



17 April 2025

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 3 April 2025.

You have requested:

1. *A list of all the artists' names that were successfully funded in each round of New Music Single funding in 2023.*
2. *A list of all the artists' names that entered each round but were unsuccessful in receiving New Music Single funding in 2023.*
3. *A list of the judges for each round of New Music Single funding in 2023.*

I have linked below the New Music Single Funding Decision Announcements for 2023, which contain the funded artists and songs, and the assessment panel for each round:

- [February 2023](#)
- [May 2023](#)
- [July 2023](#)
- [September 2023](#)
- [November 2023](#)

New Music Single Funding is limited and highly contestable. In 2023, we declined 873 of the total 1047 eligible New Music Single applications.

We decline to release the names of the artists that were unsuccessful for each round of New Music Single funding in 2023 under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

The fact that these artists applied for New Music Single Funding and were unsuccessful is information about them about which there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. We have also considered the relevant Ombudsman decisions and conclude that the privacy interests of unsuccessful applicants are high, and the countervailing public interest considerations favouring release do not outweigh these interests.

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is [searchable](#) on our website. You can also [sign up](#) to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Ngā manaakitanga,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Rasch', with a stylized, flowing script.

Raewyn Rasch

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KAIHAUTŪ NGĀ WHAKAHAERE, NGĀ RANGIPŪ MAHITAHĪ ME TE AHUREA