

Surprise! It's UpStage's 10th Birthday!

On 9 January 2004, the first version of <u>UpStage</u> was formally launched and released into the world as a platform for cyberformance (live online performance). A decade later, we invite you to join us in celebrating this auspicious milestone and imagine what might come next ...

How do *you* imagine the future of UpStage? *Surprise us* with your ideas! <u>Surprise us with your donation!</u>

UpStage has given an enormous amount - such as six online festivals featuring the work of hundreds of artists and freely attended by thousands of people around the world; regular online open walkthroughs; and many workshops, presentations and performances. Open source and open access, UpStage has helped to open the minds of children, artists, audiences, developers and researchers to the possibilities of collaborative online creativity.

Now you can give something back: give UpStage a birthday present - *surprise us with your donation* and help make the 10th birthday celebrations a success!



Of course there will be a party! Of course there will be cyberformances! Mark it in your diary now, January 9-10 2014, and keep an eye on the web site for further details.

The birthday celebrations will include the launch of UpStage version 3, incorporating audio-visual streaming and many exciting new enhancements. Several cyberformances are being prepared to launch and showcase v3, and a networked discussion event between Munich and Wellington will investigate and reflect on the concept of cyberformance. As well as these events - all free for you to join online from wherever you are in the world - there will be a planning meeting to address the ongoing sustainability and future of UpStage.

Donate here: <u>http://upstage.org.nz/blog/?page_id=278</u> (*if you are a New Zealand tax payer, donations over \$5 are tax deductible!*)

More information about the 10th Birthday: www.upstage.org.nz

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