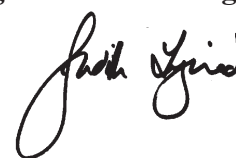


TIZ REVUE

It's only April but it's already been a fabulous year for the arts across the country. It seems to have been a summer of festivals with the Lantern, Hero, Pasifika and AKO7 Festivals in Auckland, Te Matatini in Palmerston, WOMAD in New Plymouth and the Asia Pacific Music Festival in Wellington. The Festival season is continuing into Autumn with the Festival of Colours in Wanaka later this month, the NZ Post Book Awards Festival nationwide in May and the New Zealand New Caledonia season which sees events throughout the country for the rest of the year. The best place to find out what's on is at www.nzlive.com, which in addition to providing information on cultural organisations and upcoming events is also a great place to start if you are looking for funding for a cultural activity.



Resale Royalties

As Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Associate Minister for Commerce I have released a discussion paper inviting public feedback on options for a resale royalty right for visual artists along with the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Rt Hon Helen Clark.

Also known as an "artist's resale right", the arrangement is currently in use in around 50 countries. It means visual artists receive a royalty payment each time an original artwork is resold on the secondary art market.

"In tackling this complex issue, the Government is honouring its 2005 election manifesto promise to examine international developments relating to resale royalties for artists and their possible application to New Zealand," Helen Clark said.

The discussion paper is on the Ministry for Culture and Heritage website <http://www.mch.govt.nz/publications/resale-royalty/>. Submissions are due by 22 June 2007.

International Dance day

International Dance Day held annually on April 28th, is part of world wide celebrations of Dance around the globe. The UNESCO chosen day brings people together in peace and harmony through the medium of dance, to celebrate the diversity of dance styles that cross political, cultural and ethnic barriers.

Check out <http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/tengirathenzdiversityactionprogramme/participants2007/danzdanceaotearoanewzealand.php> for further information

Nominations for Prime Minister's Awards for Literary Achievement

New Zealanders are invited to nominate their choice of an outstanding New Zealand writer whose work they admire and who has made a significant contribution to New Zealand literature in the genres of poetry, fiction or non-fiction. You can download nomination forms from Creative New Zealand's website: www.creativenz.govt.nz. Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 15 June.

****May is New Zealand Music Month ****

The seventh annual New Zealand Music Month is nearly here. This initiative has been a huge success in showcasing our own music. Watch out next month for my special Music Month edition of Tiz Revue.



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Chamber Music NZ

The NZ Trio are winding up their 2007 celebrity tour of Waikanae, Invercargill, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington and Upper Hutt. Performance included the world premiere of James Gardner's blessed unrest.

NZSO premiere

In May the NZSO will premiere Eve De Castro Robinson's 'These Arms to Hold You' for Children's Voices and Orchestra, conducted by Hamish McKeich.

Congratulations to the NZSO who celebrated their 60th anniversary in March this year. The Orchestra is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee by visiting 28 different towns and cities around New Zealand, presenting over a 100 concerts through its main subscription season, celebrity specials, tours and education concerts.

2007 Stage Challenge

Once again the Stage Challenge is on, starting on ANZAC day and running through until 31 May nationwide. The Stage Challenge is a unique and exciting opportunity for schools to take part in a dance, drama and design spectacular where the students are the STARS. The result is professional events, staged in some of New Zealand's top venues.

Striking a chord in China

New Zealand is presenting itself to the world with the Te Papa exhibition New Zealand New Thinking, currently touring in China. Two New Zealand performance groups will be on site with the exhibit and will perform several times a day. One Group is Strike, a high-energy percussion performance group; the other is a Maori and Pacific Island performance group from Whitireia Polytechnic's Performing Arts School.

Speed dating for Top of the South artists

Artists from across the top of the South Island will be enticing gallery owners to form a relationship with them at the inaugural Top of the South Arts Expo, to be held in Nelson on 29 and 30 May.

NZ's Favourite Movie Ever.

Join in on the fun and cast your vote in the 2-month survey to find New Zealanders' favourite movies of all time. Register to vote at <http://www.flicks.co.nz/nzsfavmovie.php>.

Youth Choir to tour

The TOWER New Zealand Youth Choir is touring Canada, the UK and Spain during June and July. The Choir is performing at Festival 500 in Canada - one of just 34 choirs from around the world selected to attend. In Europe the Choir will compete at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and will also perform with Hayley Westenra.

While on tour, the Choir act as cultural ambassadors, presenting New Zealand and Pacific repertoire, including kapa haka.

Last year the Choir's CD, 'Spirit of the Land', won the Best Classical Music Album category at the New Zealand Music Awards 2006.

For more information see www.youthchoir.org.nz/

Vaka Moana

I hope as many people as possible saw the stunning Vaka Moana exhibition which has just closed at the Auckland Museum. It tells the story of the Pacific story of the exploration of the Pacific Ocean - going back 4000 years ago.

After its Auckland debut, Vaka Moana will tour internationally, opening at the National Museum of Ethnology (Osaka, Japan), September - December 2007; the National Museum of Natural Science (Taichung, Taiwan), June - August 2008; the National Museum of Australia (Canberra, Australia), October 2008 - February 2009; and the Tropenmuseum (Amsterdam, Netherlands), December 2009 - February 2010. The exhibition is also travelling to France, the United States and Canada, before returning to New Zealand in 2011.

Tutus on tour

The Royal New Zealand Ballet successfully covered the country from Kaitia to Invercargill during Tutus on tour. The programme featured a wonderful collection of 5 classical and contemporary dance works.

Congratulations Lloyd Jones

Lloyd Jones' novel, Mister Pip, has won the South East Asia and South Pacific Region of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize Best Book Award 2007.

Lloyd is also the recipient of the Creative New Zealand Berlin Writers' Residency and will spend a year in Berlin from August 2007.

**We can take pride in a cultural identity that embodies
our unique heritage and creativity.**

