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## New Zealand Aspiring Guitarist Winners Announced | January 2016



In the second year of presenting the New Zealand Aspiring Guitarist (NZAG) awards, The Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School has yet again attracted high quality applications, making the selection a difficult process.

The award tests early career guitarists' performance and promotion skills via recorded works and written material comprising an artists press kit.

The committee was delighted with the entries received this year. "The second round did not disappoint. Great technical proficiency on the guitar, together with imaginative programming and punchy written skills were a common theme throughout all the applications" said the Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School Director, John Couch.

The 2016 New Zealand Aspiring Guitarists are: George Wills and Jake Church. Both are highly accomplished solo guitarists as well as together forming Duo Kitā.

The NZAGs will each receive a 30-minute masterclass with world-renowned guitarist Tim Kain. They will attend the Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School (TCGSS), receive billeting courtesy of the New Plymouth Classical Guitar Society and perform in concert as part of the TCGSS Concert Series.

New Plymouth Classical Guitar Society President, Dominique Blatti, said, "The Summer School has proved a resounding success in its first two years and the addition of the NZAGs has only strengthened its appeal. We are very proud to be hosting New Zealand's up and coming classical guitar performers.



To read more about the winners or learn more about the NZAG visit [www.taranakisummerschool.com](http://www.taranakisummerschool.com)

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