

RUPTURE

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The third iteration of Rupture will kick off in the new year, with a new cohort starting their 9-month journey of development.

Rupture is an intensive programme for writers developing a series. It enables talented writers to take hold of their development process, providing them with the support they need to make strong work.

Six series creators and co-creator teams are provided with the resource and support to come together, experiment, go deeper, explore pathways to market - and ultimately take their practice to the next level.

We are excited to announce our 2026 writer-creators:

- Brynley Stent
- Cushla Dillon and Tim Worrall
- Malinna Liang
- Paula Whetu Jones
- Todd Karehana
- Vela Manusaute, Anapela Polata'ivao and Stacey Leilua

Rupture includes workshops, ongoing support from local and international practitioners, and development funding for the projects being developed.

“We’re so thrilled to continue supporting Aotearoa’s writing talent through Rupture. Series creators with clarity of vision are given the time and support to excavate their ideas and push themselves to explore as writers. They also find great support in the group as they go through this process of discovery together. We’re confident that these writer-creators will go on to move audiences with the work they are creating.”

- Eloise Veber, Programme Director

The programme was founded by Esther Cahill-Chiaroni to shake up and deepen series development in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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