

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Friends of the Arts Centre Executive Committee a very happy new year to you all. Can I encourage you to renew your membership of the Friends, as there are a growing number of benefits to becoming a member.

As promised the Friends are running conducted tours of the Arts Centre. These will take place on Sundays from 2pm -3pm and will begin on Sunday the 18th of March. Please book your tickets at the Arts Centre Shop and retain your receipt to pass on to the Tour



Purchase your ticket from the Arts Centre Shop

Guide. For further details please check our website (see below). As the Arts Centre is not fully restored some areas will be unavailable to visit at this time. However, there is plenty to see and learn about within an hour. We are hoping that these tours will become a regular feature of our programme. **Our AGM takes place at 5pm on Wednesday the 21**st of March in the Board Room of the Admin Arts Centre upstairs in Arts Centre Clock Tower, Worcester Boulevard. We look forward to meeting you there.

Graeme Wallis MNZM Chair

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



- * 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 MNZM (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

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There'something for Everyone at the Arts Centre!

FOR CHRISTCHURCH FOUNDATION TRUST



The Great Hall Lunchtime Concert series is brought to you by the Arts Centre and the Concerts for Christchurch Foundation Trust.

Get tickets at the Great Hall door from midday on the day of the concert.

- Adults \$15
- Friends of the Arts Centre and Concerts for Christchurch Foundation Trust \$10
- Students & children \$5

Reservations and enquiries: concertsforchristchurch@gmail.com

The Great Hall is one of five historic Arts Centre venues available for hire. See the award-winning restoration of the Great Hall (1882) and support

the Arts Centre – an independent charity that relies on fundraising, grants and partnerships.

As proud sponsors, Bunsen café will have monthly concert deals available with presentation of programme.

Lunch bookings essential: manager@bunsen.co.nz





MARCH 26

Tres Cordes String Trio

This high-spirited trio, featuring Christchurch Symphony Orchestra members Cathy Irons (violin), Sharon Baylis (viola) and Tomas Hurnik (cello), brings music to life with freshness, warmth and beauty. Recent highlights include performances at the International Deia Festival, Spain, and the opening of the Chinese Spring Festival. They also recently recorded the soundtrack for the Art of Recovery for the New Zealand International Film Festival.

APRIL 30

Whēkau Trio

This unique and exciting trio combination of saxophone, bassoon and piano will perform works by local composer Philip Norman and a transcription of Astor Piazzolla's Four Seasons of Buenos Aires. Comprising Mark Hobson (saxophone), Craig Brad Theld (bassoon) and Alison Holden (piano), this trio has been together since 2016 and will perform at the 2018 World Saxophone Congress in Zagreb, Croatia.

MAY 28 Soprano Zara Ballara

In this performance, international opera star Zara Ballara is accompanied by pianist Iola Shelley. Following a successful European opera career, Zara has worked as an itinerant and private singing teacher in London for the past 14 years and has now returned to live in Christchurch with her family. Zara is currently Voice Co-ordinator at Canterbury University.

IUNE 25 Chamber Music

This performance showcases some of the best musicians from local secondary schools - rising stars that will astound with their talent. Following this concert, they will compete in the National NZCT Chamber Music National finals.

> A huge congratulation to our chairperson Graeme Wallis who was awarded an MNZM for services to music at this year's New Year Honours. As examples of Graeme's ongoing contribution to music he is currently President of the Christchurch Civic Music Council, Chairperson of the Christchurch Civic Music Council National Concerto Competition Trust and is the Past President of the Specialist Music Programme.

> He is a Life Member of the Christchurch School of Music, the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival Association and the Specialist Music Programme. He has presented at international conferences in New Zealand and abroad, and has chaired the organising committees for three national music conferences. He has been Musical Director of the Christchurch Operatic Society, Patron of the Friends of the Christchurch School of

Music Support Trust, and President of the New Zealand Society for Music Education.

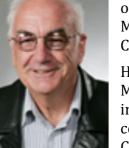
Graeme has held various leadership positions with the Avonhead Rotary Club since 1984 and has led several fundraising projects, including a leading role in the fundraising for the purchase and installation of the pipe organ at the Christchurch Town Hall. Again, congratulations Graeme.

Fave Parkhill (on behalf of the committee)









Membership Form January – December 2018				
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First name(s):				
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Membership Class (please tick one):				
Individual	\$35			
Family \$65 (Include names of each family member)				
Student	\$15			
Donation	\$			
Total Enclosed:	\$			
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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,				
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OR Tick here if you have credited the Friends of the Arts Centre				
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