



Kei aku rangatira a te hoe, tena koe.

From 23-28 February 2018, the New Zealand Festival with Te Āti Awa / Taranaki whānui iwi present *A Waka Odyssey* an extraordinary gathering of people from around the Pacific and Aotearoa. Our nation of voyagers, discoverers, storytellers and innovators will be celebrated with a large-scale public performance on Wellington harbour to open the New Zealand Festival.

The Opening Event, *Kupe* will see six waka hourua from around New Zealand and the Pacific, accompanied by waka taua and waka ama, sail into the Wellington harbour to be met by our audience on the shore. Our lead performers will be supported by a mass choir and thousand strong haka made up of local schools, choirs and community groups.

We now need your help in making this special event and seek your registration of interest to be part of the Opening Event.

If you are an experienced W1/V1 paddler, with a desire to be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity showcasing waka kaupapa to Aotearoa, please complete the online registration by Monday 11th December 2017. We are looking for 30 volunteer W1 paddlers, we will respond to all who register their interest by Monday 18th December.

Please ensure you are able to attend the rehearsal and times outlined below before registering your interest. Please note all workshops and rehearsals will happen on Wellington harbour and/or in nearby buildings.

Dates:

- **Tuesday 20th February 2018 6.30pm** Technical Rehearsal (Wednesday 21st if weather is poor)
- **Friday 23 February 2018 5.30pm** call time for a 7pm show start: Opening Event Performance
- **Sunday 25 February 2018** Contingency day for Opening Event Performance (same times)



Patrick Rimene: Masters Mens Champion – Hoe Tonga Region, Wairarapa Club, NZ Representative

A Waka Odyssey

A three part adventure created and written by Anna Marbrook, Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr & Kasia Pol

Find out more [here](#) then register your interest here: <https://goo.gl/forms/V9IWpaMYaisPHSd72>

For any questions or enquiries contact:

Teone Sciascia (Waka Logistics Coordinator) on either 021 501 695 or teone.sciascia@festival.com