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Top Bard: New Zealand poet Sam Hunt performs while opening the Outspoken festival. On Tuesday a locals showcase as well as performances by the Catalyst crew will be held in Wanaka. Photo: CHE BAKER

Wanaka poets to read works live

By CHE BAKER

An array of Wanaka's finest wordsmiths will take to the stage next week as part of a Wanaka Showcase for the Outspoken festival. Event organiser Liz Breslin said the evening would be a night of performance from rising stars to those who were well established on the spoken word circuit. While the lineup was still being finalised, she confirmed some of those who would be taking part in the festival were students and teachers from Mount Aspiring College, performers from Flat Out Productions and Wanaka poets Liz Malushnig and Jan Kelly. A special performance would also be given by the Catalyst crew, of Christchurch, featuring the Lyttelton Poets. "They've been active in promoting spoken word for 10 years and their range, enthusiasm and experience

Fast Facts

- What:** Wanaka Showcase and Catalyst
- When:** February 4, 6pm
- Where:** Cinema Paradiso, Wanaka
- Cost:** \$20 and Mount Aspiring College students pay their age

shine through in each performance," Ms Breslin said. The festival of words and storytelling, which was kicked off on January 12 with a performance by New Zealand's most celebrated poet Sam Hunt, will run until February 18. It was hoped it would become a yearly community event and organisers were looking for contributions, donations, feedback and ideas to make it happen.



Promoting the word: Members of the Lyttelton Poets group which will perform alongside locals at a Wanaka Showcase as part of the Outspoken festival next week. Photo: SUPPLIED