

## SGCNZ Competition Winners 2026

Placings were announced on Sunday 31 May at the Award Ceremony of the SGCNZ  
Victoria University of Wellington National Shakespeare Festival, Wellington

### SGCNZ / Dawn Sanders SHAKESPEARE COSTUME DESIGN COMPETITION

Judges: Nicole Barker, Tina de Bes, Paula  
Smith McKnight, Dawn Sanders ONZM, QSM

#### Finalists:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Anya Taylor** | Diocesan School for Girls  
- Mercutio, *Romeo & Juliet*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Xiah Te Awarangi Nesbitt** | Paraparaumu  
College  
- Witches, *Macbeth*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = **Carla Anderson** | Long Bay College  
- Prospero, *The Tempest*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = **Arna Vincent** | Howick College  
- Ariel, *The Tempest*

#### Highly Commended

- Ming Cai** | Epsom Girls' Grammar School  
- Shylock, *The Merchant of Venice*
- Sonya Liu** | St Margaret's College  
- Nick Bottom, *A Midsummer Night's  
Dream*
- Amy Zhang** | Woodford House  
- Lady Macbeth, *Macbeth*

#### Commended

- Abi Du** | Diocesan School for Girls  
- Lady Macbeth, *Macbeth*
- Casey Ferguson** | Howick College  
- Desdemona, *Othello*
- Luella Kershaw** | Solway College  
- La Pucelle, *Henry VI*

### SGCNZ / IDA GASKIN SHAKESPEARE ESSAY COMPETITION with English at VUW

Judges: Jake Arthur

Prizes donated by The Gaskin Family,  
Victoria University of Wellington, NZSA &  
Michelle Linterman, Hay Bequest

#### Finalists:

- Category 1
- 1<sup>st</sup> **Maya Timlin** | Carmel College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Keliduwa Gamage Methmi Mandara**  
**Jayampath** | Avondale College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Aliya Symister** | Howick College

#### Category 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Eassin Wang** | St Cuthbert's College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Betty Shen** | Long Bay College

#### Category 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Ife Ehalaiye** | **Palmerston North Girls'  
High School**  
- Category 3a
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Lowenna Haskell** | **Campion College**  
- Category 3a

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Maika Bonifant** | Diocesan School for Girls  
- Category 3a

### SGCNZ / MORRISON MUSIC TRUST SHAKESPEARE COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Judges: Michael Vinten & Garth Wilshire

Prizes donated by - Julie Nevett for  
Morrison Music Trust

#### Category A: Shakespeare related Vocal Composition

##### Finalist:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Shixuan (Marcus) Liu** | Saint Kentigern  
College  
- *Three Witches' Rite*

#### Category B: Shakespeare related Instrumental Composition

##### Finalists:

- Ofri Earon** | Paraparaumu College  
- *Soundscapes for Othello*
- Matthew Lee** | Kristin School  
- Vox Populi
- Bruno McLeod** | Orewa College  
- *The Tales of Titania*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = **Benjamin Viljoen** | Palmerston North  
Boys' High School  
- *The Suicide*
- 1<sup>st</sup> & Supreme Winner **Ada Zhang** | Kristin  
School  
- *The Balcony*

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

Judges: Lucas Neal, Dawn Sanders ONZM,  
QSM, Brian Pearl, Peter Mahoney, Craig  
Christensen, Théia Maxon

Prizes donated by The Adam Foundation

#### VIDEO TITLE CARD

##### Finalists:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Xanthe Maugham** | Havelock North High  
School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ivy Greenslade** | Samuel Marsden  
Collegiate School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Sienna Worsnop** | Diocesan School for  
Girls

#### Highly Commended

- Anya Taylor** | Diocesan School for Girls

#### POSTER DESIGN

##### Finalists:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Stacey Zhao** | St Margaret's College  
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Lulu Smith** | Diocesan School for Girls  
- *Romeo & Juliet*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Abigail Deng** | Avondale College  
- *Othello*

#### Highly Commended

- Xanthe Maugham** | Havelock North High  
School  
- *The Tempest*
- Natalie Stuart** | Diocesan School for Girls  
- *Macbeth*

#### Commended

- Lucy Smale** | Diocesan School for Girls  
- *Romeo & Juliet*

#### STATIC IMAGE

##### Finalists:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Charlotte Zhao** | Macleans College  
- *Macbeth*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = **Ivy Greenslade** | Samuel Marsden  
Collegiate School  
- *Antony and Cleopatra*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = **Sariah Hooker-Mason** | Howick College  
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Grishma Kichavadi** | Macleans College  
- *Macbeth*

#### Highly Commended:

- Georgia Dalbeth** | Howick College  
- *The Tempest*
- Karl Nathan Liwanag** | Avondale College  
- *The Tempest*
- Claire Stanley** | Havelock North High School  
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Jessica Tsui** | Macleans College  
- *Macbeth*
- Claire Zhao** | Macleans College  
- *Macbeth*

#### Commended:

- Sofia Berrios Roman** | Albany Junior High  
School  
- *The Taming of the Shrew*
- Amélie Hanham** | Havelock North High School  
- *Macbeth*
- Ariadne Windarc** | Spotswood College /  
Windarc Music Academy  
- *Titus Andronicus*

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