

Vista Foundation 48Hours 2025

Get ready for Aotearoa's wildest weekend of filmmaking — [Vista Foundation 48Hours](#) is back for 2025! [Registration is open from June 16th](#).

No matter your experience in the film industry, this is your chance to dive into 48 hours of innovation, chaos, and community. Take this opportunity to show your grit and tenacity and flex your creative muscles!

This competition is an opportunity for even the most seasoned filmmaker to take creative risks and test their craft in front of a supportive yet ravenous audience. Director Dean Hewison described the competition as a local filmmaker's "world cup" when winning the 2021 nation title.

Alumni of the competition include Mukpuddy, Viva La Dirt League, Taika Waititi, Aidee Walker, and Tom Sainsbury.

The Vista Foundation 48Hours is presented by the Vista Foundation, in association with Te Tuma Whakaata Taonga / New Zealand Film Commission.

Competition Basics

Teams from across the motu will have 48 hours to write, shoot, and cut a short film in just one hectic and thrilling weekend: **August 15 – 17, 2025**.

Filmmakers then share their films at heats events, compete for awards and honours at the regional finals, and ultimately vie for the title of Grand National Champion.

The Vista Foundation 48Hours is more than a competition - it's a dedicated community of grassroots filmmakers and film fanatics that all support each other at vibrant screening events across the motu.

"Filmmakers are born here - not just the starry ones, but a whole generation comes together and meets one another at the screenings. It is an unforgettable experience to see your work, no matter how short, up there on the big screen in a full theatre like the Embassy or the Civic. That in itself is a memorable prize for any of the filmmakers." - Dame Gaylene Preston

Find Out More

Visit the website for everything you need to know about the 2025 competition, including key dates, heats venues, city finals, grand finals event:

www.48hours.co.nz