



Friends

Dear Friends,

Following our most successful Great Event last winter, we now have a new fundraising activity planned for 2.00pm on Sunday the 19th February next year in the Great Hall. The Friends of the Arts Centre is presenting a concert by the outstanding artist, **Ali Harper**.

A graduate of Toi Whakaari: The New Zealand Drama School, Ali wears many hats in the entertainment business; actress, singer, writer and producer. She has starred in numerous musicals and plays around New Zealand. Highlights include *Blood Brothers* (The Court Theatre), *Mamma Mia* (Dunedin & Hamilton), *My Fair Lady* (The Court Theatre), *Mary Poppins* (The Court Theatre), *Sound of Music* (The Court Theatre,) *Guys and Dolls* (The Court Theatre) and *Tell Me On A Sunday* (The Court Theatre & Circa Theatre). In 2008 in Wellington, Ali was awarded 'Chapman Tripp Best Actress'. In 2014 she performed the one-woman play *Bombshells* at the United Solo Festival in New York, where she was awarded 'Best Actress'.

Ali has toured *Bombshells* to 38 venues around New Zealand. Other tours include *Oklahoma*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Evita* and *Chess*. Performing at New York's prestigious Metropolitan Room in 2013 and 2014 with her cabaret show *Naughty and Nice: A Down Under Diva!* Ali enjoys continued success with her shows *Legendary Divas*, *Naughty and Nice*, *An Evening with Ali Harper* and *Ali Harper sings the Gershwin Songbook*. She also appears as guest entertainer on cruise ships. Television credits include *Hope and Wire*, *The Strip*, *Market Forces* and resident singer for 4 years on TV One's *Dancing with the Stars*. She was also a radio co-host on Wellington's Classic Hits.

Last year Ali released her CD *Legendary Divas*, and has two other albums entitled *Naughty and Nice* and *Something So Right*. Ali's musical play *A Doris Day Special* is being launched this year along with her 4th album.



Tickets are available from The Classic Villa, 17 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch or from Rutherford's Den shop, which is open 10am to 5pm, 7 days a week, and is located in the foyer of the Clock Tower at 2 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch.

Please read about our new special Membership Card that is being offered to members next year.

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:

Tim Hogan, Rae James, Lynne Lochhead (Secretary), Peter Morrison (Treasurer), David Thornley, Peter Tuffley, 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>

Friends of the Arts Centre Membership Card

Over the last few months David Thornley has been working on the concept of a "Friends of the Arts Centre Membership Card". This card will offer members discounts on products and services in and about the Arts Centre. Any discounts would be advertised in our Quarterly Newsletter and on our website. The intention is that these cards be made available for the beginning of 2017

While it is early days yet, we already have approval of the following:

- **Rutherford's Den** 10% entry discount
- **Zen Sushi and Dumplings** 10% discount
- **Curators Deli** 10% discount
- **Canterbury Cheesemongers** 10% discount on Cheese
- **Bunsen's Café** 10% discount on hot drinks.



This card entitles the member to special offers and privileges as listed on the website

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This card is not transferable and by using this card you agree to the Friends of the Arts Centre terms and conditions and any amendments available on our website.

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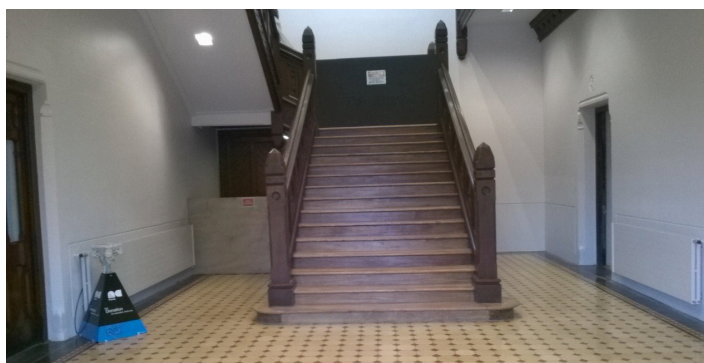


Reinstatement of the Flèche on the Christchurch Boys' High School building

The outer skin of the flèche is now on site alongside the Christchurch Boys' High School building at the Arts Centre Of Christchurch, waiting for its metal sheathing. We understand that it will be installed within the next few weeks and we hope to include some photographs of its installation in the next newsletter.

Our donation box has been installed in the foyer of the Christchurch Boys' High School building, See attached photo.

For more detail about the flèche, please see Quarterly Newsletter No 2 Winter 2015.



The Friends' donation box was installed in the foyer of the Christchurch Boys High building.



The outline of the flèche can be seen behind the green safety covering..



Christmas in the Great Hall



Tuesday December 20th at 2pm

Come along and enjoy this special Arts Centre Christmas fundraiser, with a magical musical programme being provided by the **Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Orchestra** – on tour from Australia. Tickets can be purchased at the Rutherford's Den shop in person or by phone on (03) 363 2836 or by visiting artscentre.org.nz.

As part of their New Zealand tour, they will present a mixed programme that includes Christmas music.

The 45-strong orchestra has a 20-year history and is regarded as one of Australia's finest symphonic wind bands, with members ranging from 11 to 19 years of age. Under the musical direction of James Brice, the orchestra performs extensively in Sydney and competes regularly at national and state championship events. It has won 17 national and New South Wales state titles since 2003.

All proceeds will go to the restoration of the Arts Centre.

Ticket Prices: Adults: \$25, Concession (65+ and students) \$15, Children (5 – 17 years): \$10



RUTHERFORD'S DEN

Just re-opened! Step back in time and enjoy fun hands-on activities as you learn about science in the restored heritage rooms where Rutherford studied.

The whole family can play with interactive displays inspired by the work of one of New Zealand's most famous scientists – Ernest Lord Rutherford. Celebrate the school holidays with this great deal! From 16 Dec – 30 Jan: **One child (5 – 17) FREE with every ADULT ticket (Under 5s always free)**. Open 7 days, 10am – 5pm.

The Arts Centre, 3 Worcester Boulevard.

Phone: (03) 363 2836 or visit rutherfordsden.org.nz

Membership Form January – December 2017



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

The *Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch* is a registered charity. (No. CC51240)