



EXHIBITIONS



MEDIEVAL TO METAL

25 MAY – 1 SEPTEMBER

Medieval to Metal: The Art & Evolution of the Guitar is an exhibition developed by the National Guitar Museum in the USA. Featuring 40 guitars spanning 400 years, Medieval to Metal traces the guitar's beginnings in Asia and Europe through to today's blues, country and rock 'n roll. From the intricately inlaid Moorish oud to the modern Italian design of the Eko and transparent acrylic body of California's BC Rich guitars, the exhibition takes visitors through the history and design of an object that is one of the most recognisable items on the planet.

The exhibition also includes illustrations of historically important guitar designs from noted artist Gerard Huerta and photographs of acclaimed musicians and their guitars from Neil Zlozower, one of the world's premier concert photographers.

Proudly supported by Rimutaka Trust, Pub Charities and The Breeze. Entry by donation.



TAKE A MOMENT WITH US

6 JULY – 22 SEPTEMBER

Take a moment to get to know people with intellectual disabilities living in your community. This exhibition features photographs by Christchurch documentary maker and photographer Bridgit Anderson and video footage by Sam Morrison, Tania McKenzie Bellam and Jasper O'Donnell. You'll be encouraged to think about what our communities could be like if we focused on ability not disability.

Proudly presented in conjunction with IHC. Image credit: Alexander, by Bridgit Anderson.



WELLINGTON REGIONAL ARTS REVIEW

7 SEPTEMBER – 17 NOVEMBER

The bi-annual review of recent works by artists from the Wellington region. This exhibition showcases a wide range of media from a diverse number of artists.



**MAI I KONEI KI TENEI WA
SHANE COTTON: FROM HERE TO NOW**

28 SEPTEMBER – 2 FEBRUARY

Shane Cotton is a prominent New Zealand artist renowned for his captivating contributions to contemporary art. Born in Upper Hutt in 1964, this exhibition traces Cotton's artistic journey from his roots and formative years spent in Upper Hutt during the 1960s and 1970s, to today. It is also in celebration of our 21st birthday, honouring one of Upper Hutt's most renowned artists with a collection of artworks spanning his illustrious career.

Image credit: Shane Cotton, x-d, 1994, courtesy Te Manawa Museums Trust



**21 ARTISTS:
SMALL WORKS FROM 21 UPPER HUTT ARTISTS**

21 SEPTEMBER – 1 DECEMBER

21 Artists is a celebration of the diversity, creativity, and unique perspectives of 21 Upper Hutt artists for our 21st birthday. Featuring a broad spectrum of mediums reflecting the artistic depth and individual viewpoints this exhibition puts a spotlight on the wealth of talent in Upper Hutt.

Image credit: Jo Kreyf, 2023



CLEVER CRUSTACEANS

7 DECEMBER – 16 FEBRUARY

Crabs, lobsters, shrimp – they are Aotearoa New Zealand's most famous crustaceans. Now meet the wider gang, from barnacles with superglue to slaters in the backyard. Explore the unique features of five marine crustaceans and take a dive into their world.

Proudly toured by Te Papa Tongarewa, Museum of New Zealand



YAKISHIME – EARTH METAMORPHOSIS

23 NOVEMBER – 19 JANUARY 2025

Yakishime, firing unglazed wares at high temperatures, is the oldest ceramic technique in Japan. This exhibition focuses on Yakishime wares, as part of Japan's traditional culture, and presents their history from the earliest examples to the present, featuring Yakishime tea vessels, food vessels, and works that are transformations of Yakishime into non-utilitarian objects of art.

Curated by Iwai Mieko, from Panasonic Shiodome Museum and presented by The Japanese Embassy and The Japan Foundation.

Image credit: Yakishime, Curated by Iwai Mieko, Panasonic Shiodome Museum



HOME: ONE CITY MANY CULTURES

UNTIL 12 MAY 2025

Home tells the stories of ten families who have travelled from other countries to make Upper Hutt their home. Here they share their personal journeys, their challenges, and their triumphs, and what it is like to leave one home behind, to create a new one.

Through their stories, hear insights into why they left, how they got here, and what brought them to Upper Hutt, New Zealand. Experience their fear, their joy, their sadness. Share in their struggles and rejoice with them in their successes. Most of all, celebrate the families and cultures that make Upper Hutt the multicultural community it is today.

Developed by Whirinaki Whare Taonga. Image credit: photograph by Dianna Thomson, 2022. Supported by Lotteries Environment and Heritage.



SUNDAY STRUM

Join us on the first Sunday of every month for a ukulele jam.

You can listen or join in, use one of our ukes or bring your own. Beginners to advanced players, ages 5 to 95, all welcome.

Sunday 2 Jun, 7 Jul, 4 Aug, 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov

2-3pm in the Rotary Foyer · \$10 donation per person

LUNCHTIME LIVE!

A series of lunchtime concerts given by performance students from Te Kōkī New Zealand School of Music. 1PM · Entry by donation

23 July: strings

13 August: winds / brass

10 September: voice

8 October: piano

Lunchtime Live! is brought to you by Whirinaki Whare Taonga, The Upper Hutt Grand Piano Trust and Te Kōkī New Zealand School of music at Victoria University of New Zealand.

POP UP ART SHOP

Introducing our Pop Up Art Shop space for local artists, available in our Foyer. Anything from fashion to art goes. Whether it is pottery, jewellery, clothes, design or paintings, our Pop Up Art Shop can accommodate you. We welcome self-published authors promoting their books, seamstresses sewing in situ, and artists using the space.

The space comes as a blank canvas, so you can bring your own displays, clothing racks and furniture.

Available on Sundays 10am – 3pm. Applications and the schedule of Pop Up Art Shops are at www.whirinakiarts.org.nz or email popupartshop@whirinakiarts.org.nz

WELL MADE Craft Festival

Saturday 12 October 2024

10AM – 4PM

- CRAFT STALLS
- CRAFTING WORKSHOPS
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- MEET THE MAKERS
- ARTISAN FOOD

FREE ENTRY

Stall registration forms are available from reception or go to whirinakiarts.org.nz

PUBLIC PROGRAMMES



MEDIEVAL TO METAL WITH MAD DOG MIKE

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY · FREE · 5-6PM · NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Take a tour with Mad Dog Mike through 40 Guitars spanning 400 years, and hear the insights and secret stories behind the exhibition. A complementary welcome beverage is included.



SPECIAL ABILITIES AFTERNOON TEA

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST · FREE · 4.30-5.30PM · NO BOOKING REQUIRED

In conjunction with Take a Moment with Us, we invite the IHC and special ability communities and their whanau for an afternoon tea and exclusive viewing of the exhibition.



JAPANESE POTTERY

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER · 1-3PM · FREE · NO BOOKING REQUIRED

A talk by Kumiko Jacolin, a maker of ceramics and PhD student in Victoria University of Wellington about the ancient technique of Yakishime.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



LITTLE WHIRINAKI: ART FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

TUESDAY'S DURING TERM TIME · 9.15 – 10AM
\$35 PER TERM FOR MATERIALS

Weekly art sessions for little people aged 2.5-5 years old. 45 minutes of discovery and fun, with something new every week! Bookings are essential and caregiver supervision is required.



PHOTO FRAME FUN

TUESDAY 9 JULY · 10AM – NOON · FREE · NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Create your very own beautiful photo frame in celebration of our Home exhibition. Your favourite photos can be on display and help make your house feel like a home!



CRAZY CRAB CREATIONS

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY · 10AM – NOON · FREE · NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Join us as we celebrate the Clever Crustaceans exhibition. Create a fun under-the-sea craft!

MUSIC & THEATRE



NZ ARMY BAND

THURSDAY 8 AUGUST · 7.30PM · \$35 PER TICKET
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

New Zealand's only professional brass band with international recognition performs a programme of work sure to delight and entertain.



RED HEAVENS

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST · 8PM · \$25 PER TICKET · BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Red Heavens portrays the true story of an Italian pioneering immigrant on D'Urville Island, whose fate is intertwined with the forces of nature and her deep connection with a Arika-Tapairu Māori woman. A bitter, but beautiful tale.



MURIWAI

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER · 7.30 PM · \$35 PER TICKET
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Muriwai is a single movement work which explores strong kaupapa Māori concepts combining Māori and Celtic musical traditions through Celtic harp, vocals, and taonga puoro by award winning musicians Ariana Tikao (Kāi Tahu) and Bob Bickerton.

IT'S OUR 21ST BIRTHDAY



Rā whānau ki a Whirinaki Whare Taonga

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER · 10AM-2PM

21 Artists: small works from 21 Upper Hutt artists

21 Tickets to give away: if you turned 21 in 2024 get a free theatre ticket!

21 Friends of Whirinaki memberships to give away²

21 Birthday Cakes: have some cake with us, free for everyone

21 Birthday Crafts: choose a craft or two to make and take home

1: Limited to the first 21 people, tickets are to a Whirinaki presents show July – December 2024 for one person. **2:** for the first in the door, open to new members only, valid for one year.



DOUGH BAKERY PRE-SHOW PIZZA NIGHTS

Dough is open pre-show for pizzas, wines, beers and coffee! Come to Whirinaki early and kick-back before the show with a delicious Detroit-style pizza and a drink. Bookings can be made online Doughbakery.co.nz



SHOP

Looking for a little treat for yourself or a gift for a friend? Keen to support local artisans or looking for something New Zealand made? Our specially selected range of items is available in store. Every purchase you make supports our work to connect art with people.

INFORMATION



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10am–4pm, seven days a week
One hour prior to performance on show nights

VENUE HIRE: whether you're holding a conference, a public meeting, a wedding, providing corporate training, hosting a business dinner or giving a presentation, Whirinaki Whare Taonga can meet your needs. Ask us how we can help you host a memorable event.

Enquiries to 04 527 2168 or info@whirinakiarts.org.nz

BOOKING TICKETS: to book tickets, either pop in to Whirinaki Whare Taonga, call 04 527 2168, or book online at www.whirinakiarts.org.nz
Booking fees online apply.

EAT & DRINK: for opening hours of Dough Bakery, please visit our website

SHOP: our shop is open every day 10am – 4pm for the very best New Zealand made art, design and gifts.

FREE Wifi: Wifi is available throughout the building.

ANNUAL PARTNERS



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