

WHEN THE RAPTURE HAPPENS, YOU GOTTA GO HOME

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LOGLINE

With the rapture just days away, two haututu (mischievous) cousins reunite to complete their koro's (grandfathers) last wish, to return home. But are they ready?



Synopsis

With the world set to end in two days, cousins Roo and Joo are unexpectedly reunited when Roo slips into a church to confess their sins, hoping to make peace before it's too late. Reminiscing on a lesson their koro taught them both growing up “when the Rapture comes, you gotta go home”. For Roo, that means it's time to go to their family farm, for Joo, home it's more complicated. Still, with time running out, the cousins hit the road together on a cross-country journey sharing laughter and memories. On the eve of the Rapture, sitting by a fire, the cousins finally speak honestly about what the Rapture means for them. When morning comes, they return home carrying their koro's words and ready for the next phase of the world.

Jaimee Poipoi

Cast / Writer / Director / Producer

Jaimee (Ngāti Kahungunu/Ngāpuhi) has 14 years of film and television experience across local and international productions. Their directing work includes short films *Cherries* (2025), *Star Sailors & Who Sneezed* (2023) and online series *ConspiraSeries* (2022) and *The Art of Entertaining* (2022). Jaimee aims to continue making content that tells diverse stories through a comedic lens.

Roo Reihana-Wilson

Cast / Director / Producer

Roo (Ngā Puhi - Ngāi Tūteauru, Ngāti Hine) has worked across many mediums such as film, television, theatre and art installations. Their directing work includes *Kaputī with the Cousins* (2025), producer on *Cherries* (2025), *Elephant in the Bedroom* (2022) and *Inked 半的絆* (2021). Roo aims to continue creating stories that champion indigenous & queer stories.



Cast & Crew

ROO: Roo Reihana-Wilson

JOO: Jaimee Poipoi

KORO: Hemi Poipoi

WRITER: Jaimee Poipoi

DIRECTORS: Jaimee Poipoi
& Roo Reihana-Wilson

PRODUCERS: Jaimee Poipoi
& Roo Reihana-Wilson

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:
Mark Papalii

SOUND RECORDIST:
Joel Anscombe-Smith

CAMERA / LX ASSIST: Max Helbick

EDITORS: Alex Boyd & Jaimee Poipoi

MARKETING: Jaimee Poipoi
& Roo Reihana-Wilson

MUSIC BY: The Dixies, Hans Pucket

Production Details

GENRE: Drama, Comedy

DURATION: 11:09

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: New Zealand

LANGUAGE: English

AVAILABLE SCREENING FORMATS:
Pro Res 422 and H264

DATE OF COMPLETION: February 2026

PRODUCTION COMPANY:
Electric Shoelace Productions



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