



FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

WAITANGI DAY

6 February 2010

Te Rauparaha Park

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Festival showcases award winners of all ages

This year's Festival of the Elements boasts a stellar group of performers. Māori musician Ruia heads the list. Ruia is a prominent name in the New Zealand music scene, having been a key member of multiple bands. His band Southside of Bombay had a top-five hit with “What's the Time Mr. Wolf”, which Ruia wrote. In addition to collaborations, Ruia has also been lauded for his solo work. He recently received an award for Radio Airplay Record of the Year at the 2009 Māori Music Awards. A multi-talented instrumentalist as well as vocalist, Ruia will be playing original songs at the Festival on Waitangi Day.

This year's top-billed support slot is filled by Legacy, a hip-hop dance group formed by young men mostly of Samoan descent. Legacy have a huge local and international following. They have garnered many awards, including Best Newcomers at Wellington's 2008 Fringe Festival. The group were finalists in the 2006 World Hip-Hop Dance Championships, and are expected to draw a large number of young people to the Festival of the Elements.

The Porirua Community Arts Council, who organises the festival, is happy to present a lineup with a stronger Māori flavour than in some past years. “While the Festival of the Elements emphasizes the importance of bringing different cultures together, it's wonderful to be able to put such amazing local talent front and center,” says Festival chair Bob Cater.

The Festival of the Elements will run from 11 AM to 7 PM on 6 February 2010, and is free to the public. For more information, please contact Margaret Armour on 027 224 5670 or at armour@xtra.co.nz.

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