



UNITEC PACIFIC SONGWRITING COMPETITION 2015 (NZ ONLY)

THE COMPETITION

Unitec Institute of Technology (“Unitec”) is showing its support for the Pacific Language Week’s programme by offering prizes and performance opportunities for the best original songs using Pacific languages. Unitec also wants to offer an opportunity to showcase the rich musical talent in the Pacific community.

PRIZES

We will have a 1st 2nd and 3rd placings judged by Unitec and a People’s Choice judged by you via Youtube.

1st place- \$1000 music voucher

2nd place- \$600 music voucher

3rd place- \$400 music voucher

Peoples choice Award- A free video shoot and professional recording of your song

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE WHETHER YOU WIN A PRIZE OR NOT

A one-day Pacific Songwriting Workshop supervised by Unitec music tutors will be held at Unitec Department of Performing & Screen Arts, Mt Albert, Auckland on Tuesday, 7 July (9:30am – 3:30pm) during the mid-year school break. The workshop is FREE and open to all persons who are interested in entering the competition. It is to assist them in writing and developing their songs and music. Lunch provided. To register your attendance click [here](#)

HOW TO ENTER

- Enter by clicking [here](#)
- Write an original song in a Pacific language (of Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu).
- Perform the song and record the performance on video.
- Write out the lyrics and an English translation.
- Fill out the online entry form and attach your video file and lyrics.
- If video file is bigger than 10MB, you can either;
 - (i) Email your file to pacificevents@unitec.ac.nz or;
 - (ii) Upload your file to VIMEO, Dropbox or WeTransfer, then email us a secure downloadable link to pacificevents@unitec.ac.nz or;
 - (iii) Post your video on a USB stick or CD to:
Unitec Pacific Songwriting Competition
c/o Peter Rees
Private Bag 92025
Victoria St West
Auckland 1142
- All videos must reach us no later than **31 August 2015**
- There is no limit on the number of songs you can enter.

IMPORTANT POINTS REGARDING THE SONG AND THE VIDEO

The song:

- Must be an original.
- Can be in any genre or style.
- Can be written by more than one person, although only one name should be used as the contact person for the entry form.
- Must have lyrics which are at least 50% in a Pacific language.
- Must have lyrics, which are not obscene or offensive in any way.

The video performance:

- Can be performed by an individual or a group.
- Should be no longer than 4 minutes in length.
- Must be recorded with clear audio and video – remember, people can't vote for it if they can't hear it!
- The quality of the video won't be judged - you can use your smartphone as long as the sound is clear.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Entries close 31st August 2015
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd and People's Choice winners announced 15th October 2015.
- People's Choice Award voting open from 12 September to midnight 12 October 2015. Winner announced on 15th October.
- Tuesday, 7 July, 9:30am – 3:30pm – Pacific Songwriting Workshop at Unitec Mt Albert. Register prees@unitec.ac.nz FREE for all entrants.

ENTER NOW!!

Terms and Conditions of the Unitec Pacific Songwriting Comp

Entering your song

- 1.) Fill and complete the registration form
- 2.) Song to be filmed and attached to the entry form or sent via secure downloadable link, emailed or posted. Only filmed songs will be posted on YouTube and go up for the People's Choice award.

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*** If you are having any trouble attaching the video then use dropbox, if you are not sure how to do this email pacificevents@unitec.ac.nz and we can send you details on how to use it.

- 3.) Send in your lyrics sheet as well a direct translation of what the song means
- 4.) All entries submitted must be original songs and shall not infringe any copyright or any other rights of any third parties. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but only one name should be designated on the entry form. Entrant shall, by entering, indemnify and hold UNITEC harmless from and against any claims inconsistent with the foregoing.

- 5.) Entrant may submit as many songs as desired. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the submitted song(s) are complete and playable.
- 6.) Entry materials (CDs, tapes, and videos) submitted will not be returned to the entrant. UNITEC is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, incomplete, or misappropriated entries.
- 7.) However, each entrant agrees to allow Unitec to use their song and their personal details for promotional purposes, including by way of the promotional video.
- 8.) Entries will not be returned to the entrants after the competition has ended.
- 9.) Unitec will not be responsible or liable for any loss in the event that any entry is lost, misplaced, misdirected, misappropriated or damaged.

Who is eligible to enter?

- 10.) UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP is open to all amateur and professional songwriters regardless of nationality or origin living in New Zealand.
- 11.) Entrants cannot be signed to or have any affiliation with a major label record company (Sony BMG, EMI Group, Universal Music Group, or Warner Music Group or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries or imprints) or have distribution through a major label or its affiliates.
- 12.) Entrants who are on independent labels, their own label, or no label are eligible to enter. Entrants may not enter any song into this category that is owned, wholly or partly, by any publishing company.
- 13.) UNITEC PACIFIC SONGWRITING COMP is open to all ages.

Personal information

- 14.) Entry constitutes permission to use winner's name, likeness, and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation.
- 15.) All contact information provided on the entry form will be used to contact you if you are one of the winners. Your contact information will be kept confidential unless required by other media for any interview requests or performances. But we will contact you for your permission to pass your contact details on
- 16.) If you are the winner your name or group name will be announced for promotional purposes

Selection of winners

- 17.) Entries will be screened by an UNITEC SONG WRITING COMP listening committee who will select the finalists, and the finalists will be sent to the judges who will select the winners. The judging committee consists of community people who are fluent in your language that you choose to write in and will judge the song according to your lyrics, melody and, composition.
- 18.) They will judge the entries on language content (at least 50% of the lyrics in a chosen Pacific language) and 50% musical composition. Although the judges

will judge the songs by watching the videos, they won't be assessing the quality of the video performances. All winners will be contacted by either phone or email and announced on our website by 15th October, 2015

- 19.) Entrant agrees to accept the final decision of UNITEC and its judges.

Prizes

- 20.) All prizes will be awarded to the contact name as it appears on the entry form, and division of prizes among co-authors is the responsibility of winners.
- 21.) There will be no transfer and substitution of prizes except as necessary due to availability in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded. If it is necessary to substitute a prize, UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP reserves the right to give the winner a cash substitute determined by the wholesale value of the prize. All winners agree to release UNITEC and its sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won. All taxes, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of each winner. UNITEC will not pay any winners' taxes. UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP will use its best efforts to send prizes out in a timely fashion. Prizes which are being sent to winners from Sponsors may take longer than prizes sent directly from UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP. If after 90 days any winner has not received any portion of prizes, it is that winner's responsibility to notify UNITEC in writing within 30 days as to which prizes are outstanding. If a winner fails to notify UNITEC within that time, UNITEC will no longer be responsible for delivery of the relevant prize.

Notifying winners

- 22.) UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP 2015 winners will be announced on the 15th of October. UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP will post all results on its website and will notify entrants by email that results are posted. Entrant is responsible for providing up-to-date and correct email addresses to pacificevents@unitec.ac.nz
- 23.) The People's Choice Award will go to the song with the most number of official views on our Unitec Youtube site. All the videos will go live on YouTube at the same time on 12th September, 2015 and will close for voting and viewing at midnight on the 12th October, 2015. The winner will be contacted by phone or email and announced on our website by 15th October, 2015. The more you promote your song the more official views you will get!
- 24.) UNITEC will use its best efforts to announce the winners at the designated time, but will not be held liable for any unforeseen delays. Winners may be required to sign an affidavit confirming that winner's song is original and he/she holds rights to the song. Failure to sign and return the form within the required time period or provision of false information may result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. Affidavits are subject to verification by UNITEC and its agents.

Song rights

- 25.) Each Entrant agrees that should his/her song(s) be selected as a winner, UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP shall have the right to include the winning song(s) on an UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP Compilation CD to be used for promotional purposes only. The CD will not be for sale.

26.) Entrant retains all ownership rights to all submitted song(s). UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP will not have any ownership rights to any song(s) submitted.

Disclaimers and indemnities

Entrant acknowledges that all songs entered may be distributed to judges who will be selecting the winners, and Entrant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold UNITEC, its sponsors, and judges harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in UNITEC SONG WRITING COMP.

Conditions of entry

By entering UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP, entrant and/or their parents or legal guardian (if such entrant is a minor) agree to accept and be bound by the decisions of UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP and its judges which are final and binding in all matters.

Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of these official UNITEC PACIFIC SONG WRITING COMP Rules and Regulations as established herein.

Contact details

For any inquiries please email pacificevents@unitec.ac.nz or Peter Rees on (09) 815 4321 ex.7250

Unitec Pacific Songwriting Competition FAQs

Make sure you've got all the information you need before you enter.

How do I enter the Unitec Pacific Songwriting Competition?

Simply fill out the [online entry form](#) and attach your lyrics and your video recording.

What's the last day to send in my video?

You can send in your videos from now until 31st August 2015.

How many times can I enter?

As many times as you like.

I'm not a Unitec student. Can I enter anyway?

Yes – the competition is open to everyone – whether you're a student or not, and wherever you live in New Zealand.

When will the winners be announced?

The winners will be announced on the 15th of October.

Can I write in any genre?

It can be any genre you like as long as you follow the guidelines about content and making it at least 50% in one of the Pacific Languages we are promoting.

Can I use someone else sample, cover, lick from another song?

No unless you have written permission/ authority and acknowledge the original author. We still would prefer an original- you can do it 😊

How will the competition be judged?

Judgment will be based on language content (at least 50% of the lyrics a your chosen Pacific language) and 50% musical composition. The video quality will not be judged.

Can I film my song on my phone?

Yes, the quality of the video wont be judged BUT the audio must be clear enough for the judges to hear and for people to hear during voting time.

How will the People's Choice award be voted?

Once the competition has closed, all videos will be announced and open for public voting from 12th September until 12th of October. The song that receives the most votes will win the People's Choice Award. The winner will be announced on 15th of October, 2015.

Will I be able to record my song if I win?

We are hoping to use your original song for a compilation album which will be used for promotional purposes only.

Will my song be played on the radio?

We are working with potential radio stations that play Pacific music to see if this can happen.

What if I live outside of Auckland? If you are a winner, any professional recording and filming of your song can only be done in Auckland and you would need to travel to

Auckland if you win the People's Choice Award. All voucher awards will be sent via secure mail.

We are entering as a group - do we get more prize money?

Sorry, no. One entry (solo, duet or group) means one prize.

Will I get any feedback about my song?

The judges will issue some general comments about the entries to the competition but will not be available to give any individual feedback.