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Ka Whawhai Tonu - Struggle without End

Date: Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, 4:00pm

Location: Club SAW (67 Nicholas St.)

Tickets per program: \$5 (At the door only)

Friday All-Day Film Pass: \$20*

*Available at the door or in advance on Eventbrite

*includes access to all 7 film programs on Friday Sept. 19

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Michael Jonathan • 1 hour 44 minutes • 2024 • New Zealand • Maori

Set in Aotearoa New Zealand in 1864, Ka Whawhai Tonu tells the story of a pivotal battle in the first New Zealand land wars in the Waikato region. A battle fought with impossible odds between Māori and the Colonial forces. This heroic conflict is told through the eyes of two young teenagers forced to take control of their own destiny amidst the chaos of the battle and their escape.

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KA WHAWHAI TONU - STRUGGLE WITHOUT END (OFFICIAL TRAILER)



Director Biography - Michael Jonathan

Mike has achieved an extraordinary career spanning over three decades, excelling as a cameraman, director of photography, and director in the dynamic and ever-evolving realms of television and film. Throughout his impressive tenure, his work has garnered widespread acclaim and recognition, particularly for his remarkable contributions to documentaries and short films. These projects have not only showcased his technical prowess and artistic vision but also demonstrated his deep commitment to storytelling and authentic representation.

A significant milestone in Mike's illustrious career is the highly anticipated release of his debut feature film, "Ka Whawhai Tonu - Struggle without End," in 2024. This film stands as a testament to his dedication, skill, and passion for filmmaking. It represents a culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and creative exploration. "Ka Whawhai Tonu" is more than just a film; it is a powerful narrative that sheds light on important historical events, reflecting Mike's ability to blend compelling storytelling with cultural significance. The release of this film marks a pivotal achievement in Mike's journey as a filmmaker, solidifying his place in the industry and leaving an indelible mark on audiences and critics alike.



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