

SGCNZ Competition Finalists 2025

Placings will be announced on Sunday 1 June at the Award Ceremony of the SGCNZ Victoria University of Wellington National Shakespeare Festival from 7.00pm, St James Theatre, Wellington

Names are listed alphabetically below - NOT in winning order.

SGCNZ / SHAKESPEARE COSTUME DESIGN COMPETITION

Judges: Nicole Barker, Tina de Bes, Lucas Neal (THW-VUW), Dawn Sanders ONZM, QSM

Finalists:

- **Carla Anderson**
Long Bay College
– Puck, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- **Stanley Browne**
Western Springs College
– Lady Macbeth, *Macbeth*
- **Casey Ferguson**
Howick College
– Friar Lawrence, *Romeo & Juliet*
- **Olivia Clay McDowell**
Kapiti College
– Ophelia, *Hamlet*

Highly Commended

- **Hayley Liu**
Diocesan School for Girls
– Titania, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- **Aria Frances Wraight Powell**
Motueka High School
– Witches, *Macbeth*

Commended

- **Taisia Afanasyeva & Kristina Stepchenko**
Rolleston College Horoeke Haemata
– Titania, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- **Janne Olinsky**
Bayfield High School
– Juliet, *Romeo & Juliet*
- **Gloriana Valor**
Gloriavale Christian School
– Lady Macbeth, *Macbeth*

SGCNZ / IDA GASKIN SHAKESPEARE ESSAY COMPETITION with English at VUW

Judges: Sarah Ross (Victoria University of Wellington) Prizes donated by The Gaskin Family, Victoria University of Wellington, NZSA & Michelle Linterman, Hay Bequest

Finalists:

Option 1

- **Sneha Datla**
St Margaret's College
- **Ariel Holloway**
Trinity Catholic College
- **Meredith Williams**
Queen Margaret College

Option 2

- **Elodie Keeble**
Mount Maunganui College
- **Hayley Liu**
Diocesan School for Girls
- **Nia Turner Montes**
Baradene College

Option 3

- **Special mention:**
Aramaia Burns
Palmerston North Girl's High School
- **Ife Ehalaiye**
Palmerston North Girl's High School
- **Juliet Young**
St Margaret's College

SGCNZ / MORRISON MUSIC TRUST SHAKESPEARE COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Judge: Michael Vinten & Garth Wilshire

Prizes donated by Morrison Music Trust

- Julie Nevett

Category A: Shakespeare related Vocal Composition

Finalists:

- **Isla Ballantine**
Hagley College
– Desdemona
- **Kate Urry**
Samuel Marsden Collegiate School
– *Dear Juliet*
- **Benjamin Viljoen**
Palmerston North Boys' High School
– *The Chorus of The Storm*

Category B: Shakespeare related Instrumental Composition

Finalists:

- **Zakariya Barzak**
Palmerston North Boys' High School
– *Symphony*
- **Yuvn Cho**
Palmerston North Girls' High School
– *Puck's Playground*
- **Stanley Pettengill**
Palmerston North Boys' High School
– *Love theme from Othello*

SGCNZ / ADAM FOUNDATION SHAKESPEARE VIDEO TITLE CARD, POSTER & STATIC IMAGE COMPETITIONS

Judges: Dylan Horrocks, Alison Stephens, Dawn Sanders ONZM, QSM

Prizes donated by The Adam Foundation

VIDEO TITLE CARD

Finalist:

- **Samuel Freeman**
Kapiti School
– *Shakespeare's flowers*
- **Hayley Liu**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- **Emily Webster**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Macbeth*

POSTER DESIGN

Finalist:

- **Xanthe Rose Maugham**
Havelock North High School
– *Macbeth*
- **Janet Xie**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Romeo & Juliet*
- **Regina Xu**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Romeo & Juliet*

Highly Commended

- **Evie Stimpson**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Macbeth*
- **Mila Stirton**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Romeo and Juliet*
- **Anya Taylor**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Hamlet*

Commended

- **Tess Ritchie**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Macbeth*
- **Clara Roberts**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Macbeth*

STATIC IMAGE

Finalists:

- **Ivy Greenslade**
Samuel Marsden Collegiate School
– *Coriolanus*
- **Xanthe Rose Maugham**
Havelock North High School
– *Antony & Cleopatra*
- **Maxwell Wyatt Marijke Thompson**
Havelock North High School
– *Romeo & Juliet*

Highly Commended:

- **Elaine Li**
Columba College
– *Macbeth*
 - **Anya Taylor**
Diocesan School for Girls
– *Macbeth*
- ##### Commended:
- **Eleanor Deed**
Napier Girls' High School
– *Twelfth Night*
 - **Ife Ehalaiye**
Palmerston North Girls' High School
– *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
 - **Tess Martina Hooker**
Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls
– *Macbeth*
 - **Piper-Jean Lamb**
Paraparaumu College
– *Venus and Adonis*