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## How is it DECEMBER already??

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### E-News 3 December 2025

Kia ora Janey,

'Twas the month before Xmas... (how is it DECEMBER already?!)

Yet here we are. We're all legally cleared to put up the Christmas Tree and roll out the Advent Calendar. And lest we forget the nightly shenanagins with that damn magical Elf on the Blimmin' Shelf (give me Galadriel any day).

The one thing about this time of year I reckon is more important than festive trees and pesky elves, is that opportunity to look back at the year that was, with all its punishing pitfalls and imperfections, yet somehow still filled with the kindness and generosity of family, friends, colleagues and even strangers.

It's all those people who push us through, and isn't it this time of year to show how thankful we are for them in any way we can?

Yeah, I reckon.

We have one more WIFT E-News to come before we break for the holidays, but this penultimate offering is crammed to the Christmas gunnels with Screen Legends and Screen Award Winners. We congratulate many of you who have been given the gift of funding from NZ ON AIR to tell your stories, and we highlight invitations to upskill, connect, collaborate and celebrate.

And if all that doesn't say "Christmas" to you, then I don't know what does!

Dive in Dear Reader, and stay classy fellow Wifties.

Love from your loyal WIFT E-News Editor

### UPCOMING EVENTS



## Combined Guilds Xmas Parties 2025 – Ōtautahi

December 9th

Christchurch

Combined Guilds Xmas Parties 2025 – Ōtautahi

It's been another interesting year for Aotearoa's screen industry, now it's time to reflect, raise a glass, and celebrate together!

Join the writers, directors, editors, actors, stunties, crew, producers, postproduction and VFX magicians and all the screen creators who keep the cameras rolling and the stories flowing.

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## Combined Guilds Xmas Party – Te Whanganui-a-Tara

December 18th

Wellington

Combined Guilds Xmas Parties 2025 – Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Date: Thursday 18 Dec 2025

Location: Southern Cross Garden Bar, [39 Abel Smith Street, Te Aro](#)

Time: 6pm

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## Combined Guilds Xmas Parties 2025 – Tāmaki Makaurau

December 11th

Auckland

Combined Guilds Xmas Parties 2025 – Tāmaki Makaurau

Date: Thursday 11 Dec 2025

Location: The Longroom, Ponsonby

Time: 6pm

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## WIFT NZ News



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## The New Zealand Screen Awards: Screen Legends & WIFT Winners Abound

The revamped New Zealand Screen Awards was held on November 21 and what a nourishing, fun and inspiring collective celebration of the entire screen industry it was! Among the many highlights of the evening was hearing and feeling the emotional tributes to the late Lee Tamahori from so many in ... [read more >](#)



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## Spada Emerging Producer of the Year 2025: Wiftie Jazz dos Santos

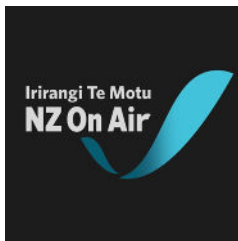
This year's Spada Emerging Producer of the Year goes to our very own WIFT wonder woman - WIFT Events and Membership Manager - Jazz dos Santos! This award is sponsored by the New Zealand Film Commission, and Jazz takes home a cash prize of \$4,000, a one-year Spada membership and ... [read more >](#)



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## Congrats to the Screen Canterbury Production Grant Recipients

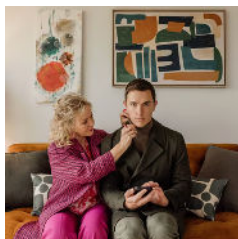
Congratulations to the Wiftie creatives who have been announced among the latest recipients of the Screen Canterbury Production Grant. Four diverse productions have secured support, and collectively the round is projected to inject \$2.95 million into the local economy, employing 193 crew, 50 Canterbury-based screen businesses, and 57 additional local ... [read more >](#)



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## WIFT Successful NZ On Air Recipients

The successful applicants for NZ ON AIR funding have been announced and the list includes a large swathe of hard-working and talented Wifties. Congrats to all the below! FUNDING RECIPIENTS Te Māngai Pāho Co-Fund Dead Ahead 2, 6 × 22.5', Hi Mama for TVNZ+, up to \$1,449,496 End Of The ... [read more >](#)



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## NZ Musical Comedy "Happiness" Keeps Hitting the High Notes

The awards show wins and nominations keep on coming for Three's hit series Happiness. Fresh from a big Best Supporting Actor win for Peter Hambleton at the recent New Zealand Screen Awards, the show has been announced as a finalist for Best Comedy in three major global awards: Asian Academy ... [read more >](#)



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## Myths & Maidens: Watch Now On RNZ & Coconet TV

Myths & Maidens unpacks the stereotype of the Pasifika woman. Since the 1800s the 'hula girl' has been used to sell the Pacific to the Western world. Alongside ideal beauty standards have come expectations of certain behaviour; peaceful, happy and non-resistant. Click here to watch the full documentary. ... [read more >](#)



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## Film Fest Fav "Notes from a Fish" Swims into Cinemas across NZ

After selling out theatres across the country at Whānau Mārama New Zealand International Film Festival, the micro-budget feature film, Notes from a Fish, is set for a limited theatrical release. The screwball-comedy-mystery follows a would-be novelist's creative drought which turns chaotic when his muse, a psychic fish, disappears and drags ... [read more >](#)



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## "A Dog's Show" Makes the Leap from the Small Screen to the Big Screen

For those of us who grew up watching "A Dog's Show" on the telly every week, some excellent news! Principal photography has begun on the feature film of the same name, and inspired by, A Dog's Show. The film stars Graham McTavish (Outlander, The Hobbit), David Wenham (The Lord of ... [read more >](#)

## Calls for Submissions

### Show Me Shorts: 2026 Short Film Lab Applications Open

Show Me Shorts – Short Film Lab 2026 is now open for entries! Got a short-film script ready to go, plus two more project ideas? The Short Film Lab is designed for emerging writers looking to level up. Eight writers will be selected for a day of mentorship with top ... [read more >](#)

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### NZ ON AIR: "Toru" Third & Final Funding Round: Open December 11

Toru is the third and final round of funding for the 2025/26 financial year and applications open Thursday 11 December, closing Thursday 29 January 2026 at 4.00pm. Decisions will be due: Fri 10 April 2026  
Information for applicants The Round Toru Information for applicants is now available on the NZ ... [read more >](#)

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## On our Radar



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## Australian International Documentary Conference: Theme and Guest Announcement

Australia's premier forum and marketplace for documentary and factual storytelling - the Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC) - has launched its theme and first confirmed guests for AIDC 2026, taking place 2-5 March at ACMI in Melbourne / Narm, and followed by an online international marketplace 11-12 March. In 2026, ... [read more >](#)



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## Vale Ant Nevison: Funeral Details

Many have heard the news that we lost another loved member of our film community, Anthony Nevison. Ant was a talented sound recordist and mixer, a creative musician, and a kind, generous person. The Screen Guild has shared news of his death and his funeral details: "He was always available ... [read more >](#)



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## Creative Power - Hamilton Workshop December 6

This is the FINAL Creative Power workshop of 2025 and is your last chance to learn more about your rights as a writer, director, editor and/or performer and how to build sustainable careers in the screen industry. This is more than a workshop – it's a chance to connect, learn, ... [read more >](#)



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## Time for a Southern Festive Filmmakers Frolick

Tis the Season, and Film Otago Southland is teaming up with Southern Filmmakers Collective and the Screen Guild to host a Queenstown festive gathering for the local film community! DETAILS: When: Friday, 5 December 2025 Time: 5pm - 8pm Where: Gantley's Tavern, [172 Arthurs Point Road, Arthurs Point, Queenstown](#) What: ... [read more >](#)

# Work Opportunities

Visual Producer: Q&A TVNZ

Auckland

Open Justice Reporter - Lower South Island (Fixed Term)

NZME Dunedin

Multimedia Content Producer - Permanent Full Time

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

Customer Supply Advisor

Nga Taonga Sound & Vision Wellington

Deputy Herald Print Editor

NZME Auckland

Bulletins Editor, Casual: RNZ

Auckland

Open Justice Reporter (Fixed Term Contract)

NZME Auckland

Video Editor / Content Creator – Multi-Brand (Part-Time)

Christchurch

Production Assistant: NEP Live Events

Avondale, Auckland (Hybrid)

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