

# Hawke's Bay Young Musician of the Year 2020



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## **Young Musician of the Year Award To Showcase Talent**

Classical music lovers can add a diary note to hear the best of Hawke's Bay's talented teens perform at the Young Musician of the Year competition next month.

The YMY 2020 event will be at the Blyth Theatre, Iona College, Havelock North with the preliminary public concert on Saturday 5 September and the finalists' performance and awards concert on Friday 11 September. Young musicians will register this week and the participants will be announced ahead of the all-day preliminary round.

This year is the 37th year of the award which is organised by the Hawke's Bay branch of the Institute of Registered Music teachers to encourage advanced music students to extend their performance skills and talent. It is open to singers, pianists and instrumentalists. Last year 18 year old classical guitarist Jacob Pope, pupil of Dave Boston, claimed the title, and in 2018 it was pianist Ethan Yong.

Local Freemasons and the Freemason's Charity have come on board as a major sponsor of the winner's scholarship prize for the next three years. Other support has come from Creative Communities Napier and private supporters.

"Our sponsorship will help foster the development of cultural arts in the community and reward the determination and commitment of the young people involved to practicing and performing to this high standard," says Nigel Friggens, District Grand Master for Eastland/Ruahine District .

"We are thrilled to have the support of Freemason's Charity and other sponsors to continue this community event, and encourage the exciting talent, musicianship and performance standards that we have in our young musicians," says Mary McHattie, Chairman of the Hawke's Bay branch of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers.

Entry to the preliminary concert is by koha, and tickets to the final will be available through Eventfinda and Wardini Book stores in Napier and Havelock North.

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