



## Newsletter - July 2024

All classes were busy and productive with the artists working towards our annual Matariki exhibition at Alberton House - *Ka mua Ka muri - walking backwards into the future.*

The show's opening event was on the evening of Wednesday 19th July. The curators, **Alvie McKree** and **Cath O'Brien** welcomed everyone, then Māpura artist **Leonie Brunt** read six of her poems, themed around Matariki.

Afterwards, attendees mixed, mingled and enjoyed the exhibition, featuring individual and collaborative works from our Morningside and satellite studios, even our online MOA (Māpura Online Artists) programme.

Thank you to everyone who came along.

**Ka mua Ka muri** finishes on Sunday.

*Image top right: Alvie McKree, Cath O'Brien & NZSL interpreter, Taryn Banks*

*Image below right: Untitled Matariki by Quill Smith*



*Images above & below:  
Drawings by Kerry Deane*

### **A Breakthrough**

Artspace Aotearoa's director, **Ruth Buchanan**, saw a photo of a painting, plus several close-ups, on our Instagram page and she very much liked what she saw.

The painting, "Drawings", was by **Kerry Deane**. This large work on canvas was inspired by the area

Kerry grew up in, Kare Kare, and his family's dairy farm.

Ruth contacted the studio, drew up a contract, paid Kerry a fee, and "Drawings" will be included in a group show at Artspace from the 27th of July until the 5th of October, with a public opening on Friday 26th July.

This is the first time one of our artists from the disabled community has been approached by and has been shown in a mainstream gallery. Here's hoping it's the first of many.



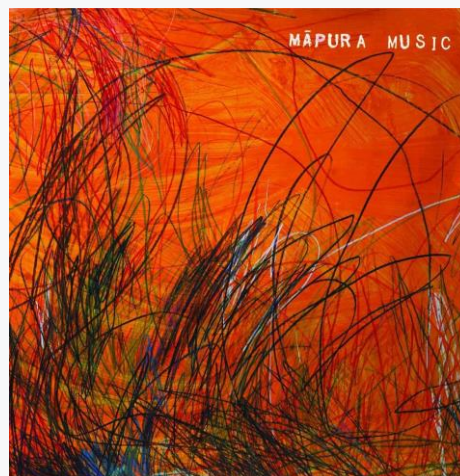
### ***Māpura Music LP Release***

London label Horn of Plenty has announced the release of Māpura Music's self-titled vinyl LP.

It's available to preorder here - <https://horn-of-plenty.bandcamp.com/album/m-pura-music> - Māpura Music LP release is July 12th.

A wildly original sound vision is put forward by the fairly constant crew of ad hoc music makers - and a wicked sense of humour ripples through unusual arrangements and track titles like 'Here When You Don't Need Me'.

Māpura Music has performed live in galleries, halls and bars and has released numerous CDs, cassettes and online recordings. This album



has been compiled from live stereo recordings between 2020 and 2023.

*Image above: Māpura Music CD Cover ft. artwork by Hugh Bawden-Hindle*

### ***New Patron & Trustees***

We warmly welcome **Deborah White** as our new Patron, alongside **Helen Clark** and **Jacqueline Fahey**.

In 1996 Deborah was the founding trustee and secretary of Tautai Contemporary Pacific Arts Trust, she then established Pacific Artspace in Melbourne to promote contemporary Pacific artists and was responsible for the highly acclaimed “Pacific Notion” exhibition, which toured internationally.

In 2003 she established Whitespace Contemporary Art in Ponsonby, and developed relationships internationally for New Zealand artists and toured exhibitions to New York, London, Sydney and Melbourne.



*Image above: Deborah White*

Deborah was the founding trustee and chair of the New Zealand Contemporary Art Trust, formed in 2003 to present the Auckland Art Fair, and in 2010 she developed the annual art festival, Artweek Auckland.

In 2006 Deborah was a founding trustee of the Newmarket Arts. In 2017 she was awarded an ONZM for services to the arts and has an MFA from RMIT University Melbourne.

We also welcome our new board members: **Paula Green**, **Emma Cooper-Williams** and **Dr Huhana Hickey**. They each add a wealth of knowledge and experience.

After three and a half years of wise counsel, **Kerry Deane** has stepped down as a trustee.

## ***New Faces***

**Dawn Hutchesson** joins us as our Studio Co-ordinator. Dawn is an experienced General Manager and Sector Specialist in the not-for-profit field.

**Laura Tremaine**, from Argentina, joins us as an art tutor.

You can read all about our new team members and trustees here:

<https://www.mapurastudios.org.nz/about-mapura/our-team/>



*Image above: Dawn Hutchesson*



*Image above: Leonie reading*

## ***Leonie at Poetry Live***

After impressing the crowd at Alberton House, **Leonie Brunt** read a selection of her original poetry at Poetry Live on Wednesday evening.

Once again, she left the audience spellbound.

Poetry Live is a monthly event at the Bamboo Tiger on Karangahape Road.

## ***Shiraz Sadikeen awarded residency at Gasworks London***

Māpura tutor and artist **Shiraz Sadikeen** will head to London later this year as the newest Gasworks artist in residence.

Gasworks hosts sixteen residencies each year, one of which has, since 2016, been extended to a New Zealand-based, early to mid-career artist.

Shiraz makes paintings and sculptures that mediate their own conditions of production and reception. Often made using ready-made or found materials, as well as various processes of



*Image above: Shiraz Sadikeen  
photograph by Meg Porteous*

*Image below left: Sack by Shiraz Sadikeen, acrylic on canvas, 2024.  
Image courtesy of the artist and*

abstraction and formal displacement, Shiraz's work explores the associations between these objects and the situations from which they originally derive.

*Treadler, photograph by Alex North.*



During his residency at Gasworks, Shiraz will research the current political, economic and ideological circumstances of the United Kingdom, reflecting on its changing relationship to Aotearoa New Zealand.

The three-month, fully funded residency will take place from October to December and is made possible through the generous support of the Jan Warburton Charitable Trust, private individuals who contribute to NZ Friends of Gasworks, Emma Lewisham and the British Council Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.

### ***Thank You!***

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### ***...And Finally***

We are excited to let you know that we are planning Māpura's first appeal week, so stay tuned!

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