

FESTIVAL OF INTERACTIVE NARRATIVE & STORYTELLING

12-14 MAY 2023



**FRIDAY
12 MAY**

Academic Stream
10:00 AM - 03:30 PM

**THINGS TOO REAL: ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL
DISASTER THROUGH INTERACTIVE NARRATIVE**

Kevin Mercer
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM OBSG17 - UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

**DIGITAL HISTORIES IN HYPertext: WANDERING,
WONDERING, AND WATER**

Adam Stewart
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM OBSG17 - UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

BOOKS VS GAMES

Zach Dodson
01:00 PM - 01:45 PM OTAGO POLYTECHNIC

**MAKING GOOD CHOICES: CHOICE DESIGN
FOR NARRATIVE GAMES**

Mads Mackenzie
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM OTAGO POLYTECHNIC



**PŪRAKAU
KAI TAHU -
OUR
STORIES**

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
02:30 PM - 04:00 PM SINCLAIR WETLANDS

Join Tumai Cassidy and Taikawa Tamati-Elliffe on a special FINS interactive hikoi to the Ōtepoti - Dunedin Sinclair Wetlands. Engage in the stories of local iwi/hapu; learn about the importance of Te Nohoaka o Tukiauaui, and how the myths and legends helped Māori understand their world.

Pick up/drop off at Petridish, 8 Stafford Street, Dunedin. Spaces limited, booking essential.

**SATURDAY
13 MAY**

Tūhura Otago Museum
08:30 AM - 05:30 PM

MĀORI PAST FUTURE WITH GUARDIAN MAIĀ

Maru Nihoniho
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM HUTTON THEATRE

NARRATIVE DESIGN FOR YOUR TEAM

Henry Feltham
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM BARCLAY THEATRE

**UNDERSTANDING
THE POWER OF
YOUR OWN STORIES**



Alexander Swords
WORKSHOP
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
HUTTON THEATRE

A workshop leading participants through techniques that are simple to understand and powerful in combination. From widely used frameworks, be guided through establishing experience goals, design pillars, narrative high concept, audience psychographics and player motivations. Finish with a set of diagrams clarifying your own ideas in a way that can be easily communicated to others.

**NARRATIVE DESIGN BOOSTER: INOCULATING
AGAINST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE MYTHS**

Christy Dena
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM BARCLAY THEATRE

POWERING UP STORY WORLDS

Emily Duncan & Allison Horsley
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM BARCLAY THEATRE

**GET YOUR BOOGER HOOK OFF THE BANG
BANG SWITCH!**

Samara-Jade Sendek
01:15 PM - 02:00 PM HUTTON THEATRE



**I'M IN THIS BOOK!
THE JOY OF
INTERACTIVE
FICTION**

Deb Potter
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM
DUNEDIN CITY LIBRARY

**PLAYER STORIES & PLAYED STORIES - THE CONNECTION
BETWEEN COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT & NARRATIVE DESIGN**

Lisa Blakie & Emily Latta
02:15 PM - 03:00 PM BARCLAY THEATRE

NARRATIVE STORYTELLING WITH YARN SPINNER

Dr Paris Buttfield-Addison & Jonathan Manning
03:15 PM - 04:00 PM HUTTON THEATRE

**PIK-
-POK**

GAME WRITING
CHALLENGE!

04:15 PM - 05:30 PM HUTTON THEATRE

Dive into the wildest creative experience at FINS! This fast and furious interactive panel gives attendees ridiculous, timed writing assignments based on actual industry challenges. A hands-on experience and expert advice will give you a fun and memorable peek into the realities of being a game writer.

**DIGGING INTO NARRATIVE DESIGN: SKILLS,
PATHWAYS AND ADVENTURES**

Brooke Maggs
4:30 PM - 05:00 PM BARCLAY THEATRE

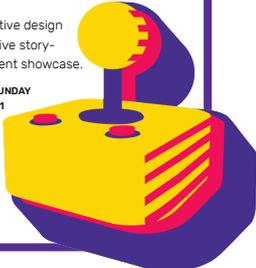
**FINstant
Noodles**

Saturday 13 May
07:00 PM - LATE
Dinner and social.

**INTERACTIVE
STORYTELLING,
EnTWINED
NARRATIVES**

Digital narrative design and interactive story-writing student showcase.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
ATRIUM LEVEL 1



**SUNDAY
14 MAY**

Tūhura Otago Museum
09:00 AM - 04:30 PM

NARRATIVE JAM

Game Dev Club Dunedin
10:00 AM - 02:00 PM ATRIUM LEVEL 1 & 2

Calling all 11 - 14 year olds! Join Com2Tech and special industry guests for the FINS 2023 Youth Narrative Jam. Go wild, have fun, and pitch a game, 'Something a Mummy Would Play'. Prizes for best narratives!



WORLD BUILDING THAT WORKS!

Edwin McRae
09:00 AM - 09:45 AM HUTTON THEATRE

FROM WORLD BUILDING TO UNIVERSE CREATION

Ellen Jurik
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM BARCLAY THEATRE

COMING OUT, SHUT IN, DISABLED, THRIVING, AND DYING

Alexander Swords
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM HUTTON THEATRE

REAL STORIES IN VIRTUAL REALITY

Zach Dodson
12:30 PM - 01:00 PM BARCLAY THEATRE

**GIVING THE PLAYERS WHAT THEY WANT:
DEVELOPING DATA-DRIVEN NARRATIVES**

Sarah Daymond
01:00 PM - 01:45 PM HUTTON THEATRE

**LET'S ALL GO MAD TOGETHER - SHAPING
A COLLECTIVE HORROR WORLD**

Colin 'CJ' Rowsell
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM BARCLAY THEATRE

**RUNAWAY MICROTALKS: HOW WE FOSTER
NARRATIVE IN GAMES**

Runaway Play
02:15 PM - 03:15 PM HUTTON THEATRE

IP STANDS FOR IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Cam Rogers & Alexander Swords
03:30 PM - 04:30 PM HUTTON THEATRE

**FINS
OPENING EVENT
& KEYNOTE
-2023**

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM PETRIDISH



Join the New Zealand Centre of Digital Excellence as we officially open the inaugural Festival of Interactive Narrative and Storytelling, with special guests Rick Stemm, Timothy Best and Zhia Zariko.



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