



Winter 2024

Kia ora Lisa,

I hope you are well and staying warm as winter deepens!

Thank you for your incredible support during our SOS campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$200,000 in less than a week! This funding has helped us navigate a short-term cash flow issue and has allowed us to extend our medium and long-term strategies for greater sustainability.

Our future plans include:

- Collaborating with KiwiFirst to implement a high-quality direct marketing strategy
- Identifying opportunities for peer-to-peer fundraising
- Expanding our corporate sponsorships
- Working with interested parties on wills and legacies
- Strengthening our partnerships

If you have any ideas or connections for corporate or business partnerships or events, please let us know. We are eager to continue developing innovative and creative events to showcase our amazing Jammers.

We have a lot of things going on during August and September and October. Keep reading below!

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to our campaign. We are very grateful for your support.

Ngā Mihi,



Gilli Sinclair

CEO, StarJam

What's been happening at StarJam!



The Jamathon - Be StarJam's Hero!

Join our Jamathon! We are thrilled to announce the [Jamathon](#), an exciting new peer-to-peer fundraising initiative from StarJam! This event empowers our community to set challenges for themselves and make a difference for StarJam. Anyone can sign up on our online fundraising platform, [Raisely](#), set a personal goal, and find sponsors. Alternatively, you can choose to sponsor a Jammer or any of our fantastic Jamathon participants as they achieve their goals.

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reaching new milestones with our amazing Jammers and support a great cause. Whether you are a Jammer, whānau, an amazing supporter, or part of our wider community, we encourage you to set a goal that raises the bar for you and inspires others!

This year's Jamathon theme is superheroes – so put on your cape and be a hero for StarJam!

Help us kickstart the Jamathon! Challenge your workplace to make a team, school to create a page, share with your friends and family! Every sponsorship helps - \$10 raised is a free ticket to the StarJam celebration* at the end of the year. **get started today!**
*in participating regions

[Sign up to the Jamathon or Donate here](#)


The Tuning Fork - StarJam Showcase (Auckland Region)

StarJam Showcase

Join us for a night of the stars as we bring together StarJam talent for an evening of performance in the iconic **Tuning Fork** venue.

The wonderful Jason Reeves is our MC and we are joined by Renee Maurice – a former Jammer and winner of NZ's Got Talent who will light up the stage with her incredible singing - see her incredible bio below. Alongside Renee, we will have performances from workshops and solo performers who will take the stage for the first time! Come and support them as they celebrate their talents on the big stage!



 Date: Saturday 14 September 2024

🕒 7:00pm

Your ticket helps to support StarJam workshops.

[Buy StarJam Showcase tickets, Auckland 2024 | Moshtix](#)

About Renee



Renee Maurice has been a part of StarJam for nearly 20 years. She first performed in the 2005 StarJam stage show which coincided with the opening of the Telstra Clear Pacific Events centre, now known as the Due Drop Centre. In 2010, with the expansion of StarJam workshops in Wellington, Renee took up the position of Wellington Regional Programmes Coordinator, and then became a singing tutor in Lower Hutt.

In 2013, Renee won the 3rd season of New Zealand's Got Talent and was supported and cheered on by the entire StarJam community.

Renee credits her confidence on stage entirely to StarJam and has performed at several StarJam galas. The acceptance, love and praise she received from fellow jammers during her first show made her feel so welcomed and gave her an incredible boost both personally and professionally. She says, "Without StarJam, I wouldn't be a singer."

Now, Renee teaches singing and performs in musical theatre shows and with her girl group, "Queen Street." She is also currently vocal director for a new New Zealand musical called "Three Forty-One".

JUMP JAM 4 StarJam – Will You Join Us?

We are holding our amazing JJ4SJ fundraiser on the 23rd of August, where schools from across the country participate in a dance routine to help support StarJam.

By taking part, your students will:

- Demonstrate an awareness of dance in their lives and communities
- Practise movement skills and link them to perform movement sequences
- Participate in communal events that enhance the wellbeing of your community

Thank you to all the schools that have already registered! If you have not registered yet, and would like to participate, please contact us directly: jumpjam@starjam.org

We hope you and your school will join us. There will be fantastic prizes up for grabs too!



Upcoming Events

ANNUAL CONCERTS



Our annual concerts are being planned across the country and promise to be wonderful celebrations of our Jammers' talent and hard work. The first concert is held in Hawke's Bay on the 14 September.

The annual concerts will delight with an evening of dazzling dancing, sensational singing and great all round performances. Save the date now!

A StarJam show never fails to entertain, inspire or surprise! Our concerts will certainly be a highlight for the whole family and we would love to have you join the celebration.

Hawke's Bay

StarJam Hawke's Bay is proud to present '**COLOURS**', our Annual Concert, to be held in the Hastings Opera House, Toi Toi, on **Thursday the 12th of September**, starting at 6.15pm. Tickets via Eventfinder.

The concert represents the culmination of months of hard work by tutors, volunteers and our talented young Jammers.

Featuring more than 50 young people from across the Hawke's Bay, each with their own special abilities, the concert will sweep you up in an evening of music, dance and song.



Tauranga

Our annual concert featuring the talents of our Bay of Plenty Jammers is on **Saturday 21 September at Bethlehem College**. Save the date!

This is a much loved event in the BOP calendar and we can't wait for our new area programme coordinator Hayley to bring her special magic to the event!



Planning is underway around Aotearoa New Zealand - see below for the dates of StarJam's Annual Concerts and save the date. Local coordinators will advise ticketing and times.

Hawke's Bay Concert - Thursday 12th September 2024

Tauranga Concert - Saturday 21st September 2024

Waikato Concert - Saturday 9th November 2024

Wellington Concert - Sunday 10th November 2024

Taranaki Concert - Saturday 16th November 2024

Auckland Concert - Saturday 23rd November 2024

Dunedin Concert - Thursday 28th November 2024 (TBC)

Christchurch Concert - Saturday 30th November 2024

Northland Concert - To Be Confirmed

How Can You Get Involved?

Here are a few ways you can get involved and show your support for StarJam.

StarJam's Winter Raffle



Our Winter Raffle is live, and will go until the end of August!

This is a fantastic opportunity to win some amazing prizes while supporting StarJam. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards our programs, helping our Jammers continue to shine.

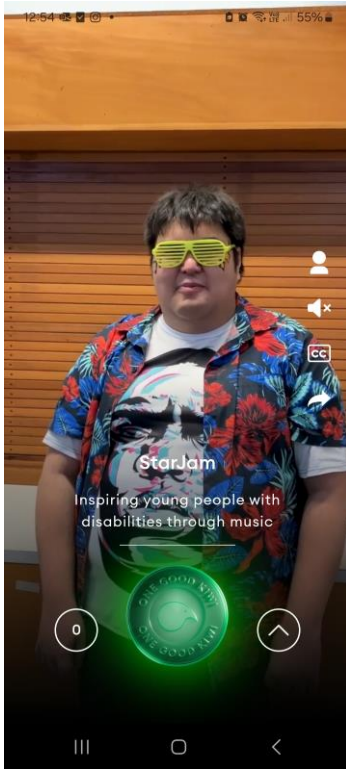
We have three amazing prizes:

1. \$5,000 Travel voucher
2. Gym membership package for 6 months, valued at \$4,200 (Auckland locations or online)
3. A Long Weekend for two with 3 Nights Accommodation at a Sudima Hotel and return flights, valued at \$2,800

Don't miss out on this chance to contribute and potentially win big! Winners will be drawn on the 7th of September 2024.

[Buy Your Tickets Now](#)

One Good Kiwi is here - Get your votes in!



Can you help us raise money for StarJam?

[One Good Kiwi](#) is a new app from One NZ where you can help us raise money for StarJam!

They have \$100,000 to give away every month to charities around NZ.

What do you have to do?

Through the **app on your phone**, you are given 10 virtual tokens to give to the charity of your choice, StarJam!

Each token represents a share of the \$100,000.

At the end of the month, they will look at the number of tokens that have been given to each charity and provide them with a share of \$100,000 relevant to their share of tokens.

[Download the app on your phone and give your tokens to StarJam!](#)

Thank You For Your Support

We wouldn't be able to provide our StarJam workshop and performance opportunities without the generous support of our sponsors. A huge thank you towards our **Platinum Sponsors** this year: Grassroots Trust, Foundation North, Royston Health Trust and KiwiFirst – Your generous ongoing support of StarJam enables us to make a difference for our tamariki and rangatahi living with disabilities; empowering them through music and performance.

A huge thank you for helping our Jammers unleash their potential.

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