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New Zealand Aspiring Guitarist Selection Announced | January 2024



After announcing the first New Zealand Aspiring Guitarists (NZAGs) for Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School (TCGSS) in 2014, we are delighted that 10 years on we have another two outstanding NZAGs. At its sixth School, two more highly talented, aspiring professionals have been selected to join TCGSS in 2024.

The NZAG positions are advertised as a paid opportunity for early career, New Zealand, guitarists to perform at TCGSS. In addition, the appointees are asked to attend and support all aspects of the School and to perform at a Masterclass to Dr Simon Powis, Yale trained international guitarist and the creator of Classical Guitar Corner Academy one of the internet's most prominent guitar education sites.

Early career guitarists' are assessed for the positions based on their promotional skills via recorded works and written material comprising an artists press kit. Accommodation is provided courtesy of the TCGSS Charity Trust.

The committee was very pleased to note that the quality of applications are up there with professional requests to play at the School received throughout the year. "Hearing the outstanding quality of all the applicants, it warms my heart to know there are such strong young performers arising in New Zealand" said the Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School Director, John Couch.



The 2024 NZAGs are: Chris Everest and Hamish Goodhue. Chris is a prize-winning guitarist and a graduate of New Zealand School of Music. Performing regularly throughout New Zealand, he has toured with several ensembles and as a soloist, most recently touring 'Sounds of Home'. Hamish is currently in his graduate year of an honours degree at the New Zealand School of Music and is an accomplished chamber and solo guitarist. In addition to guitar he has represented New Zealand as a percussionist in the National Youth Orchestra and National Youth Brass Band.

To read more about the winners or learn more about the NZAG visit:
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