



## FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

### WAITANGI DAY

6 February 2007  
Te Rauparaha Park

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **HUTT COMPANY WANTS YOUR BODY FOR ART**

Put your body on the line in the name of art at this year's Festival of the Elements in Porirua.

Hutt body and face painting company Body FX is challenging would-be body artists to have a go at the festival on February 6<sup>th</sup>. They'll provide the advice, paints and sponges.

It's the fourth year that Body FX has performed at the Festival of the Elements, which has become the country's biggest Waitangi Day celebration; attracting 30,000 people last year.

It's a free, day-long celebration of art, music and entertainment featuring over 1000 performers appearing across four closely linked venues.

Body FX owner Nicole Heydenrijk says they love the festival and the opportunity it gives them to try out new ideas.

"I just love it. It gives us the chance to showcase something, to try out something interesting and new."

This year she and her team of four are performing "Descending the Gods" in which they will create four gods representing the four elements of earth, air, fire and water.

They will work in a huge tent open to the public on Te Rauparaha Park and are keen to encourage members of the public to have a go.

Nicole would love to hear from people keen to come along with a model and a few ideas to create their own god.

The team will work through the day before presenting the painted models on stage at Te Rauparaha Park in the late afternoon.

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*The Festival of Elements is an event arranged and managed by the*  
**Porirua Community Arts Council (Inc)**  
**PO Box 52 011, PORIRUA CITY**

Te Rauparaha Park is the centre of the Festival of the Elements.

There will be non-stop multi-cultural entertainment on a main stage hosted by Gary McCormick, plus a range of quirky events and competitions on the park, alongside funfair rides and food and craft stalls.

The entertainment rocks into the night with a strong line-up of headline acts including kiwi music trio SIRENZ, funky virtuoso violinist Elena, internationally acclaimed quartet The Musical Island Boys and TV singing star Ben Hazlewood.

At Pataka Museum and Gallery artists will be demonstrating their skills, while in two venues musicians and performers will entertain, including the Victoria University Gamelan Orchestra with Shadow Puppets and highly acclaimed poet Tusiata Avia.

It's the kids' turn next door at the Porirua Recreation Centre, where the Kapi Mana Art Action! lays on a full-day of entertainment and workshops.

And across the road at Elsdon Park the New Zealand Kite Flyers Association will be showing off their giant kites.

If you want to have a go at body painting contact Nicole on 564 7010 or 021 522423.

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