

New Touring Products for Tamaki

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(For immediate release)

Tamaki has developed two dramatic re-enactments as touring theatre with *Chronicles of Uitara*, *Lost in Our Own Land* and *Realm of Tane* launched in April.

Borne from demand, initially from the MICE and Education segments but more recently across all segments, the stories can be delivered in any environment, from school hall, to hotel conference rooms, to marae to massive conference venues.

“We have developed the sets and backdrops for the story to be a multi layered blend of three dimensional physical sets and audio visual effect. We can maximise the AV impact when it is available but can offer a scaled back, equally compelling story with less technology –in say a local school hall or marae,” says Kiri.

The *Realm* is a highly charged and emotive Tamaki story centered on one Maori family; a grandmother, her son and granddaughter. It traces the young woman’s journey to understand the importance of her heritage as her father and kuia (grandmother) take her back in time to unravel her ancestors’ story.

Lost In Our Own Land shares an account of brutal 30 year civil war to erupt with the arrival of the musket. Told through the eyes of the warrior, Uitara IV we witness Maori culture under major transformation – as tradition, spiritual beliefs, tribal structure and chieftainship are challenged.

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Ahakoia he iti, he Pounamu. Though small, it is precious.

This small but significant collection of encounters draws inspiration from the proverb. It is centred on elements that we are most famous for – as Rotorua. That is; our people, our environment and the treasures of our ancestors.

Journey of Ages magnifies one chapter of our nation's warrior history in a story of epic proportions. Set in year 1700 AD –an important chapter of New Zealand history – brought to life across an evening re-enactment. Through the eyes of one warrior line, one family – that of Uitara - we remember and honour this ancient and proud Maori warrior spirit.

At ***Whakarewarewa Village***, walk within the hissing fumaroles, mud pools, endless boiling water ways and houses balanced upon a rocky, inhospitable but precious environment. Home to Tuhourangi - Ngati Wahiao for 200 years the tribe continues the tradition of guiding sharing their unique lifestyle with others.

And within the **Jade Factory** wander the artist's workshop. Hear the stories of the stone. Pounamu carving is an ancient craft. One part craftsman, one part magician, a carver is measured by how well he "finds, defines and reveals the heart of each stone".

These three encounters are offered as a package.

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