



About BIG FAN

BIG FAN is a not-for-profit, multi-purpose music space located in Morningside, Tāmaki Makaurau. We offer three world-class recording studios and a live music venue all under one roof. Our goal is to bring people together, to support the role of music in the betterment of people's lives, and to foster the talents of musicians, songwriters and those behind the scenes at every level.

About FAN CAMP Vol.10 Rainbow | 21-25 September 2026

Fan Camp Rainbow is an immersive five-day collaborative songwriting camp at Big Fan, curated by **LADYHAWKE**. Created to better support and nurture the talents of rainbow, takatāpui and MVPFAFF+ music people in Tāmaki Makaurau and Te Tai Tokerau, the programme brings together nine artists, songwriters and producers for a week of collaboration, experimentation, and creative connection in a supportive environment, free from commercial expectations or obligations.

Participants will spend five full days writing and recording at Big Fan, collaborating with different people each day to create five unique songwriting sessions across the week. The programme is designed to inspire creativity, strengthen community connections, encourage future collaborations, and produce demo-quality songs that participants can continue to develop beyond the camp.

Recognising the importance of supporting rainbow music communities beyond Tāmaki Makaurau, one place is reserved for a participant from Te Tai Tokerau (Northland), with travel and accommodation provided. To ensure cost and studio access are not barriers to continuing the creative process, each artist will also receive a dedicated post-camp studio day with a producer to further develop one of the songs created during the week.

KEY DATES

Fan Camp Rainbow runs for the 5-day period **Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September 2026**.

Applications Open: Thursday 30 July 2026 at 10am

Applications Close: Sunday 16 August 2026 at 10pm

WHAT'S ON OFFER: Fan Camp Rainbow provides each successful applicant with:

- the opportunity to write songs in collaboration with others artists, songwriters and producers at Big Fan for five days
- lunch and beverages each day
- access to the BIG FAN Alumni Network, receiving further opportunities and discounts
- travel and accommodation for one person residing in Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)
- 1x day in studio post camp with producer
- producers receive \$300 (+GST if applicable) day rate



ELIGIBILITY: Who Can Apply

Artists, songwriters and producers, wanting to take part in collaborate songwriting and:

- Open to people from across Aotearoa who identify as members of rainbow, takatāpui or MVPFAFF+ communities
- Open to NZ citizens and permanent residents
- Over the age of 18 by the start of Fan Camp
- Demonstrate desire and passion for collaborative songwriting

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for FAN CAMP, we ask for:

- A few short paragraphs about yourself & why you would like to take part in this Fan Camp
- Your songwriting and collaborative songwriting experience to date
- Up to two audio recordings of music that you've written or collaborated on
- Contact information of the applicant
- Confirmation of eligibility criteria
- Social media or video links if relevant (optional)

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Our focus in selection centres on:

- Craft, musicality and originality of songs submitted
- Desire and passion for collaborative experience
- Strength of the application

Consideration will be given to ensure:

- Fair representation
- A spread of musical role specialisations and genres
- Regionality

CONDITIONS: All successful applicants are required to:

- adhere to the Big Fan code of conduct
- arrange their own transport to and from BIG FAN
- arrange their own accommodation if needed
- agree to equal songwriting splits in the spirit of collaboration
- provide feedback post programme

Ngā mihi to our funder **Rule Foundation** for making this possible.



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FAQS

Rainbow / Takatāpui / MVPFAFF+:

Fan Camp Rainbow is open to artists, songwriters and producers who identify as members of rainbow, takatāpui or MVPFAFF+ communities. Eligibility is based on self-identification.

Equipment / Instruments / Studio:

Full list of gear and instruments are on our website. Recording studios will be allocated by BIG FAN's studio team, based on applicant requirements.

Age Restriction:

Applicant must be aged 18+ by the start of the programmes. Please check out our other programmes on offer if you are under 18.

Outside Tāmaki Makaurau:

Applications are open to all residing in Aotearoa.

One applicant residing in Te Tai Tokerau Northland will have travel and accommodation costs covered.

International Applications:

These programmes are open to Aotearoa New Zealand citizens and permanent residents only. However, our facilities are available for hire to all.

Find BIG FAN:

Located at 25 McDonald Road in Morningside, Tāmaki Makaurau.

Meals:

There will be a catered lunch and beverages for each day of the programme. Dietary requirements will be accommodated.

Parking and Transportation:

Parking costs for participants will be covered. BIG FAN also has convenient public transport access via the Morningside train station and nearby bus routes.

Criteria Eligibility:

All outlined criteria must be met for this programme. If you're unsure or have any questions, please get in touch with us at info@bigfan.co.nz. Our venue and studio facilities are available to hire to all, so if this programme isn't the right fit, please feel free to get in touch to enquire, or check out our other programmes on offer.

Future Programmes:

Big Fan runs many programmes for the music community at large. Sign up to our mailing list and follow us on Instagram for announcements and information.

Anything Else:

Get in touch with us info@bigfan.co.nz

