



Dear Friends,

The highlight since our previous newsletter has been the opening of the Old Girls' High School Building (School of Art) on Friday 15th of March. This marks another important milestone in the progress towards full restoration of the Arts Centre. Friends were invited to the opening and I hope many of you took the opportunity to view the wonderful restoration work. Unfortunately the pleasure of the occasion was dimmed by the dreadful events taking place elsewhere in the city while we were viewing the building. If you were unable to attend on the official opening, there will a **public open day on Sunday 12 May 1-3pm**.

At our AGM in March we made a further donation of \$6000 to the Arts Centre. We would like to be able to give more but we can only do so with your continued support by joining the Friends, making donations, and in attending our fundraising events. An especially big thank you to those of you who have made generous donations over the past year. These are passed on fully to the Arts Centre. We appreciate the support of all our members and hope that you will encourage other friends and relations to join us.



Tim Hogan handing over a cheque to Mark Todd of the Arts Centre Trust Board

Well deserved congratulations to Graeme Wallis who was unanimously voted an Honorary Life Member of the Friends by those attending the AGM. Graeme has made a huge contribution not only as Chair of the executive committee but also as a member of the steering committee which worked to form the Friends.

Congratulations, as well, to Tim Hogan, who has been elected our new Chair.

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:

Ron Barrow (co-opted for tours), Danny Cai (Treasurer), Ronnie Davey, Annie Edmond (co-opted for tours), Tim Hogan (Chair), Lynne Lochhead (Secretary), Lorraine Logan QSM, Peter Morrison MNZM, Faye Parkhill, David Thornley, Nathan Wallis.

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For further information or if you can assist us in any way, please contact us through one of the above

Lumière Cinema

Those attending the AGM were excited to hear Nick Paris speak about his plans for the Lumière Cinema. Nick is a true film enthusiast. He aims provide a programme of films to appeal to film buffs of all age groups. Offerings will include archival screenings, restorations of old films, foreign language films and as well as theatre and opera screenings. He hopes to screen up to 6 to 7 films a day and he plans to have a cinema club. The cinema will include a bar and meeting place called the Bijou. It is expected that the opening will take place in late May, though this is dependent on the timely arrival of technical equipment. For all lovers of cinema, this will be an eagerly awaited event, which will add an exciting new dimension to the offerings of the Arts Centre. The Friends foresee that that the Bijou will become a popular meeting place and we hope to be able provide future events there in collaboration with Nick.

Some images from the opening of the School of Arts



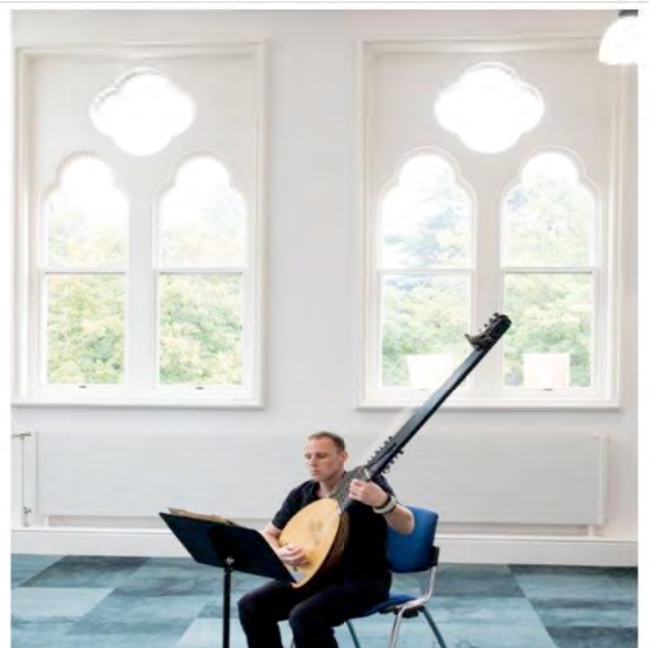
Philip Aldridge shaking hands with John Hare, the engineer associated with the project, who cut the ribbon



Invited guests enjoying some hospitality in the art workshop space, ground floor



One of the restored upstairs spaces



Lute player in an upstairs space

Fundraising The Friends are planning a garden tour in Spring as our major fundraising event of the year. More details in the next newsletter.

Forthcoming Events at the Arts Centre

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Arts Centre website or subscribe to the Arts Centre newsletter if you do not already do so, to keep up to date with events happening there. Remember that your Friends card entitles you to a discount at the Great Hall lunchtime concert series, The University of Canterbury School of music also presents a free Friday lunchtime concert series during term time.

Below are some of the free events coming up in May and June

13 –19 May *Wonders of the South Island* – Photography exhibition Pūmanawa Community Gallery,

20 May –2 June *Love the Land* - Art Exhibition Pūmanawa Community Gallery

20 May Menotti's *The Old Maid & the Thief* New Music Central

27 May Gayle Blankenburg (USA) Piano Recital New Music Central

June 25th – July 7th, *Matariki 2019* A range of activities throughout the site

The Teece Museum of Classical Antiquity

If you have not visited the Teece Museum of Classical Antiquity in the Old Chemistry building, this is definitely something you should do. This is an asset for Christchurch and the Arts Centre which deserves to be better known. Why not visit with your children or grandchildren, or out of town visitors? The museum provides a great opportunity to see some of the excellent items from the Logie Collection of artefacts from Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Near Eastern cultures in a much more accessible location than it was in the Classics Department at Ilam. The collection contains some of the finest classical antiquities in New Zealand. Since shifting to the Arts Centre, there have been several excellent exhibitions focussing on various aspects of the collection presented in an engaging and educational way. The current exhibition, *Fantastic Feasts*, runs until 23 February, 2030. It explores the many facets of food in the ancient world, examining what the ancient Greeks and Romans ate, the connections they believed existed between food and the gods, and the feasting traditions they developed to bring their communities together and to set them apart.



Open Wednesdays through to Sundays

Times: 11.00am to 3.00pm

Admission by gold coin donation

Wheelchair Access

Membership Cards

You are reminded to make use of your membership card. The "Friends of the Arts Centre Membership Card" offers members a growing number of discounts on products and services in and about the Arts Centre. Any discounts will be advertised in our Quarterly Newsletter and on our website.



- **Rutherford's Den** 10% entry discount
- **Zen Sushi and Dumplings** 10% discount
- **Curator's Deli** 10% discount
- **Bunsen Café** 10% discount on hot drinks
- **Soul Jewellery** 10% discount
- **Fudge Cottage** 10% discount on a range of product
- **Concerts for Christchurch** Adult tickets reduced from \$15 to \$10 (at both the Great Hall (Worcester St) & the Piano (156 Armagh)

Membership Form January – December 2019

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: \$ _____

All donations will be receipted. Payment of subs will only be receipted on request.

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 email details to:

christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com

If we do not have your address we cannot get a members card to you.

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