

Introduction

Gala Weekend at Genesis Theatre – TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Friday 5 September, 8pm

Following a critically acclaimed season in Sydney and Melbourne, Gliding On's Ray Henwood is *Playing Burton*. The one-man show tells the story of Richard Burton, legendary actor and icon, exposing the man behind the myth...the voice, the passion, the excess, the story of a little Welsh boy who grew up to become one of the most powerful actors and personalities of the twentieth century.

Saturday 6 September, 8pm

Wayne Mason Band in concert

Wayne Mason is out front with his full band in concert. Writer and performer of one of New Zealand's most successful No 1 hits, Nature.

Sunday 7 September, 7pm

Sam Konise returns for a special opening performance

One of Upper Hutt's foremost musicians, Sam Konise, returns with his first violin recital in two years. He is accompanied by his sister, Ruth Konise, and is sure to sell out.

Enjoy this special show at Genesis Theatre, prior to their 2003 Korean tour.

Tickets for the above shows \$30, Tickets on sale now. Telephone (04) 527 2168 or from www.expressions.org.nz Transaction fee applies.

Café Cibo

Well known in the café scene, local women Denise Forrester and Michelle Fahey will run the new café at Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre.

Known as Café 'Cibo (pronounced Cheebow, the Italian word for food) the menu will offer café style meals with an emphasis on "fresh and funky" food. Café Cibo is fully licensed, providing quality New Zealand wines and a selection of New Zealand and boutique beers.

Michelle, who's passionate about coffee, says their boutique style New Zealand roasted organic coffee "Leonardos" is sure to find favour amongst the discerning coffee connoisseurs of Upper Hutt.

"Café Cibo is a place where everyone will find something to their liking" says Denise. "We will also be offering catering for corporate or private functions booked at Expressions and elsewhere".

The sunny outdoor courtyard adjoining the café, and lively atmosphere created by the Centre attracted the pair to tender for the lease. Expressions Director Stephanie Cottrill says they are ideal candidates for the café. "Michelle and Denise's passion for excellent food and beverages, and depth of experience, combined with a focus on customer service was exactly what the Trust was looking for."

From 2 September, Café Cibo will be open Tuesday to Sunday from 8.30am to 5pm and on show nights for preview and interval drinks and light meals. "We are looking forward to a busy first weekend, with the opening of Expressions and the excitement of the Spring Festival in town." says Denise. Enquiries can be made on telephone 021 302 770.

Volunteers Update

Volunteer applications have now closed. A dynamic team of thirty arts enthusiasts are preparing to host you at Expressions from September 2. Our next volunteer recruitment will take place six months from Opening in March 2004.

Friends of Expressions Fund-raising Update

The Friends of Expressions has now secured just under \$477,000 towards their \$600,000 fundraising target! Naming rights for seats are still available at \$1000 per seat. Remaining seats are sure to sell fast after Genesis Theatre is opened, so call Yvonne Airey now to secure your seat - telephone 528 6730.