

Talent is a gift. . . to be nurtured and developed



The Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation was established by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa in 2004 to identify and assist young singers who have outstanding potential, to develop international careers at the highest levels. Her vision was that these young singers would receive judicious mentoring, financial support and most of all – career guidance. She wanted to assist them in realising their artistic dreams.

With the help of many organisations and individuals the Foundation has been able to provide financial support to a number of very talented New Zealand singers who are just starting out on their careers. These include Ana James, Claire Egan, Joanna Foote, Phillip Rhodes, James Ioelu and Kawiti Waetford.

These and many other talented young singers have received grants to assist with tuition fees, attendance at international singing schools, language training as well as funds for travel and auditions.

The Foundation's original focus was on raising funds. Dame Kiri and the trustees soon realised that in addition to financial support

most young singers need judicious mentoring, help with vocal technique and voice maintenance, advice about media and agents and stage craft. During the year Dame Kiri takes time out from her international concert schedule to mentor and coach small groups of singers studying in the UK. This is usually in the form of a weekend at her home when she invites some of her professional colleagues to join her to share their knowledge and experience.



Dame Kiri with international students at the Solti Te Kanawa Accademia



Dame Kiri with NZ baritone Phillip Rhodes (right) & Julian Reynolds

The feedback from the selected singers is inspiring.

Talent is a gift. Those who have been blessed with it deserve the opportunity to nurture and develop it to full potential. You can help them to live their dreams. The needs are growing and the Foundation is always looking for ways to foster emerging talent and can only do so with financial support.

The Foundation relies on support from lovers of opera around the world. Please consider making a contribution to support the vital work that Dame Kiri is doing. Donations to the Foundation of any size are always welcome. For further information about ways to support the Foundation including making a bequest please contact the Foundation at foundation@kiritekanawa.org

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