



Dear Friends,

In our previous newsletter we invited those of you interested in becoming part of the executive to put your names forward. We are delighted to welcome two new members onto the Board, Rosie Belton and Nadja Grabner-Thornley.

Rosie's association with the Arts Centre spans 40 years, first as a university student and then as a tenant for her businesses, the Creative Drama Centre and later the Christchurch Drama Centre and ActNow Casting Agency. With class/rehearsal /office space in first, the Peterborough Centre, and then the Cranmer Centre, both at the time under the Arts Centre umbrella, and performance and workshop space in the Arts Centre Great Hall and Function centre rooms the Arts Centre was home to many rich years of drama related activities. She was a residential tenant for 6 months and then completed her last years as an office space tenant in the Chemistry Block leaving finally in 2009 just before the first of the earthquakes. Rosie is now very happy to be back in a new role, looking to help protect the future use of these wonderful buildings.

Nadja's association with the Arts Centre dates back to her earliest days and spans her whole life having grown up living in the apartments, with her parents being residents for over 30 years up until the earthquakes. At one time they all worked in the Arts Centre, with her father David Thornley having his office there, her mother Doris Grabner having her florist shop in the old boiler house, and Nadja working at Annie's Wine Bar and Restaurant during her high school and early university years. She feels very privileged to have joined the Friends of the Arts Centre executive committee, with her late father having been a previous member and part of the formation of the Friends. To her the Art Centre is the most wonderful place – a collection of beautiful buildings, many memories, a place truly for the people of Christchurch, and above all it will always be home.

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 (Chair), Lynne Lochhead (Secretary/Treasurer), Rosie Belton, Nadja Grabner-Thornley, Lorraine Logan QSM, Peter Morrison MNZM, Denise Murfit, Nathan Wallis

Contact Details:

email: christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com

website: <http://friendsoftheartscentreofchristchurch.weebly.com/>

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



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

Difficult financial times

You will all be aware of the serious financial difficulties confronting the Arts Centre caused by a loss of Council funding and exacerbated by the Covid-19 lockdown. A successful give-a-little campaign was run, which helped, but unfortunately, not enough to stave off loss of jobs. The role of Friends is even more important at this time. Please remember to renew your subscription if you have not already done so. You will have received a 2020 Friends card if your subscription is up to date.

The Friends not only carry out fundraising events but we also apply for grants. We were recently successful in obtaining a Te Papa Helping Hands Grant to assist with the cost of purchasing an Evac chair. This is intended to be used to allow evacuation from the Rutherford's Den lecture theatre in the event of a medical emergency where a stretcher would normally be used. It is not possible to get a stretcher up the stairs. The chair will also allow a means of access to the venue for those with impaired mobility.

Quiz Night Fundraiser: Great Hall Thursday September 10th at 6pm



Join us with your most knowledgeable friends or family for a fun Quiz Night fundraising evening to benefit The Arts Centre. Doors open at 6pm with questions starting at 6.20pm.

The Friends of the Arts Centre quiz will cover a wide swathe of topics, with the top three winning teams being awarded some wonderful prizes, and everyone can enter to have a chance to win one of the fabulous raffle baskets!

This will be a fun evening in the beautiful Great Hall, an inspiring location to help support the Friends of the Arts Centre's fundraising effort. Experienced quizmaster Kevin Gough and assistant Victoria Wales will make the evening run smoothly.

Come as a team of 6 people or come as an individual or couple and be formed into a team on the night, so don't let this deter you.

Bring cash for raffle tickets and to purchase clues or answers. There will also be an EFTPOS machine available at the bar.

A table of 6 costs \$150, or tickets are \$25 each. Ticket price includes a platter to share to accompany alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks from the bar. Numbers are strictly limited so book now.

To Purchase your tickets go to the events page on the Arts Centre website

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 & the Piano (156 Armagh St))



WHAT'S ON



A Colourful Past: An evening of fashion and fundraising

12 & 13 August in the Great Hall 7.00pm - 9.30pm

BellaBean Vintage and Tiger Vintage will showcase a colourful homage, celebrating the love affair that is vintage and sustainable clothing. Their collection represents the wonderful mix of old and new, reminding us of the beautiful freedom that has always been found in dressing with individual flair. This modern interpretation of time-honoured pieces are not only works of art, but most importantly, underline the fact that style does not have to cost the earth.

For more information and for booking go to the Arts Centre website.

Great Hall Lunchtime Concert series 1.10pm – 1.50pm

Don't forget your membership entitles you to \$5 off the entry price. There is something there for every taste!

10 August	Helen Charlton (soprano), Chris Archer (piano)
17 August	Broadway Buddies
31 August	Garden City Big Band
14 September	Naomi Ferguson (voice) Alex van den Broek (piano)
28 September	Aeolus Saxophone Collective
5 October	Brent Painter and Roanna Funcke (percussion)
12 October	Michael Endres (piano) Mark Menzies (violin)
19 October	Fiona Pears (violin) Connor Hartley-Hall (guitar)
2 November	Suoni - The 'Sound of many Voices'
9 November	Classical Jazz Quartet
30 November	Café Operana
7 December	Jennine Bailey (jazz vocalist) Tom Rainey (piano)

Did you know that the Teece Museum has a selection of talks available online?



You can access the talks at this link: <https://www.artscentre.org.nz/whats-on/teece-talks-online/>

Membership Form January – December 2020

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.

The *Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch* is a registered charity. (No. CC51240) Donations (but not subs) are eligible for a tax credit.