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Manawatu Festival of New Arts 2008

This year's Manawatu Festival of New Arts has a distinctly international flavour. Represented this year are the six prize-winning plays from the Manawatu International One-Act Playwriting Competition. The winning writers come mostly from New Zealand but there is one from Melbourne, Australia, and one from the UK. International Fullbright scholar, Amanda McRaven, will also be presenting a community theatre devised play called *Lay Out the Bones* that features actors from Asia, the Pacific, Europe, as well as New Zealand.

We are extremely proud of the standard and variety of this year's offerings that comprise original works of poetry, song, music, film, audio-visual and visual art. Daniel Belton, who is the current Manawatu Visiting Artist, will be presenting his internationally acclaimed film *After Durer*. Val Diggie, Massey University Tutor and Artist, will exhibit her art works at Square Edge along with Massey graduate, Adam Dodd.

As always, the Festival's main aim is to encourage artists to produce work that is both challenging and original. Massey staff and students are strongly represented but we also encourage members of the Palmerston North community to participate. Directors and actors from Centrepoint Theatre and UCOL are working with our prize-winning plays and the music group *Haunt* will be presenting their ethnic music at Square Edge.

We believe that the role of the university is to provide leadership in terms of generating artistic practice and opportunity. The Festival acts as an agent for budding and established musicians, poets, film-makers, actors, composers, playwrights, and directors. It is a unique forum and we hope that the community of Palmerston North will be able to give us their full support.

Information

- [Festival of New Arts Poster](#)
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Dates and Venues for the Festival of New Arts 2008

4, 5 October, 7:30 pm \$5 unwaged, \$10 waged Auditorium (MB2.17), Old Main Building Massey University
7, 8, 9 October, 12 noon Shortened programme (free) Palmerston North City Library
7, 8, 9 October, 5:30 pm Shortened programme (free) Maria Merrick will be staging dance work No. 6 Square Edge, Palmerston North

7, 8, 9 October, 10:30 pm
 \$5 unwaged, \$10 waged
 Shortened programme
 Centrepoint Theatre, Darkroom, Palmerston North

11 October, 7:30 pm
 12 October, 2:30 pm
 \$5 unwaged, \$10 waged
 Globe Theatre, Palmerston North

Six Winners of the Manawatu (International) One-Act Playwriting Competition:

David Collins for *The Thought Experiment*

Denis Edwards for *The Cleansing Fire*

Jan Watts for *Icarus*





Peta Tait for *Deception River*

Renee Liang for *Mask*

Lesley Martin for *Lamb*

Photos

- [Rehearsal Photos](#)
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<p><i>Lamb</i> directed by Craig Geenty Mark Kilsby and Shannon Lawn</p>		<p><i>Deception River</i> directed by Amanda McRaven Regan Taylor and Craig Geenty</p>			
					
<p><i>The Thought Experiment</i> directed by Penni Bousfield Left to right: Joy Pratt, Phil Anstist, Sean Sexton, Megan Andrews</p>		<p><i>The Voice Project</i> directed by Amanda McRaven Left to right: Dione Joseph, Tracey-Lynne Cody, Virginia Jamieson, Jade Zhou, Vicky Cheetham, Amy Petre,</p>			

	Lynda Williamson, Yeying Wang, Ulrike Uslar-Furkert, Ema Alter	
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