

THEATRE & DANCE AT EXPRESSIONS



ALEXANDER SPARROW IN BECOMING TRUMP SATURDAY 19 JANUARY • 8PM • \$30 ADULT • \$25 FRIENDS CONCESSION

Alexander Sparrow started playing Trump before he won the election—and he hasn't stopped since. He's been on TV, his shows are selling out, and his career is on the up. Meet the Southern Hemisphere's #1 Trump impersonator!

Presented by Sparrow and Boyle Entertainment



ON THE ROAD WITH MICHELE A'COURT & JEREMY ELWOOD TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY • 8PM • \$20 ADULT • \$18 FRIENDS CONCESSION

Michele A'Court and Jeremy Elwood are two of New Zealand's premier stand-up comedians. Well known on radio and for regular television appearances on 7 Days and The Project, Michele and Jeremy are renowned for their intelligent, irreverent and insightful comedy. This show promises to be a hilarious night out.

Presented by Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre in association with Arts on Tour



MOCKINGBIRD FRIDAY 15 MARCH • 8PM • \$20 ADULT • \$18 FRIENDS CONCESSION

Mockingbird explores the often neglected subject of mental health through the use of humour, mask and music. Based on a true story, Le Coq trained Lisa Brickell brings to life a family from different generations, together with original music by singer and musician Siri Embla. This is a moving and insightful show.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND THURSDAY 11 APRIL • 7.30PM

Alice In Wonderland tells the story of a young girl who is whisked away to a magical world of wonder. Falling down a rabbit hole she meets magical creatures on her adventure to find her way home. Melbourne City Ballet's Michael Pappalardo and Brendan Bradshaw pay homage to the well-known novel by Lewis Carroll, with this enchanting ballet complimented by Tchaikovsky's famous score. It's time to fall down the rabbit hole—don't be late for this very important date!

A RESERVE: adults \$52.50, child (12 & under) \$42.50, concession \$42.50, family pass \$170.00

B RESERVE: adults \$47.50, child (12 & under) \$37.50, concession \$37.50, family pass \$165.00

Presented by Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre in association with Melbourne City Ballet



MR MCGEE AND THE BITING FLEA SATURDAY 27 APRIL • 10AM • SUITABLE FOR AGES 2 ONWARDS \$8 PER TICKET • UNDER 2 ON KNEES FREE • BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Prepare to be mesmerised and enchanted as huge packing cases are opened and new worlds emerge, filled with quirky characters and stories. Featuring tales from the much-loved collection of children's author, Pamela Allen such as 'Mr McGee', 'Alexander's Outing', 'Belinda', 'Mr McGee and the Biting Flea' and more.

Presented by Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre in association with Capital E National Theatre for Children

CLASSICAL EXPRESSIONS 2019



ALESSIO BAX MONDAY 8 APRIL • 7.30PM

Italian born Pianist Alessio Bax visits us for the first time to New Zealand. Alessio joins us as part of an Australasian tour which includes performances with the Melbourne Symphony and Sydney Symphony and brings an Italian themed programme, including:

- Alessandro Marcello: Oboe Concerto in D minor, S D935 (arr. J.S. Bach, BWV 974)
- of Corelli, op. 42
- Franz Liszt: St. François d'Assise: La prédication aux oiseaux, S. 175/1
- Sergei Rachmaninov: Variations on a Theme



ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON MONDAY 6 MAY • 7.30PM

The full Orchestra Wellington presents a programme called 'Eight Seasons'. A performance of Vivaldi's Four Seasons paired with 'The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires' by the Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla (famous for his tango music). The concert will feature Concertmaster Amalia Hall as soloist.

- Astor Piazzolla: The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires
- Vivaldi: Four Seasons



MICHAEL HOUSTOUN MONDAY 10 JUNE • 7.30PM

The welcome annual return of New Zealand's eminent pianist Michael Houstoun, with an evening of works by Debussy, Schumann and Scarlatti.

\$35 ADULT • \$160 SIX CONCERT SUBSCRIPTION • \$30 CONCESSION (FRIENDS/PIANO CLUB/UPPER HUTT MUSIC SOCIETY)

Proudly supported by Gee & Hickton Funeral Services

Classical Expressions is brought to you by Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre and The Upper Hutt Music Society with funding from the Community Trust of Wellington



LATE NITE SOUND BITE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

7-9PM • KOHA ENTRY

Late Nite Sound Bite is a once a month late night opening on the last Thursday of the month with fresh NZ music, and all galleries, café and shop open until 9pm. Entry is by Koha and it is family friendly.

- 27 February Bryce Wastney Folk Country Gospel
- 28 March Aya Grace Soul
- 25 April Harvest Mood Country
- 27 June Time Liners Boogie Blues

EXPRESSIONS LIVE!

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

- Tuesday 9 April STRINGS
- Tuesday 7 May PIANO
- Tuesday 4 June VOICE
- Tuesday 9 July STRINGS

Expressions Live! is brought to you by Expressions Arts & Entertainment Centre, The Upper Hutt Concert Grand Piano Trust, and Te Kōkī New Zealand School of Music at Victoria University of New Zealand.

SUNDAY STRUM

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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 3 Mar, 7 Apr, 5 May, 2-3pm in the Rotary Foyer



THURSDAY NIGHT ROOTS: NEWTOWN ROCK STEADY THURSDAY 30 MAY • 8PM • \$30

Newtown Rocksteady have been bringing the sound and values of the original Jamaican Rocksteady, ska, and Reggae movement, with a generous dose of soul and a solid helping of skank, to festivals, events and venues since 2007. Featuring key members of Wellington's music scene in an all brass, all bass, all party, big band experience this will be one concert not to be missed.

THE JAZZ GALA: AMERICAN ALL STARS WITH THE RODGER FOX BIG BAND FRIDAY 31 MAY • 8PM • \$45

A star spangled night featuring USA Drummer Gregg Bissonette, one of the world's leading drummers who has played with Maynard Ferguson Joe Satriani, Carlos Santana, Toto and the Ringo All Star Band as well as David Lee Roth of Van Halen fame. He is joined by 'once in a lifetime' lead trumpet player Wayne Bergeron whose recording credits reads like a who's who in contemporary music, running from Ray Charles to Green Day, Beyoncé to Barbra Streisand. In concert with the Rodger Fox Big Band.

BLUES NIGHT SATURDAY 1 JUNE • 8PM • \$45

The one and only Chris Cain—star of the World Blues Revue with LA based Daniel Castro who has backed many great artists, including Pee Wee Clayton and Little Esther Phillips and legendary Small Faces. They are joined by bassist: Steve Evans, drummer: Ron E Beck and keyboardist: Ben Wilcock, one of New Zealand's star keyboardists. This will be one kick-ass blues show.

THE TOPP TWINS SUNDAY 2 JUNE • 8PM • \$45

New Zealand's best loved entertainers; The Topp Twins join the stage! The well-loved twin sisters, Dames Jools and Lynda Topp, invite you to join them in a special performance, one-night-only concert of comedy, politics, music and mirth. Featuring a retrospective celebration of the Topp Twins' career, with some new songs and stories The Topp Twins present pure acoustic country with distinctive double vocal harmonies, and of course... yodelling. A signature experience for all New Zealanders.

Queen's Birthday Music Festival is brought to you by Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre with funding from the Rimutaka Trust and support from The Breeze.

\$30 - \$45 Adult • \$40 Friends/Jazz Club • \$20 Students

To book tickets either pop in to Expressions Whirinaki, open 7 days a week 9am - 4pm or call 04 527 2168 or book online at www.expressions.org.nz . Booking fees online apply.

Valentine's VARIETY CONCERT

FUNDRAISING FOR NEW GALLERY COLLECTION STORE CREATIVE WORKSHOP KITCHEN FOR THE HALL

FEATURING

MUSIC, DANCE THEATRE & SONG

Sean Preston, Lisa Tomlins
Rodger Fox & Erna Ferry
Maaka Fiso, Jim Noice

students from The New Zealand School of Music
Upper Hutt Musical Theatre, The Sunday Strum Ukuleles
The Heretaunga Players, The Brazilian maestros Clube do Choro
and more... (with 100% of proceeds going toward the extension)

Valentine's Day

Thursday 14 February 2019 at 7.30pm

The Gillies Group Theatre

Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre

836 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt

Tickets

Table Seating: includes 2x platters (savoury and sweet) and a welcome drink - \$80

Tiered Seating: includes a welcome drink - \$50

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EXPRESSIONS Whirinaki



JANUARY - JUNE 2019

EXHIBITIONS



MT FELIX TAPESTRY 22 DECEMBER 2018 – 3 MARCH 2019

The Mount Felix Tapestry is a community stitch project created by more than 600 people in both England and New Zealand between 2015 and 2017. It commemorates and honours the 27,000 Kiwi soldiers who were treated at the hospital at Walton on Thames from 1915 onwards, the dedicated doctors and nurses who cared for them and the local community who welcomed them into their hearts.

This beautiful artwork ensures that the stories of courage, resilience, romance and friendship, set against a backdrop of the unimaginable horror of war, will never be forgotten.

Created over thousands of hours by volunteers of all ages and experience levels, the tapestry celebrates the enduring spirit of community and connections across nations and over time.



REFLECTIONS 22 DECEMBER 2018 – 10 FEBRUARY 2019

Pinestream Quilters of Upper Hutt presents an exhibition of new quilts made by members, featuring a diverse range of materials and techniques.



THE EXQUISITE WOUND 16 FEBRUARY – 7 APRIL

This entrancing installation engages all senses, looking into the nature of life. The Exquisite Wound is an interdisciplinary installation by visual artist Rebecca Swan in collaboration with composer Charlie Ha, engineer Peter Swan, light artist Peter Stoneham, and scientist David Shillington. The works contemplate how we relate to the disappearance of our physical bodies, and asks the question, "what are we without them?"

Rebecca Swan examines the nature of our existence using digital and analogue technology with a set of works featuring photographs, video and music.

*Proudly supported by Creative Communities, Upper Hutt
Image credit: All Hearts are Sacred, Rebecca Swan, 2008 (detail)*



BRRROOM BRRROOM 9 MARCH – 28 APRIL

Zoom Zoom! Beep Beep! Toot Toot! Brrroom Brrroom! This child-focussed exhibition features work from around New Zealand based on transportation, wheels and things that move. With a range of interactive activities including a large scale road and lots of cars, bikes, trikes, and trains, this is an art experience that goes.

*Image credit: Waikato Pedal Car, Arana Horncy, collection of the Dowse Art Museum
Proudly supported by The Great Journeys of New Zealand*



AEIOU: TŪHURAHIA TE ARAPŪ MĀORI EXPLORE THE MĀORI ALPHABET 4 MAY – 23 JUNE

AEIOU is an entertaining, family exhibition all about the Māori alphabet. Enjoy learning Māori words through a diverse mix of objects. From Aotearoa (New Zealand) to whare (house), ngata (snail) to hoiho (horse) visitors will enjoy exploring this fun mix of items, from a different perspective. Artist Kereama Taepa, originally from Upper Hutt, has created unique designs for the letters of the Māori alphabet, which are a special highlight throughout this bilingual exhibition.

Toured and developed by Rotorua Museum



THE TOPP TWINS 13 APRIL – 16 JUNE

This exhibition celebrates Lynda and Jools Topp, fondly known as The Topp Twins; some of New Zealand's best-loved entertainers. Synonymous with small town, rural New Zealand and that Kiwi "can-do attitude" the Topp Twins have become cultural touchstones for more than 40 years with their playful, powerful and political creative work. As Camp Mother and Camp Leader, the Gingham Sisters, Westie girls Raylene and Brenda, posh socialites Prue and Dilly or the Kiwi bloke and townie combo of Ken and Ken, the Topp Twins continue to champion the communities and causes near and dear to us.

*Toured and developed by Te Manawa
Proudly supported by Staglands Wildlife Reserve, Upper Hutt*



GO COUNTRY IN UPPER HUTT MONDAY 3 JUNE / QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - 10-2PM SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

The Topp Twins will be in the Staglands barn from 12-2pm.

Join us in Upper Hutt for a day in the country to celebrate the Topp Twins. Visit the exhibition, decorate a rainbow cupcake, make a protest placard and have go at line dancing before heading up to Staglands to meet the Topp Twins. The Topp Twins will be at Staglands Wildlife Reserve from 12-2pm in the barn, for a meet and greet.

Travel to Staglands at own cost/arrangement and entry fees applies.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMES



THE ROOFTOP BAR

FRIDAY 8 & SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY - 4.30 - 9.30PM
FRIDAY 15 & SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY - 4.30 - 9.30PM

Join us at Upper Hutt's one and only pop-up Rooftop Bar. With panoramic views over the valley, great wine, antipasto platters and great late afternoon sun, what better way to celebrate summer. Four nights only in February on Gibbs Court, level one, Expressions Whirinaki. Not suitable for young children.

QUILTING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY - 10AM - 1PM - FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Please join members of the Pinestream Quilters Club as they demonstrate a range of quilting techniques.



ARTIST TALK AND TOUR: REBECCA SWAN

SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY - 1PM - FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Multi-disciplinary artist Rebecca Swan gives insights into her work at this artist talk and tour.



POI E!

SUNDAY 26 MAY - 1 - 3PM - SUITABLE FOR OVER FIVES
FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Join in this free workshop where you can make your own Poi and have a go at using it.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



LITTLE EXPRESSIONS: ART FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

TUESDAY'S DURING TERM TIME - 9.15 - 10AM - \$30 PER TERM FOR MATERIALS

Weekly art sessions for little people aged 2.5-4 years old. 45 minutes of discovery and fun, with something new every week! Places are limited so bookings are essential and parent/caregiver supervision is required.

STITCH A POPPY

WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY - 1 - 3PM - SUITABLE FOR OVER FIVES
FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Be inspired by the Mt Felix Tapestry exhibition and make your own tapestry poppy.



COLOUR OUR WALL

23 - 27 JANUARY 9AM - 4PM - SUITABLE FOR OVER FIVES
FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Come and help us colour in our walls these school holidays with some giant colouring-in.



WHEELS DAY

SUNDAY 14 APRIL - 10AM-2PM - SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES
FREE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Bring your bike and pop in for a go on the bike obstacle course with Upper Hutt City Council's Activation team. There will be FREE child safety car seats checks by trained restraint technicians in the H20 carpark.

INFORMATION



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9am – 4pm
seven days a week

One hour prior to
performance on
show nights

Booking Tickets: To book tickets, either pop in to Expressions Whirinaki, call 04 527 2168, or book online at www.expressions.org.nz. Booking fees online apply.

Upper Hutt i-SITE Visitor Information Centre:

Looking for something to do? Come and see us first for all of your travel bookings, Snapper card supplies and accommodation needs.

Venue Hire: Whether you're holding a conference, a public meeting, a wedding, providing corporate training, hosting a business dinner or giving a presentation, Expressions Whirinaki can meet your needs. Ask us how we can help you host a memorable event.

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