule and the 15 trophies awarded in both the required and non-compulsory disciplines.

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MAHERE WHAKATAETAE
National Kapa Haka Festival Tauranga 2009
Final 11 February 2009

Day One: Thursday 19 February 2009

THURSDAY 19 FEB 2009	Roopu Name	Start	Finish	Pool
Te Taitokerau	1. Te Puu Ao	4.00pm	4.30pm	1
Ngāti Kahungunu	2. Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Ranginui	4.40pm	5.10pm	1
Te Whenua Moemoeā	3. Poi Piripi	5.20pm	5.50pm	1
Te Arawa	4. Te Maataarae i Orehu	6.00pm	6.30pm	1
Judges 15 min break		6.30pm	6.45pm	1
Mātaatua	5. Ruatāhuna Kākahu Maukū	6.45pm	7.15pm	1
Te Whanganui ā Tara	6. Tū Te Maungaroa	7.25pm	7.55pm	1
Aotea	7. Ngā Purapura o Te Taihauāuru	8.05pm	8.35pm	1
Tāmaki Makaurau	8. Ngā Tūmanako	8.45pm	9.15pm	1

Day Two: Friday 20 February 2009

FRIDAY 20 FEB 2009	Roopu Name	Start	Finish	Pool
Te Tairāwhiti	1. Whāngārā mai Tawhiti	9.00am	9.30am	1
Rangitāne	2. Te Whānau o Te Kura	9.40am	10.10am	1
Waitaha	3. Te Ahikaaroa Kapa Haka	10.20am	10.50am	1
Tainui	4. Te Pou o Mangataawhiri	11.00am	11.30am	1
Judges 15 min break		11.30am	11.45am	
Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Māui	5. Te Whatukura	11.45am	12.15pm	2
Te Taitokerau	6. Hātea	12.25pm	12.55pm	2
Ngāti Kahungunu	7. Te Rerenga Kōtuku	1.05pm	1.35pm	2
Judges 60 min lunch break		1.35pm	2.35pm	
Te Whenua Moemoeā	8. Te Roopu Tautoko	2.35pm	3.05pm	2
Te Arawa	9. Manaia	3.15pm	3.45pm	2
Mātaatua	10. Tauiramaitawhiti	3.55pm	4.25pm	2
Te Whanganui ā Tara	11. Ngā Taonga mai Tawhiti	4.35pm	5.05pm	2
Judges 15 min break		5.05pm	5.20pm	
Aotea	12. Te Matapihi	5.20pm	5.50pm	2
Tāmaki Makaurau	13. Te Manu Huia	6.00pm	6.30pm	2
Te Tairāwhiti	14. Te Hokowhitu a Tu	6.40pm	7.10pm	2

Day Three: Saturday 21 February 2009

SATURDAY 21 FEB 2009	Roopu Name	Start	Finish	Pool
Rangitāne	1. Te Tū Mataora	9.00am	9.30am	2
Waitaha	2. Te Rōpū Haka o Ngā Manu ā Tāne	9.40am	10.10am	2
Tainui	3. Ngaa Pou o Roto	10.20am	10.50am	3
Te Arawa	4. Ngā Uri o Te Whanoa	11.00am	11.30am	3
Judges 15 min break		11.30am	11.45am	
Mātaatua	5. Te Kapa Haka o Te Whānau a Apanui	11.45am	12.15pm	3
Aotea	6. Te Reanga Morehu o Ratana	12.25pm	12.55pm	3
Tāmaki Makaurau	7. Te Rōpū Manutaki	1.05pm	1.35pm	3
Judges 60 min lunch break		1.35pm	2.35pm	
Te Tairāwhiti	8. Waihirere Māori Club	2.35pm	3.05pm	3
Tainui	9. Te Iti Kahurangi	3.15pm	3.45pm	3
Te Arawa	10. Tūhourangi-Ngāti Wāhiao	3.55pm	4.25pm	3
Mātaatua	11. Te Kapa Haka ō Rūātoki	4.35pm	5.05pm	3
Judges 15 min break		5.05pm	5.20pm	
Tāmaki Makaurau	12. Te Waka Huia	5.20pm	5.50pm	3
Te Tairāwhiti	13. Tū te Manawa Maurea	6.00pm	6.30pm	3
Mātaatua	14. Ōpōtiki-Mai-Tawhiti	6.40pm	7.10pm	3

Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival
Ngā Taonga : Final Trophy List

Compulsory Disciplines (Aggregate)	Ngā Taonga (The Trophies)
Whakaeke	Te Taonga ā Te Whānau o Waipareira Trust
Mōteatea	Te Taonga - Te Kani Te Ua
Waiata-ā-Ringa	Te Taonga ā Ikaroa
Poi	Te Taonga ā Aotea District Māori Council
Haka	Te Taoka Te Ngākau Aroha o Te Waipounamu
Whakawātea	Te Taonga Whakamaumahara ki a Wii Te Tau Huata
Te Toa whakaihuwaka (Overall Aggregate)	The Duncan McIntyre Trophy
Other Disciplines (Non Aggregate)	
Manukura Tane	Te Taonga ā Dr Bruce Gregory
Manukura Wahine	Te Korowai Manukura Wahine
Kākahu	Te Taonga Whakamaumahara ki a Wairākau Paia Waipara
Te Reo	
Te Kairangi o Te Reo	Te Taonga ā Mobil Oil Te Reo Excellence Trophy
Titonga Poi	Te Taonga Whakamaumahara ki a Ngahiraka Busby
Titonga Haka	Te Taonga Whakamaumahara ki a Anaru Skip Paenga
Titonga Waiata-ā-Ringa	He Tohu Aroha nā Te Whenua Moemoeā
Titonga Waiata Hou	Te Taonga Whakamaumahara ki a Tā Kingi Ihaka
Optional Discipline (Non Aggregate)	
The Waiata Tira is optional	Te Taonga ā Te Rōpū Waiata Māori o Aotearoa