

RESIDENCIES

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 the BIG FAN RESIDENCY

The BIG FAN Residency provides access to one of our three professional-grade recording studios to experiment, produce, write, and/or record music - for free.

Our mission is to break down barriers that limit access to recording studios for creative processes of exploring, writing, and producing music. Residencies support and foster emerging producers, songwriters, and artists, providing international industry standard equipment and facilities at no cost. Recognising that pre-set outcome expectations can sometimes hinder creativity, the residency is dedicated to allowing people to use the space in a way that best meets their needs.

WHAT'S ON OFFER

BIG FAN will provide the residents with:

- Access to one of our three studios at BIG FAN for **Eight Days** between November 1st and December 18th, 2026.
- Technical support from BIG FAN studio team as needed.

SPRING RESIDENCIES

The Spring Residencies run from November 1st to December 18th, the residents can choose any dates* to come and use the studio free of charge, to a total of 8 full days. They can choose to do these in any format they like.

Applications Open: Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 10am.

Applications Close: Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 10pm.

Applicants Notified By: Friday 25th September Approx.

*As available. Evenings & weekends available on request only.

ELIGIBILITY: Who Can Apply

Artists, bands, songwriters, producers, and engineers who want access to a recording studio for 8-days.

- NZ citizens and residents.
- Aged 18+ by the start of the residencies.
- Work is for original songs only (no covers or remixes).

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for RESIDENCIES, we ask for:

- A few short paragraphs about yourself & why you would like to take part in the Residencies.
- What you would like to achieve in the residencies.
- Up to three demos of original music that you've written or collaborated on as audio or video links hosted on another platform. These can be voice memos recorded on your phone - it does not have to be a professional recording.
- 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:

- Demonstrated need for the opportunity.
- Potential of applicant to further their creative endeavours.
- Strength of application.

Of the shortlisted applicants, consideration will be given to ensure:

- Fair representation.
- A range of musical genres.

CONDITIONS: All successful applicants are required to:

- Adhere to the BIG FAN code of conduct.
- Arrange their own travel to and from BIG FAN.
- Use the facilities to create original music.
- Provide feedback.

FAQS

Individuals or Groups:

Applications can be from individuals either as a solo artist/producer/songwriter/engineer or an individual on behalf of a group.

Engineers & Producers:

Residencies cover dry hire only, if you require an engineer or producer this must be organised and paid for by the resident.

Equipment/Instruments/Studio:

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

Age Restriction:

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

Outside Tāmaki Makaurau:

We strongly encourage applications from across Aotearoa.

International Applications:

Residencies are open to New Zealand citizens and residents only. However, our facilities are available for hire to all.

Find BIG FAN:

Located at 25 McDonald Street, Morningside, Tāmaki Makaurau.

Parking and Transportation:

There are very limited free street parking options available. Big Fan 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 quite the right fit, please feel free to get in touch to enquire, or check out our other programmes on offer.

Application:

You (or a representative) can apply once per round. Previous Residencies alumni cannot apply.

Anything Else:

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