

OPENING GALA



Pre-Opening Gala Pizza Party

5:30 – 6:45 PM CLAY CAFÉ

Before the Opening Gala there will be a Pizza Party at the Clay Café – across the street from the Oxford Theatre. Celebrate the kickoff to ViewFinders with a slice and some light refreshments!

All ages are welcome but spaces are limited. Contact the ViewFinders Box Office at 902-422-6965 in advance to reserve your pass.

This Way of Life

Ages 14+

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 OXFORD THEATRE 7:00 PM

Shot over four years, *This Way of Life* is an intimate portrait of Peter Karena and his family. Peter lives by an internal code of values and honour mostly lost to modern times. Though of European descent, Peter was adopted into a Māori family and is Māori in all but skin colour. He is a horse-whisperer, philosopher, hunter, builder, a husband and father. Peter refuses to compromise his values, in spite of seemingly overwhelming challenges; his broken relationship with his father is especially troubling to Peter.

Peter's wife Colleen sees mothering as the world's most important job. We discover her quiet exterior conceals a profound and beautifully articulate approach to parenting, the reason for the physical competence and emotional openness of the six Karena children. The Karenas unite their philosophy with their circumstances, turning hardships into a part of a meaningful life. Their resilience is astounding, leaving us to wonder about our own way of life.

Warnings: Profanity; Nudity
New Zealand, 2009, HDCAM, 85:00, English

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