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ServiceIQ 2017 New Zealand Museum Awards finalists announcement

2017 Museum Awards finalists feature our social diversity

Finalists for the ServiceIQ 2017 New Zealand Museum Awards include exhibitions and programmes about new New Zealanders, Māori, and stories about our music, war exploits, stars, murderers and creativity.

Museums Aotearoa Executive Director Phillipa Tocker says, "this breadth and diversity reflects our changing society and the innovative ways that museums and galleries are working with all our communities."

Expert judging panels selected the finalists in each category, bringing a high level of rigour to the process. "The judges' comments highlight the excellent quality of the entries overall, making their task a difficult one of identifying the best of the best," says Tocker.

"These exhibitions, programmes and projects showcase just some of the incredible experiences that our museums and galleries offer. Our people put a huge amount of time, expertise and professionalism into their work, and these are examples which would stand up alongside any of the best overseas," says Tocker. "This is reflected in strong museum visitation by international tourists as well as local."

This year there are 27 finalists in 8 award categories. As well as four exhibition excellence categories, there are Taonga Māori, use of Te Reo, Visitor Experience and Public Programmes awards. The winners will be announced at a gala event MC'd by Te Radar on Tuesday 23 May during the annual Museums Aotearoa conference in Palmerston North.

See over for details of finalists

Finalists in ServiceIQ 2017 New Zealand Museum Awards

Exhibition Excellence – Art

The Dowse Art Museum

Legacy: The Art of Rangi Hetet and Erenora Puketapu-Hetet

Te Tuhi

THE HIVE HUMS WITH MANY MINDS

Te Tuhi

Share/Cheat/Unite

Exhibition Excellence – Science and Technology

Locales / Stardome Observatory

Stardome Exhibition

MOTAT

The Innovators

Puke Ariki

BUGS! Our Backyard Heroes

Exhibition Excellence – Social History

Air Force Museum of New Zealand

80 Years in 80 Stories

Auckland War Memorial Museum

Volume: Making Music in Aotearoa

Nelson Provincial Museum

Murder at Maungatapu

Toitu

Slice of Life: The World Famous Dunedin Study

Exhibition Excellence – Taonga Māori

Auckland War Memorial Museum

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu

Nelson Provincial Museum

Mai | Hawaiiki Te Ahi Ka Roa

Tairāwhiti Museum

Ko Rongwhaakata

Waikato Museum

Te Whaanua Maarama: The Heavenly Bodies

Most Innovative use of Te Reo Māori

Auckland War Memorial Museum

Mana Aotūroa

MOTAT

The Innovators

Nelson Provincial Museum

鸡年吉祥 | *Good Luck for this Rooster Year* | *Ngā mihi nui mō tēnei tau o te Tamaheihei*

Waikato Museum

Te Whaanua Maarama: The Heavenly Bodies

ServiceIQ Museum Visitor Experience Award

Mokau Museum

"Save Mokau Museum"

Dunedin Public Art Gallery

Yayoi Kusama: The Obliteration Room – Open Fun Day: Spot Ya

MTG Hawkes Bay

Somebody's Darling: Stories from the Napier Cemetery 1855-1917

Most Innovative Public Programme

Christchurch Art gallery

Good Vibrations

City Gallery Wellington

Bullet Time Education Programme

Sarjeant Gallery

The Tote Bag Project

Otago Museum

Yoga with the Butterflies

Museum Project Excellence Award

Pearson & Associates

Kaikoura Museum

The Suter

The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū Redevelopment Project

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About Museums Aotearoa

Museums Aotearoa is the professional association for New Zealand's public museums and art galleries and those who work in and support them.

New Zealand museums and public galleries care for more than 40 million items relating to New Zealand's history, culture and creativity. Generating in excess of 1000 public exhibitions and publications and attracting well over 12 million visits each year, museums and galleries are ranked as a top attraction for New Zealand's overseas visitors.

New Zealand museums are actively focused on enriching their communities by enhancing the quality of their facilities, collections, programmes, products and services.

<http://www.museumsaotearoa.org.nz>

About ServiceIQ

ServiceIQ is the industry training organisation (ITO) for the aviation, hospitality, retail, travel, tourism, museums and wholesale sectors.

We're all about empowering and motivating people to provide great service. This helps businesses remain competitive and New Zealand to be internationally recognised as a great place to live or visit. It also gives people working in our industries valuable skills and knowledge along with nationally recognised qualifications.

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MA17 conference: He Waka Eke Noa – Museums of Inclusion

<http://www.museumsaotearoa.org.nz/museums-aotearoa-2017-conference>