

Festival of words draws closer

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Wanaka's first festival of words – the Outspoken Festival – is looming and locals have begun to talk about it in earnest.

Several Wanaka folks are now starring in a new, tongue-in-cheek, 30-second long trailer being screened at Cinema Paradiso.

The trailer was produced to promote the Outspoken festival of words and story telling, which begins on 12th January and includes three performances by well-known New Zealand bard Sam Hunt.

Other acts include rapper Tourettes and award winning poet Sue

Wootton.

Artist liaison and performer Liz Breslin said the trailer promotion was a bit of light-hearted fun to get people talking.

The festival crew took to the streets and asked locals how outspoken they felt.

"Some answers were cheeky so we edited them in. We're chuffed if it's bringing a smile to viewers and makes them want to know more," Liz said.

Outspoken runs over six weeks and tickets are now on sale at various venues and on the website. The trailer clip can also be viewed on the website: www.vimeo.com/outspokennz.

(CAPTION: In a word . . . John Hallum speaks his mind. PHOTO: Outspoken)