



Friends

Dear Friends,

The weekend of the 10th of June this year is going to be a landmark event for the Arts Centre of Christchurch. The Great Hall, along with its associated facilities, will be finally open.

Our grand fundraising function ***The Great Event in the Great Hall*** takes place at **6.00pm on Friday the 10th June** in the Great Hall. This will be a very special occasion, which includes great food, wine, entertainment and a fantastic auction. If you have not already done so, please purchase your tickets urgently, and encourage your friends to attend, as we have limited number of tickets available.

Recently the Friends of the Arts Centre held its Annual General Meeting. It was well attended with a good number of new members present. The Chair reported on the various activities that the Friends had been involved in since its inaugural meeting in 2014 and a copy of his report is available on request. The Friends presented a cheque to the Arts Centre Trust Board for \$5,000.00 to be used towards funding the reinstatement of the 8 meter tall flèche on the Christchurch Boys' High School building. The Executive Committee is delighted to welcome three new members – Dame Ann Hercus, Faye Parkhill and Nathan Wallis. We are looking forward to working together and actively supporting the Arts Centre Trust Board in its efforts to promote the Arts Centre. The Executive Committee has been working diligently on next month's ***Great Event***.

Graeme Wallis

(Chair)



The Executive Committee of the Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch

From left to right: Back Row – Nathan Wallis, Graeme Wallis, Tim Hogan, and David Thornley. Front Row – Peter Tuffley, Dame Ann Hercus, Lynne Lochhead and Faye Parkhill. Inset – Peter Morrison

The aims of the *Friends of the Arts Centre*:

- * To support and promote the Arts Centre of Christchurch.
- * To promote and encourage the use and enjoyment of the Arts Centre as an outstanding cultural centre for the benefit of the people of Christchurch, New Zealand and internationally.
- * To support and assist with programmes, activities and fundraising for the benefit of the Arts Centre in consultation with the Arts Centre Board and Management.

Executive Committee:

Tim Hogan, Dame Ann Hercus (event Co-ordinator), Lynne Lochhead (Secretary), Peter Morrison (Treasurer), Faye Parkhill, David Thornley, Peter Tuffley, Nathan Wallis and Graeme Wallis (Chair).

Contact Details

Our website can be viewed at: <http://friendsoftheartscentreofchristchurch.weebly.com/>
(The *Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch* is now a registered charity. (No. CC51240))

For further information or if you can assist us in any way, please contact the Friends at email: christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com



<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Arts-Centre-of-Christchurch/1668219206745568>

THE GREAT EVENT IN THE GREAT HALL



CHARITY AUCTION & COCKTAIL PARTY

One of the primary aims of the Friends of the Arts Centre is to fundraise for the restoration of the iconic cluster of buildings, donated so many years ago to the citizens of Christchurch, as a creative community arts centre.

We have all been waiting for the first of the buildings nearest the Botanic Gardens to be restored and opened; the great day is now not far off! On the 8th and 9th of June, the Annual Heritage lecture and awards will be held in the newly restored Great Hall, and then it is our turn.

On Friday the 10th June from 6 – 8pm, we are holding the prestigious inaugural fundraising event, in the Great Hall, which takes the form of a cocktail party and charity auction.

The 24 auction items so generously donated includes a great mix of art and craft, special heritage tours in and around Christchurch and holiday adventures further afield, including Australia. Guideline prices range from \$175.00 to \$3,500.00, so there is something for everyone, we believe.

Our auctioneer for the evening is Roger Dawson of Harcourts, who is generously donating his skills for the evening. Fine wine and craft beer and fruit juice will be served and elegant hors d'oeuvres by White Tie Catering. There will be a special musical performance by Malestrom of Burnside High School.

Purchasers of tickets get emailed a catalogue of the auction items to pre-inspect; a hard copy of the catalogue will be given out on the night. Tickets (\$75.00 each) are selling fast with only a few left. Buy now - in one of the following ways.

(1) Send a cheque to:

The Secretary, Friends of the Arts Centre, 7 Stratford St, Christchurch 8014.

Please ensure that you include your name, address and email, so we can send out the tickets, (later) the auction catalogue.

(2) Pay by internet banking. Our bank account **SBS 031355 0807473 00**

Please ensure that you put your name and auction in the reference section and also please immediately email your name and postal address to christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com so that we can post out your tickets, and later send you your catalogue.

(3) Purchase your tickets directly (cash or cheque or eftpos) at the Classic Villa, 17 Worcester Boulevard. Leave your name, email or address please so we can send you your catalogue.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Any queries, please contact the Event Coordinator, Ann Hercus, ph: 355-6515 or email: ajhercus@clear.net.nz.



A few examples of our Twenty-five Auction Items



Mt Cook – Oil on Canvas by New Zealand painter Peter Mardon. He was awarded the Kelleher Art Prize in 1966.



A Tekapo holiday, for two nights for 2 people, at the superior Parkbrae Estate plus passes to Night Star and daytime viewing at Mt John and hot pool vouchers.



A special personal Sir Miles Warren Tour of Ohinetahi, both garden and house, for eight people, with morning or afternoon tea, in October when the garden is at its best.



Dinner for six with Mayor Lianne Dalziel and her husband Rob Davidson in their Burwood home. A great evening guaranteed.



A lithograph "Singer Songwriter II" (2001) by NZ artist Bill Hammond. His works are in huge demand and very collectable.



An amazing Akaroa adventure for two nights three days for two people at the luxury B & B Matua Gardens Retreat, plus five vouchers for incredible Akaroa experiences.

Membership Form January – December 2016



Surname(s): _____

First name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Post Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____

Membership Class (please tick one):

- Individual \$35
- Family \$65 (Include names of each family member)
- Student \$15
- Donation \$_____

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Tick if you would like a receipt

Please list your skills should you wish to volunteer:

Please make your cheque payable to the Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch and post with this form to:

The Treasurer,
Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch,
7 Stratford Street, Christchurch 8014.

OR Tick here if you have credited the Friends of the Arts Centre

SBS 031355 0807473 00 account for: \$ _____ and emailed details to:
christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com