

## New and old voices merge in Outspoken tonight.

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Oscar Wilde will meet teenage aliens in Wanaka tonight, as the Outspoken Festival brings local and national story-tellers together for another night of words.

The festival is half way through its programme and among the locals raising their voices tonight are Emily McRae, Ellie Greenwood, and Acacia Murray.

Festival spokeswoman Julia Le says tonight offers "a rather special combination" of rising local stars and established voices from Catalyst from Christchurch.

Emily Mc Rae and Ellie Greenwood will present Oscar Wilde whilst Acacia Murray opens the world of a teenage alien.

Liz Malushnig will recount her memories, Jan Kelly reads some of her well-honed work and Kasper Humphrey and Ceilidh Johnston will reprise their goose-bump inducing 'Dear Society' from last year's Mt Aspiring College prize giving.

Another piece to watch out for is the creative interspersing of the local "Crime Line" into Flat Out Production's own spoken words work.

The headline act is Catalyst, a collective of six Lyttelton poets known for their funny and playful words.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 from [www.outspokenfestival.co.nz](http://www.outspokenfestival.co.nz) or at Cinema Paradiso.

MAC students "pay their age" thanks to a grant from the Upper Clutha Community Arts Council.

(CAPTION: Oscar Wilde)

