

# WAIWHAKAATA

## Reflections in the Water



 **CIRCA**  
THEATRE

07 – 10 JUNE

**KIA**  
**MAU**  
FESTIVAL

# Director's Note

## EDDIE ELLIOTT

I believe this work was meant to be made from the people, for the people and to the people that have space for growth and on-going desire to learn about their whakapapa. I know that I am on that journey.

This doesn't reflect the final stages of my journey as I am only beginning. I will probably be on this journey my whole life, and I know everyone is on different stages of that journey, and that's the best part." 'Mā te haere ngātahi e takahia ai te tōroa o te ara.' 'By traveling together a long journey is achieved'.

## Ngā Mihi ki a Koutou

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SEAN MACDONALD - POU  
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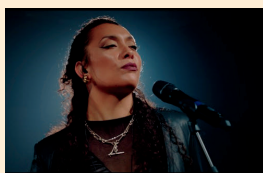
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# KIA MAU FESTIVAL

AT CIRCA THEATRE

[www.circa.co.nz](http://www.circa.co.nz)



## **AJA: Manawa Pao**

**Circa One | 2-3 June | \$25 - \$45**

Kia Mau Festival will be opened by award winning musician, singer and songwriter, AJA.



## **Mokomoko**

**Circa Two | 6-10 June | \$20 - \$30**

Written & Directed by Sherilee Kahui.



## **Waiwhakaata – Reflections in the Water**

**Circa One | 7 - 10 June | \$25 - \$45**

Written by Niwa Milroy & Cian Parker & Directed by Eddie Elliott.



## **Flames: A Hip-hop Musical**

**Circa Two | 13 – 17 June | \$20 - \$30**

By Roy Iro, Reon Bell and Sepelini Mua'au & Directed by Sepelini Mua'au.



## **O le Pepelo, Le Gaoi Ma Le Pala'ai – The Liar, the Thief and the Coward**

**Circa One | 15 - 17 June | \$25 - \$45**

Co-Writer/Director: Ui Natano Keni  
(Samoan/Aotearoa); Co-Writer / Producer: Sarita Keo  
Kossamak So (Khmer/Aotearoa); I Ken So Productions