# Audio described shows Oct – Dec 2023 by region

## AUCKLAND

### Parnell Festival of Roses

Sunday 5 November, Parnell Rose Gardens

Animal experiences, guided tours and hands on gardening demonstrations

Contact Nicola Owen audiodescribedaotearoa@gmail.com for details and bookings

### Hansel & Gretel, Royal New Zealand Ballet

Sat 2 Dec, Aotea Centre, 1.30pm (Touch Tour 11.30am)

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## TAURANGA

See separate sheet

### UPU

Wed 25 Oct

Addison Theatre - Baycourt Community Arts Centre, 6.30pm (Tour Tour 5.30pm)

## NAPIER / HASTINGS

### UPU

Sat 28 Oct

Opera House, Toitoi Hawke’s Bay Arts & Events Centre, 7pm (Touch Tour 6pm)

The world of Oceania is not small. From the energetic volcanoes of O’ahu to the southern reaches of Aotearoa, she is borderless and vast – and growing bigger by the day. After decades of dismissal and disconnection, her children are closer than ever. It’s time for a reunion.

In Samoan “upu” means “word”.

Curated by award-winning poet Grace Iwashita-Taylor and led by powerhouse director Fasitua Amosa, UPU gives the stage to Oceania’s most electrifying poetry. Ben Brown, Karlo Mila, Albert Wendt and more: UPU is for the trailblazers, the icons and the new writers transforming Aotearoa today.

In UPU, borders disappear and for just over an hour, the theatre becomes a sea of Islands. Be transported across an ocean to hear the voices dealing with colonisation, family, climate change, love, sex, religion, power and tourists.

Performed by a stellar cast of some of the best Tagata Moana actors in Aotearoa NZ - Maiava Nathaniel Lees, Mia Blake, Ana Corbett, Shadon Meredith, James Maeva, Nicola Kāwana and Nora Aati.

Hawke’s Bay, Hawke’s Bay Arts Festival

Venue: Opera House, Toitoi Hawke’s Bay Arts & Events Centre

Date: Saturday, 28 October

Time: 6pm Touch Tour, 7pm Performance

Performance duration: 60 minutes (no interval)

Tickets from $25 (A complimentary companion ticket is available when booking.)

To Book: Phone Toitoi Hawke’s Bay Arts & Events Centre box office on 06 877 9600. Or email accessibility@toitoivenues.co.nz

### Hansel & Gretel, Royal New Zealand Ballet

Sat 4 Nov

Napier Municipal Theatre, 7.30pm

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## PALMERSTON NORTH

### Hansel & Gretel, Royal New Zealand Ballet

Fri 10 Nov

Regent on Broadway, 7.30pm

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## WELLINGTON

### Hansel & Gretel, Royal New Zealand Ballet

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St James Theatre, 1.30pm (Touch Tour 11.30am)

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## CHRISTCHURCH

### The Haka Party Incident

Sat 28 Oct

The Court Theatre, 2pm (Touch Tour 1pm tbc)

The Haka Party Incident resurrects the eventful day when a group of University of Auckland engineering students rehearsing their annual tradition of a mock haka are confronted by the activist group, He Taua. The incident sent ripples through the nation and changed race relations in New Zealand forever. Contains coarse language.

When: Saturday 28th October

Location: The Court Theatre’s auditorium, Bernard Street

Time: 2pm

Touch Tour: Approx one hour before the show. Time to be advised.

Running Time: 2 hours including 20-minute interval

Cost: $49 or $34 with a Community Services or Hāpai Access Card

Essential companions can attend free of charge

Booking: Please contact the Box Office on 03 963 0870 directly to book

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Isaac Theatre Royal, 1.30pm (Touch Tour 11.30am)

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## DUNEDIN

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Regent Theatre, 7.30pm (Touch Tour 5.30pm)

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## INVERCARGILL

### Hansel & Gretel, Royal New Zealand Ballet

Wed 15 Nov

Civic Theatre, 7.30pm

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