

## 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  
– The Macbeths, *Macbeth* WSC's, *Witches of 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 Olimsky**  
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:

##### Option 2:

##### Option 3:

### 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 Urny**  
Samuel Marsden Collegiate School  
– Dear Juliet
- **Benjamin Vilgoen**  
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  
– no specific play
- **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  
– *Romeo and Juliet*
- **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 Marike 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 Ehalaie**  
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*