



the Arts Centre
Friends

Dear Friends,

This Spring Newsletter centres on promoting some of the activities planned by the Arts Centre over the Christmas – New Year period. One of Christchurch’s most loved festivals returns to the Arts Centre in January, with an impressive international and local line-up to celebrate 25 years of the World Buskers’ Festival. On offer is 10 days (the 18th – the 28th of January) of highly entertaining street theatre hosted at iconic sites around Christchurch, including the Arts Centre where three venues, the North Quad, the Great Hall and Market Square will host events.

After the Buskers’ Festival is over, the Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch are launching its programme of conducted tours around the Arts Centre. A substantial amount of research has been underway during the last few weeks and Ron Barrow is undertaking the organisation of the programme. This will give both locals and visitors the opportunity to experience the Arts Centre in an interesting and informative way.



We congratulate André Lovatt on his appointment at Auckland Airport – it is great recognition of his extraordinary skills, leadership and personal qualities. As Chief Executive of the Arts Centre, André has virtually achieved the impossible through his huge commitment, endless energy and outstanding leadership skills.

On behalf of the Friends of the Arts Centre thank you André. We wish you all the very best for your future. Undoubtedly you will be very sadly missed.

The Friends of the Arts Centre are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining , or know of others who may be interested, please contact us.

Graeme Wallis



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:

Ronnie Davey, Tim Hogan, Lynne Lochhead (Secretary), Peter Morrison MNZM (Treasurer), Faye Parkhill, David Thornley, 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/pages/Friends-of-the-Arts-Centre-of-Christchurch/1668219206745568>

Christmas Fundraising Concert

10 December, 2pm - The Great Hall



Voices Co – Winning Medley – *The Naked Choir* 2017

After their success on TVNZ's *The Naked Choir* we are delighted to present **Voices Co.** who will perform a special Arts Centre fundraising concert in the stunning Great Hall.

Get your tickets now either online or in person from the Rutherford's Den shop at 2 Worcester Boulevard.

The 'ace awesome' *a cappella* performance will feature a mix of Christmas classics and other favourites – all using voice only. By supporting this concert and other events, you are directly supporting the Arts Centre's restoration and ongoing maintenance. A charitable trust, the Arts Centre needs \$35m to complete the restoration of its unique, historic buildings.



Leighs Construction Outdoor Cinema

8 Dec, 11 & 12 Jan, 9 Feb - North Quad

The Arts Centre is celebrating summer with another series of Leighs Construction Outdoor Cinema for the whole family – come on down and enjoy the beautifully restored spaces. Films will be screened on the following dates in the picturesque North Quad – immersing you in one of Canterbury's most unique and beautiful locations. Enjoy favourite movies while getting a close-up look at this remarkable restoration – the largest of its kind in the world. A big thanks to the main sponsor Leighs Construction and to Media Partner The Hits. Also thanks to Find Chch that has sponsored family-sized beanbags – another reason to arrive early.

Friday, 8 December: – 6pm: *The Polar Express*
– 8pm: *Love Actually*

Thursday, 11 January: – 6pm: *Aladdin*
– 8pm: *Grease*

Friday, 12 January: – 6pm: *Moana*
– 8pm: *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*

Please remember:

Please bring a gold coin donation. The Arts Centre is a charity and is relying on your support to complete this enormous heritage project. Space is limited so please arrive early to avoid disappointment (the quad is open to the public all day). Bring something to sit on, plus cash for food and drinks (Kettle Korn, Bunsen cafe and Rollickin Gelato). Picnics welcome but no BYO – drinks will be available for purchase. No smoking. There are subtitles on both movies.



Membership Cards

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



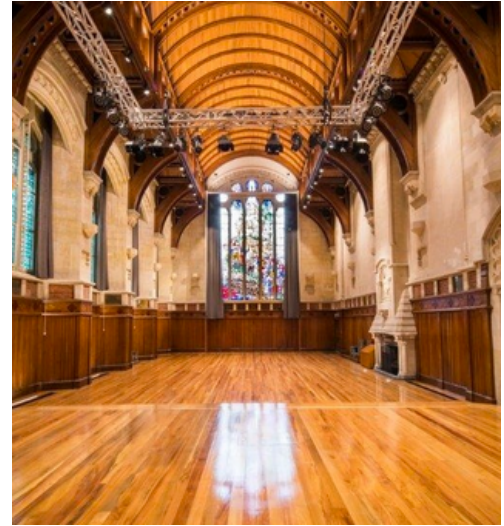
- **Rutherford's Den** 10% entry discount
- **Zen Sushi and Dumplings** 10% discount
- **Curator's Deli** 10% discount
- **Canterbury Cheesemongers** 10% discount on cheese
- **Bunsen Café** 10% discount on hot drinks
- **Soul Jewellery** 10% discount
- **Fudge Cottage** 10% discount on the Fudge Bar range of products

Prestigious Restoration Award

The Arts Centre's restoration has received two significant heritage awards, bringing its post-earthquake award tally to five. Awards were received from the prestigious UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation and from the New Zealand Institute of Architects. In addition, Holmes Consulting's work on the restoration made the shortlist of the "Oscars of structural Engineering" – the Institution of Structural Engineers' 2017 Structural Awards. The recognition relates to the post-earthquake restoration of two of the Arts Centre's most historically valuable buildings – the Great Hall and Clock Tower.



Great Hall restoration.



It's the fourth time a New Zealand project has been recognised by the UNESCO awards, with the Arts Centre taking out honours in a field of 43 projects from 10 countries. Judged by an international panel of conservation experts, a total of 16 awards were presented to diverse projects from six countries – the others being from Australia, China, India, Iran and Singapore. Duong Bich Hanh, Chair of the Jury and Chief of UNESCO Bangkok's Culture Unit, says the resurrection of the Great Hall and Clock Tower has returned a major historic landmark back to the public, which now continues to serve as a social, educational and cultural hub in the community. "The restoration... celebrates a memorable step towards the city's recovery following the devastating earthquakes of 2010 and 2011."



Clock Tower restoration

"Suffering major damage, the Gothic Revival masonry structures underwent a sophisticated regime of seismic strengthening and retrofitting, along with painstaking reconstruction of significant heritage features such as the turret and stained glass windows. Modern facilities and services were discreetly inserted to enhance the contemporary functionality of the buildings." The second award came from the New Zealand Institute of Architects, which presented Christchurch architecture firm Warren and Mahoney a heritage award. The institute noted the "painstaking attention to detail and faithful replication" of the Arts Centre.

Meanwhile, the restoration was shortlisted in the Structural Heritage category in the Institution of Structural Engineers' 2017 Structural Awards. This award recognises excellence in structural design where important heritage characteristics of the original structure are maintained through appropriate restoration, conservation, extension or refurbishment.

Arts Centre Chief Executive André Lovatt says the awards provide significant endorsement for the magnificent restoration work underway at the Arts Centre. "It is fantastic recognition for the entire team who has worked so hard and with such passion."

Membership Form January – December 2018



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

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