

PAORA JOSEPH PRODUCTIONS in association with GAYLENE PRESTON PRODUCTIONS

Tātarakihī

The Children of Parihaka

A true story of war, passive resistance and the children who will never forget.

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**** "This is cinema as an act of living memory ...
raw and heartfelt ... powerful, provocative and pertinent"
- Adam Fresco, flicks.co.nz



"A modest and affecting road trip doco" - Peter Calder, NZ Herald

"A gentle film, full of compassion. I cannot recommend it highly enough" - Graeme Tuckett, Dominion Post



In 2009, a group of Taranaki children were taken on a bus trip to visit the places their ancestors, passive resisters from Parihaka in the 1880s, were imprisoned and forced to labour in. Places like Addington Jail in Christchurch and various buildings and roads they worked on in Dunedin. Along the way, they were welcomed at local marae by descendants of local Maori who supported the prisoners at the time. It was an emotional journey, documented by Paora Joseph's camera and the children themselves. The narration is by the children, from their writing, poetry, song and art, expressed in a workshop after the journey.

Children, known at Parihaka as "tātarakihī" (cicadas), after their chattering noise, have a special place in the village's history. In 1881 the children of Parihaka greeted the invading

Armed Constabulary with white feathers of peace, in accord with the philosophy of passive resistance taught by their two leaders, Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi

Producer/director Paora Joseph: "While it recounts days of darkness, Tātarakihī – The Children Of Parihaka carries a sense of restoration and hope, and I hope it enables continued dialogue for understanding and mutual respect of both Māori and Pākehā in the New Zealand we know today.

"This film is dedicated to the memory of all who have carried the kaupapa of passive resistance taught by Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi."

For screening times and trailer: www.parihakafilm.co.nz

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