



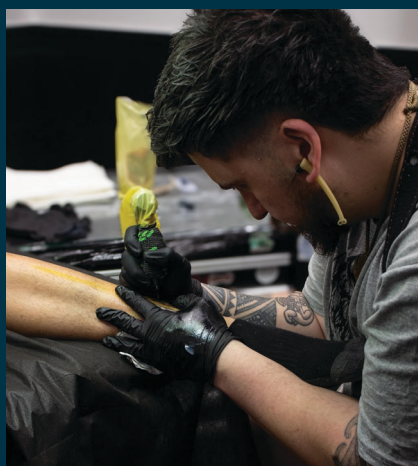
PUBLIC PROGRAMMES



ARTIST TALK AND TOUR

Hear insights from Darcy Nicholas about his work spanning more than six decades.

Sunday 26 July
4pm
Free



TĀ MOKO DEMONSTRATION

Oho Mai artist and tā moko tattooist Stephen Thorpe gives a live tā moko demonstration.

Saturday 8 August
11am-4pm
Free



KAI AND KŌRERO

A guided talk though the Orongomai Tū Tonu exhibition followed by kai and kōrero.

Sunday 20 September
4pm
Free

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



LITTLE LANDSCAPES

A fun, hands-on watercolour workshop for kids inspired by the art of Nugent Welch.

Wednesday 8 July
Thursday 9 July
10am – 2pm
No booking required



POI MAKING: TRADITION IN MOTION

Create your very own poi to take home.

Thursday 1 October
Thursday 8 October
10am – 2pm
No booking required



WIND AND WONDER

A chime-making workshop for kids.

Thursday 14 January
Thursday 21 January
10am – 2pm
No booking required

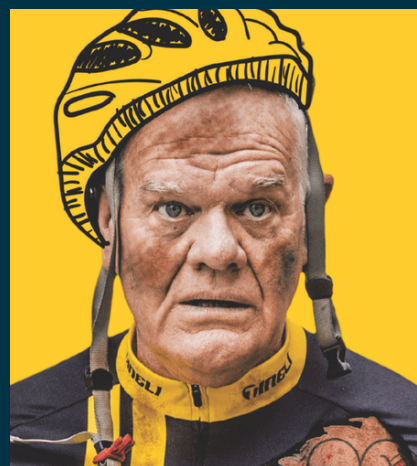
MUSIC & THEATRE @ WHIRINAKI



CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

A psychedelic exotic jazz band against a backdrop of hand-drawn animations.

Sunday 26 July
8pm · \$25



GOMIL: GRUMPY OLD MAN IN LYCRA

Hilarious live theatre starring acting legend Mark Hadlow.

Tuesday 1 September
Wednesday 2 September
7.30pm · \$35



SPRING EXPERIENCE

A celebration of classical ballet and contemporary dance from the NZ School of Dance.

Thu 24 Sep · 7.30pm
Fri 25 Sept · 7.30pm
Sat 26 Sep · 2pm & 7.30pm
From \$17

CLASSICAL EXPRESSIONS



THE ELOUAN QUARTET

A journey through soundscapes that evoke flowing rivers, twilight atmospheres, and dynamic folk rhythms.

Thursday 16 July
7.30pm



DOLFIN-LIN DUO

Hungarian cellist Balázs Dolfin and Chinese New Zealand pianist Tony Chen Lin explore diverse cultural traditions.

Thursday 3 September
7.30pm



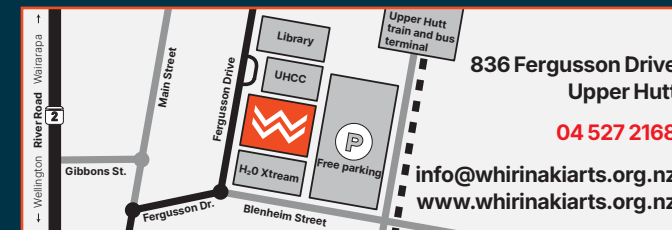
AROHA STRING QUARTET

Buckle up and travel around the globe with music from seven different countries.

Thursday 8 October
7.30pm

Individual Tickets: \$38 · Friends of Whirinaki Discount \$35
Under 16 years FREE · Groups of six or more \$30 · Booking fees apply
Proudly supported by Summerset at The Course.

INFORMATION



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

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 apply.

EAT & DRINK:
Dough Bakery is open
Mon–Fri: 7.30am to 3.30pm
Sat & Sun: 8am to 3.30pm

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

FREE WIFI: available throughout the building.

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.

Bookings to 04 527 2168 or bookings@whirinakiarts.org.nz



ANNUAL PARTNERS



Information is correct at time of printing, but may be subject to change, including late additions, cancellations, and booked-out sessions.

EXHIBITIONS



**LAND OF MY ANCESTORS
DARCY NICHOLAS**

A deeply personal retrospective honouring whakapapa and legacy, bringing together six decades of drawings, paintings, jewellery and carving in one landmark exhibition.

25 July – 18 October

Image credit: My Ancestor is Me, Darcy Nicholas, Acrylic on board, 2013.

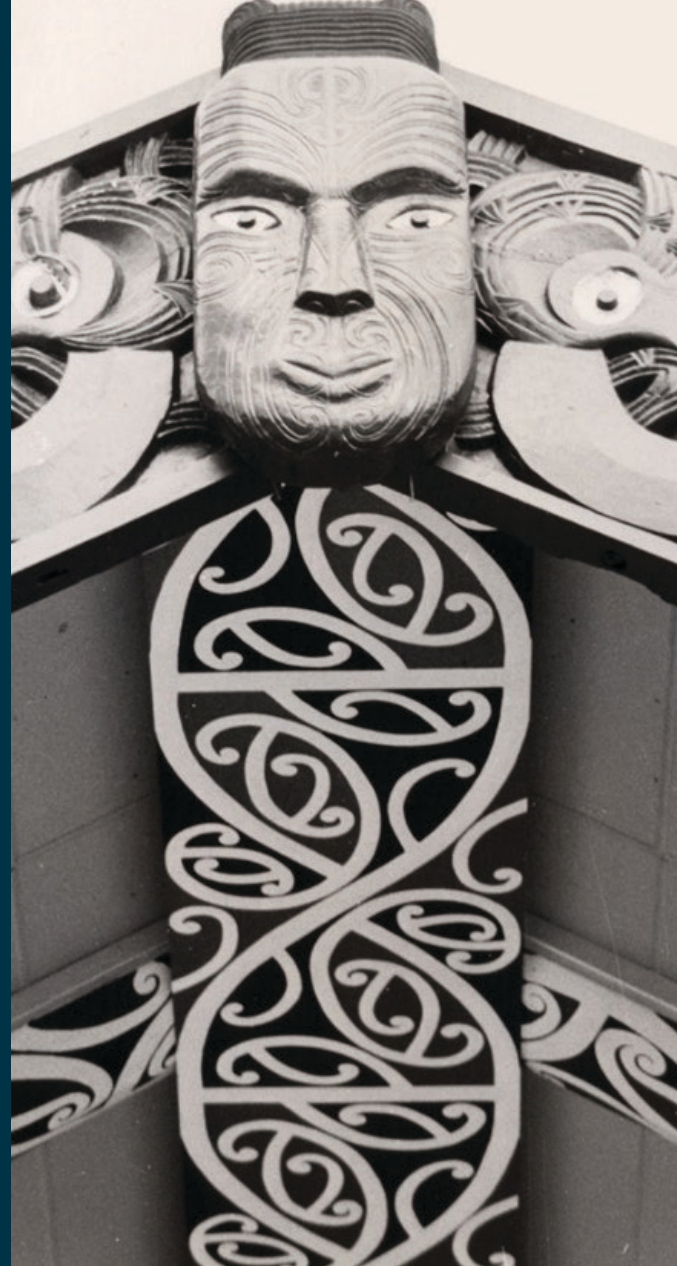


**AIR PLAYGROUND
LET SCIENCE BLOW YOU AWAY**

Whoosh, gust, swirl, float and more! Explore aerodynamics through playful experiments, games, and hands-on interactive experiences.

31 October – 28 February 2027
Entry by donation

*A Museums Victoria Touring Exhibition.
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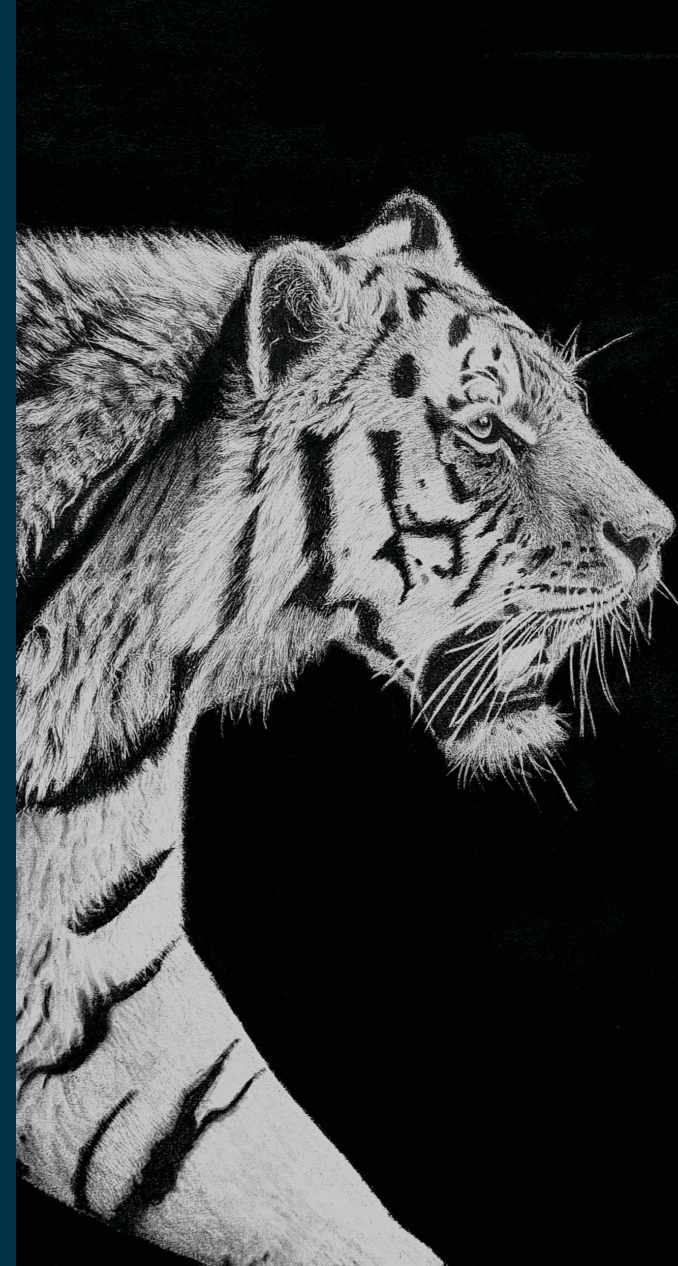


ŌRONGOMAI TŪ TONU

Ōrongomai Tū Tonu celebrates 50 years of Ōrongomai Marae, honouring its history, people, and enduring role as a living place of identity, community, and belonging.

17 August – 22 November

*Image credit: Ōrongomai Marae 1988; whare whakairo detail; koruru and ridge beam (tāhuhu), photography by Eric Wood, 1988, courtesy of Upper Hutt City Library.
Proudly supported by Hutt Mana Charitable Trust and Aotearoa Gaming Trust*



**FOUR ON THE FLOOR
TAKING A LINE FOR A WALK**

Four artists Gill Newland, Sam Dollimore, Sarah Albisser, and Yavanna den Harder explore drawing, from subtle marks to bold gestures and explorations of line and form.

28 November – 14 March 2027

Image credit: Yavanna den Harder, Prince of the Jungle, charcoal, 2023

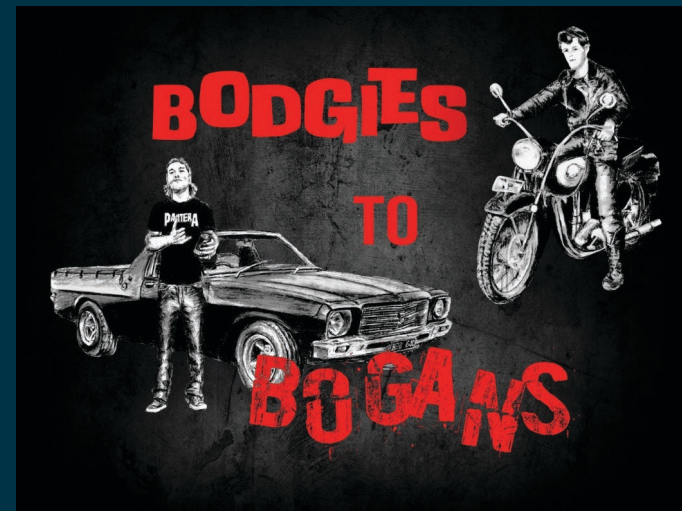


OHO MAI - THE AWAKENING

Oho Mai brings together four contemporary Māori artists Garry Nicholas, Joanne Kahui, Louis Mikaere, and Stephen Thorpe showcasing new work grounded in kaupapa Māori.

8 Aug – 18 October

Image credit: Raranga kete, Joanne Kahui, harakeke, 2026



BODGIES TO BOGANS

Bodgies to Bogans tells the story of the juvenile delinquencies and teenager rebellion of the 1950s to the 1980s.

Until 11 October

Curated and developed by Whirinaki Whare Taonga. Proudly supported by The Rimutaka Trust.



**WELL MADE
Craft Festival**

CRAFT STALLS | CRAFTING WORKSHOPS | DEMONSTRATIONS
MEET THE MAKERS | ARTISAN FOOD | ART TRAIL HUB

**Saturday
10 October 2026**

10AM – 2PM

**free
entry**



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

LUNCHTIME LIVE!

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

July 14
Strings

September 8
Winds and Brass

August 11
Voice

October 6
Piano

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