

## EVENT & FILM GUIDE – MAY 2026



### SGT. Haane (M)

Running Time: 88 minutes

The never-been-told true story of **Lance Sergeant Haane Manahi**, a **World War II** soldier of extraordinary courage.

**Lance Sgt. Manahi DCM (Te Arawa, Ngāti Raukawa)** of **B Company, 28th Māori Battalion**, was pivotal in the 1943 battle for the fortified summit of **Takrouna, Tunisia**.

Through dramatic re-enactment alongside the voices of descendants, *SGT. Haane* powerfully explores legacy, whakapapa and remembrance.



### The Sheep Detectives (PG)

Running Time: 109 minutes

In this witty, new breed of mystery, George (**Hugh Jackman**) is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can't possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realise they must become the detectives.

As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers.



### Michael (M)

Running Time: 127 minutes

*Michael* is the cinematic portrayal of the life and legacy of one of the most influential artists the world has ever known.

The film tells the story of **Michael Jackson's** life beyond the music, tracing his journey from the discovery of his extraordinary talent as the lead of the **Jackson Five**, to the visionary artist whose creative ambition fueled a relentless pursuit to become the biggest entertainer in the world.

Highlighting both his life off-stage and some of the most iconic performances from his early solo career, the film gives audiences a front-row seat to **Michael Jackson** as never before. This is where his story begins.

*Michael* stars **Jaafar Jackson** in his feature film debut, **Nia Long** (*Empire, The Best Man franchise*), **Laura Harrier** (*BlacKkKlansman, Spider-Man: Homecoming*) and **Juliano Krue Valdi** (*The Loud House*), with **Miles Teller** (*Top Gun: Maverick*) and two-time **Academy Award®** nominee **Colman Domingo** (*Sing Sing, Rustin*).

## TICKETS

In advance: Adult \$12, Senior \$10, Student/Child \$10

On the door: Adult \$15, Senior \$13, Student/Child \$13

From [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)



## The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens (G)

Running Time: 73 minutes

How did a city rubbish dump transform into a collection of gardens that is now a major visitor attraction?

The story of how **Hamilton Gardens** became a unique museum of humanity, showcasing gardens from ancient **Egypt** to the surreal future, is told on screen.

*The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens* documentary explores this stunning achievement. Each of the gardens reflects the beliefs, lifestyles, and values of those who created them. The viewer can travel backwards and forwards in time – moving from 16th-century **England**, back to **Song Dynasty China**, **Ancient Egypt**, and the **Italian Renaissance**, and forward to the future, from sustainable to surreal.

Masterminded by designer **Peter Sergel** and developed with council, community support, and sponsorship, **Hamilton Gardens** is now recognised as one of the great gardens of the world. More than places to walk, these gardens are living histories, waiting to be explored.



## Iron Maiden: Burning Ambition (TBC)

Running Time: 105 minutes

*Iron Maiden: Burning Ambition* explores how **Iron Maiden** has helped shape a cultural movement, challenging conventional views of rock music and heavy metal's broader impact on society and culture.

Featuring interviews with the band and contributors such as **Javier Bardem**, **Lars Ulrich**, and **Chuck D**, this electrifying film offers an intimate look at their uncompromising vision and unwavering connection with their global army of fans.



## Solo Mio (PG)

Running Time: 96 minutes

When Matt's fiancée abandons him at the altar, he bravely embarks on his honeymoon alone.

With one determined local – and a few meddling vacation couples – in his corner, it becomes an adventure he never expected.

Because sometimes heartbreak is just the first chapter of a better story.



## Put Your Soul on Your Hand and Walk (E)

Running Time: 93 minutes

In 2024, acclaimed **Iranian** director **Sepideh Farsi** tried to enter **Gaza** to document the living conditions amidst **Israel's** war on **Palestine**. Unable to secure a passage to the city, a Palestinian refugee in **Cairo** introduced **Farsi** to **Fatma Hosanna**, a young photojournalist and poet, who spent her days documenting the conditions in which Palestinians are forced to exist.

Told through a series of video calls between **Fatma** and **Sepideh**, **Hosanna** paints an urgent visual diary of life in **Gaza**. Under the constant barrage of **Israeli** missile fire, **Fatma** embodies the resilience, strength and hope of her people.

On 16 April 2025, the day after it was announced the film was to premiere at the **Cannes Film Festival**, an **Israeli** missile killed **Hosanna** and her family in what was alleged to have been a targeted assassination.

*Put Your Soul on Your Hand and Walk* is both a celebration of an inspirational life and an urgent first-hand account of the invasion of **Palestine**.



## Fuze (R16)

Running Time: 96 minutes

Set in contemporary **London**, *Fuze* unfolds after an unexploded **World War II** bomb is unearthed at a busy construction site, forcing a massive citywide evacuation. Amid the escalating tension and chaos, a daring criminal operation is set in motion—one that uses the evacuation as cover for a meticulously planned heist. As authorities race against time to contain the crisis, alliances blur and moral boundaries are crossed, the film deftly propels audiences through a series of calculated twists delivering a wildly entertaining ride.



Many of us struggle to find the perfect present so why not give that special person a gift that will give them hours (or a least an hour and a half!) of enjoyment at the movies!

Gift Vouchers can be of any denomination of value, it's your choice and are valid for 12 months from date of purchase and are available from the **Hawkins Theatre** office.



### ENROLMENT

**Enrolments are now open for term 2.** Spaces are limited for all three classes.

Email [education@hawkinstheatre.co.nz](mailto:education@hawkinstheatre.co.nz) to request an enrolment form or collect one from the **Hawkins Theatre** office. Hours are Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm.

### COST

\$120.00 per term per child

Payments can be made by cash, eftpos, credit card or online banking.

# LIVE EVENTS



## Solo Showcase

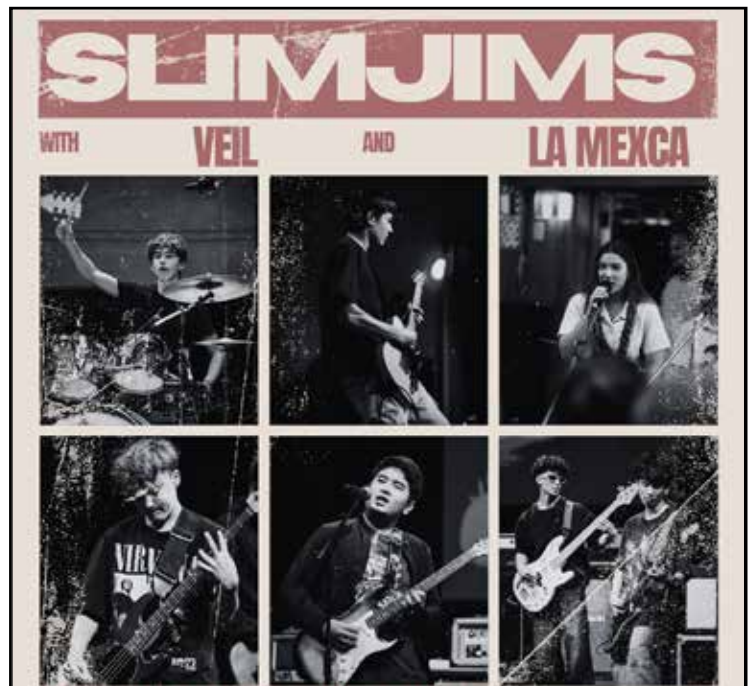
Norris Dance Studio

Sunday 10 May - 6pm

Join **Norris** for an inspiring evening of talent, dedication, and performance at their Soloist Showcase 2026.

This special event celebrates the hard work and commitment of the private lesson students, as each dancer takes to the stage to perform their solo routine in full costume. The *Soloist Showcase* is a unique opportunity to witness the artistry, growth, and individuality of the dancers, highlighting their dedication and passion for performance.

Tickets available from [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)



## Slim Jims

Saturday 23 May - 6.30pm

The **Slim Jims** are hitting **Hawkins Theatre** for a night of high-energy music and performances. Joining **Slim Jims** are opening acts **Veil** and **Lamexca**. With those two amazing bands, there will be performing a mix of original pieces, fan-favourite covers, and some new songs too. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Food/ beverages available

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# MAY EVENT & FILM TIMETABLE

Friday 1 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Michael The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens SGT. Haane
Wednesday 6 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Solo Mio Put Your Soul in Your Hand and Walk Michael
Thursday 7 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	The Sheep Detectives SGT.Haane Iron Maiden: Burning Ambition
Friday 8 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens Iron Maiden: Burning Ambition Fuze
Sunday 10 May	6pm	Norris Dance Studio's present Solo Showcase 2026
Wednesday 13 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Put Your Soul in Your Hand and Walk The Sheep Detectives The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens
Thursday 14 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	SGT. Haane Fuze Michael
Friday 15 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	The Sheep Detectives SGT. Haane Solo Mio
Wednesday 20 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Solo Mio Michael Put Your Soul in Your Hand and Walk
Thursday 21 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Iron Maiden: Burning Ambition The Sheep Detectives Fuze
Saturday 23 May	6.30pm	Slim Jims - Live performance
Wednesday 27 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	The Time Traveller's Guide to Hamilton Gardens Put Your Soul in Your Hand and Walk SGT. Haane
Thursday 28 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	SGT. Haane Solo Mio The Sheep Detectives
Friday 29 May	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Fuze Michael Iron Maiden: Burning Ambition