

A mokopuna of Te Nehenehenui, Huia Max (22, *Wellington*) is a Ngāti Maniapoto performer. She grew up in the small town of Te Oko Horoi before moving to Pōneke. More recently, Huia has received the Tūngia Baker & TakiRua Emerging Māori Actor Scholarship. Huia graduated from Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato with a Diploma in Te Reo Māori. Her passion for both youth development and Māori performing arts is expressed through her background as a youth worker and her mahi with Te Rākau. She has just finished the Te Reo Māori touring season with TakiRua. Her hope is to inspire rangatahi Māori in their own Māoritanga.