



**SGCNZ**  
Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand

# **SGCNZ/ Morrison Music Trust Shakespeare Composition Competition 2026**





# SGCNZ/ MORRISON MUSIC TRUST SHAKESPEARE COMPOSITION COMPETITION 2026

Chances to win money and gain other exciting experiences

Your work can count towards NCEA if applicable.

## 1 Choose ONE of the following options:

**A**

Compose a vocal piece inspired by a Shakespeare Play or Poem

**B**

Compose an instrumental piece inspired by a Shakespeare Play or Poem

## 2 Tick appropriate box on Entry Form

## 3 Write an accompanying rationale of approximately 250 words describing:

- for which play the piece was created
- why you consider your composition is appropriate for the play
- why you chose your particular style

## 4 Submit the piece as an MP3 file on a USB stick AND as sheet music

Send with the attached entry form to each design by 27th March 2026

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To:

SGCNZ  
Composition Competition  
PO Box 17 215  
Wellington 6147

or courier to:

Toi Poneke Arts Centre reception  
SGCNZ Office 2, Level 1,  
61-69 Abel Smith Street  
Wellington 6011

## 6 Enclose a prepaid envelope or tube with a courier sticker and return-to-sender address for returning the original of your entry

### CRITERIA

Compositions must be no longer than 3 minutes

Compositions can be inspired by any Shakespeare play or poem/Sonnet

Any students at secondary school, home schooled, or community groups from Year 7-13, under 20 years of age are eligible to enter

All spelling must be accurate

Entrants must be a Friend of SGCNZ either through their school, home school cluster OR community groups, OR individually

### PRIZES



A first, second and third place winner will be chosen for Category A and Category B for the above prizes given in each category.

A Supreme Winner will be chosen and receive a further prize of \$500

NB: The value of the prizes may vary depending on the entries and the judges decisions.

Prize winners will be announced at SGCNZ's VUW National Shakespeare Festival Award Ceremony at 7.00pm, 31 May 2026 at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

The finalists will have a chance to attend workshops at SGCNZ VUW National Shakespeare Festival free-of-charge on 29 May in Wellington.

The Supreme Winner, or if not available another winner, will be offered the position of Student Composer at SGCNZ's National Shakespeare Schools Production, 26 September – 4 October 2026 in Wellington and also be considered for selection as a member of the SGCNZ YSC 2027 travelling to the Globe in London.

(Standard fees for these will apply)

For further information please contact  
Dawn Sanders ONZM, QSM, SGCNZ Chief Executive  
P: 04 384 1300 / 027 283 6016 E: dawn@sgcnz.org.nz sgcnz.org.nz/competitions

The Judges decisions shall be final and no correspondence entered into.

SGCNZ reserves the right to retain and discuss with the designer, future use of the winning designs.

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Due 27 March 2026

Name:

Postal address:

Postcode:

School:

Home School Cluster/Community Group:

Student in Year:

Date of Birth:

Mobile:

Ethnicity:

Email:

Male

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Female

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Diverse

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Name of

Composition:

Vocal

☐

Instrumental

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Entrants may enter under their school's/home school cluster/community group's Friend's Membership or personal Membership. Please tick applicable box:

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My School/Home School Cluster Group is a financial Friend of SGCNZ

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Enclosed please find my School's Friend's Fee \$225/Home School Cluster/Community Group Friend's Fee \$120 (please circle one)\*

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I am a Student Friend of SGCNZ

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Enclosed please find my Student Friend Fee \$50

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I enclosed a prepaid envelope or courier sticker for the return of my designs

All amounts include GST. This must be paid electronically via the Membership Form on our website. \*If necessary, please discuss reductions to the Friends' Membership Fees with the Chief Executive.

I give permission for my composition to be played on radio and in public exclusively in association with this event, including as backing for costume filming to be shown at the SGCNZ Festival and NSSP videography, and further use may be negotiated.

Student's signature

Date

I verify that this work is that of the student named above.

Teacher's name(if applicable):

Mobile/landline:

Teacher's signature (if applicable)

Email:

Parent's/Caregiver's name(if applicable):

Mobile/landline:

Parent's/Caregiver's signature

Email: