

## **Casting Call for a new TV show: *Pacific Voyagers Aotearoa***

A ten-part adventure that follows the transformation of three rangatahi as they vie for a place on board a fleet of voyaging canoes sailing to the South Pacific.

Zoomslide TV Production Company are casting for a new prime time show for Maori Television. This is a factual programme filmed over two months around the north island of Aotearoa. The rangatahi will be sailing in waka moana Haunui and working alongside voyaging expert and kaitiaki of Haunui, Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr. Over six weeks they will circumnavigate the North Island landing at significant sites in Polynesian history and exploring the voyaging brilliance of their ancestors. At the end of these six weeks one of the rangatahi will be selected to join elite Pacific voyagers in their blue water sail to The Cook Islands.

### **Casting Brief**

- Three young people aged 18-26
- Mix of ages/sexes
- Maori
- No sailing experience needed – we would prefer people who have not yet sailed on waka moana.

### **General Requirements**

- Must be able to swim well.
- Must have a valid passport until the end of 2015 and visas (if necessary) for The Cook Islands
- Must be comfortable being on the sea.
- Must have a basic level of fitness.
- If chosen they must be available to sail to the Cook Islands at the end of the NZ shoot departing mid to late April.

These rangatahi must be prepared to be on camera as they are challenged to become Pacific Voyagers. It will be an intensive shoot in a variety of weather conditions and will be physically demanding. The series follows their journey so they must have a willingness to share their mahi- good times and bad. Sailing involves living in very close quarters with a crew. There is little privacy and little time out. Sailing is also about team-work and pulling your weight so it is important that the rangatahi are up for this.

### **Time Requirements**

Must be available the following dates and times.

30 January – 1<sup>st</sup> February in Auckland for a wananga all must attend

Available the week of 9<sup>th</sup> February in Auckland for an overnight sail on Haunui.

3 March to mid May sail around the north island. \*\*\*

13 April available to sail to the Cook Islands (allow 2-3 weeks) \*\*\*

\*\*\*No other commitments will be possible as they will be sailing that entire time.

### **Wananga**

If successful as one of the 20 rangatahi to attend the wananga, we expect them to organise their own transport to and from the wananga. All costs during their time at the wananga including meals and accommodations will be arranged and provided by Zoomslide.

### **Reo**

We are looking for three rangatahi. Not all of them need to speak te reo. But an interest in this is a pre-requisite.

### **What to send us**

1. Fill out the application form
2. Make a 3 minute piece to camera (can be phone camera) where you introduce yourself & tell us where you come from and what you currently do
3. Two photos 1 x head shot and 1 x full length shot
4. The name and number of a person who could be a referee for you e.g. a teacher/boss/ mentor/kaumatua. Please let them know we will possibly call them and ask them about you.

Any questions get in touch with Terii  
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Full name (as on passport & birth certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your passport must be valid for six months after any journeys are completed.

Nationality (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other given names \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Address Physical \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Landline \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have sailing experience on other waka or sailing vessels  
(please circle) YES NO

If yes please list waka or vessel or club - name and leg/voyage/year

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Do you have swimming experience (please circle) YES NO

Please note you will be required to undergo a swimming proficiency test

Please list any allergies or medical conditions you have

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Are you on any prescribed medications (please circle) YES NO

Please indicate what medication you take and the condition it is medicating

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Do you have any of the following skills (please circle)

Traditional Knowledge
Maori Language
Other languages
Off shore medic certificate
Cooking
Navigation
Traditional Dance performer
First Aid (current)
Media Communications
Musician
Boat masters certificate
Yacht masters certificate
Fishing
Carver/Weaver
Whaikorero/Karanga
Carpenter Woodwork
Other apprenticeship/qualification

Other skills/ qualifications

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Do you (please circle) Smoke Drink Alcohol Take Drugs Drink Kava

Please note that circling these does not mean you will be excluded. However drug use will not be tolerated on or off the waka by anyone who intends to be a representative of Haunui and Zoomslide. Haunui is a smoke free, drug free and alcohol free waka.

Would you agree to be drug tested if required (please circle) YES NO

Are you willing to practice self-discipline, take orders/instructions and contribute positively through the voyage. YES NO

Are you willing to represent Haunui in the appropriate uniform or attire and to meet any grooming or hygiene requirements that may be set by Te Toki Voyaging Trust or event organisers? YES NO

The name and number of a person who could be a referee for you e.g. a teacher/boss/mentor/kaumatua. Please let them know we will possibly call them and ask them about you

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Landline \_\_\_\_\_

Please note if, as a crew member, you do not adhere to the kaupapa of Haunui and Zoomslide you will be removed from the crew and waka and will be responsible for finding your own way home from wherever that waka may be. If you do not follow instructions from the Captain/Skipper, Kaihatu, Navigator or Watch Captains regarding crew duties and behavior, you will be removed from the crew at your own expense.

In less than 300 words, please write below why you are interested or wish to sail on Haunui for this particular voyage.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_