



*Kia ora koutou,*

*My name is Pita Mei and I am an artist.*

*I work with both traditional and digital tools such as pencil and paper or photoshop and the likes. I've worked on so many projects from graphic design, to illustrations and more. If it can be drawn I can do it!*

- **How are you connected to Ngāti Pāhauwera?**

I descend from Te Kahu o te Rangi through the line of Te Haemata. My Kui (Sissiel Henderson nee Hokianga) moved from Mohaka in 1959 and met my Koro (Neville Henderson) in Wellington in 1961.

- **Have you ever failed at something?**

Heaps lol

- **What are you working on at the moment?**

I'm currently working on a comic book series pertaining to the ancient Maori myths of the Atua, environment and Hawaiiki. I'm proud of this project as its a fresh new look at pūrākau that we all know and love and it's taken me years to compile it all.

Check it out at: <https://www.facebook.com/AoLegend>



**“I see the world as the product of the people, whether creative or destructive.”**

*Pita*





- **What was your favourite subject at school?**

Art - because it felt like it wasn't work!

- **How did you learn to draw?**

My dad taught me at a really young age and then I went to reading comics, watching cartoons etc. I also picked up more skills at Animation school in Auckland where I picked up a degree - and more graphic design skills at Yoobee where I picked up a diploma.

- **Who was your favourite teacher and why?**

Marama Fox was my favourite teacher, she instilled pride in myself for being Maori at a predominantly Pakeha school. Wayne Robati, was my favourite coach, he instilled in me pride for being from Te Moana Nui a Kiwa.

- **What do you do to get through a bad day?**

Music, reading, drawing, or talking to my Mum or Kui.

- **What's your favourite food in the whole world?**

Kaimoana or anything in the unhealthy part of the food pyramid.



**“He aha te me nui o te ao?**

**He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.**

I believe the power of the world  
lies within the people.”

*Pita*