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Black in Fashion: Wearing the Colour Black in New Zealand

Pop-up exhibition

From the all black uniforms of our sports teams to that icon of Kiwiana, the black singlet, black is the colour most commonly associated with New Zealand identity.

Playing on the words and concept of all black and linking that to the place of black in New Zealand's fashion (historical and contemporary) and cultural heritage, Black in Fashion will get to the heart of this blackness, in an engaging and stimulating way.

A New Zealand International Arts Festival exhibition presented by the New Zealand Fashion Museum in association with Museum of Wellington City & Sea.

24 February to 18 March 2012. Free admission. See www.festival.co.nz or www.museumswellington.co.nz for location and times of this pop-exhibition.

Handel's Messiah

It wouldn't be Christmas without the Messiah! To kick off the festive season, the Bach Choir of Wellington presents Handel's all-time favourite choral work – in collaboration with the superb Chiesa Ensemble, and under the direction of Stephen Rowley.

Featuring soloists: Amelia Ryman, Megan Hurnard, Thomas Atkins and David Morris

27 November, 2.00pm. Venue: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington.

Tickets are available now at ticketek.co.nz

Phone Ticketek 0800 842 538

K-Ci & Jojo Love Life 2011

R&B duo, brothers Cedric "K-Ci" Hailey and Joel "JoJo" Hailey, are coming to New Zealand for their Love Life Tour in December. K-Ci & JoJo sing songs of love and loss, joy and heartbreak.



K-Ci & Jojo Love Life 2011

Their life journeys and talent allow them to genuinely reach their audience. Don't miss the chance to see the legendary R&B duo in the performance of their lives to say thank you to their Australasian fans. Special guest is Barry Southgate, with local DJ's also at each show.

14 December, 7.00pm. Venue: St James Theatre, Wellington

Tickets are available now at ticketek.co.nz Phone Ticketek 0800 842 538

Heath Franklins Chopper

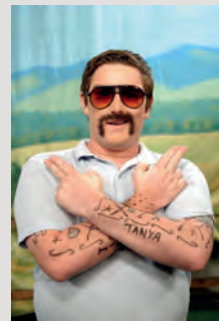
A Hard Bastard's Guide to Life is a comprehensive hit-list on how not to just survive, but thrive in a modern world that thinks it's better than it is. With Chopper's easy step by step guide, you'll learn how to punch life in the guts, take compromising photos of its wife and watch it cry as it hands over the keys to your future.

With no-holds barred, and no bars to hold him back, Australia's Most Wanted comedian returns. BYO Moustache.

12 November, 7.30pm

Venue: Wellington Opera House. Tickets are

available now at ticketek.co.nz Phone Ticketek 0800 842 538



New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops 1 – The Mainland Tour

Nothing brings people together like Christmas: its appeal transcends the generations, bestowing its magical aura on young and old. Featuring popular mezzo-soprano Helen Medlyn and conductor Alexander Briger, this concert brings the magic of Christmas to the Mainland, in a musical celebration the whole family will enjoy. Celebrate a Southern Christmas with us – it's the perfect way to capture the happy spirit of the festive season with those you love.

1 December, 6.30pm. Venue: Wellington Town Hall

Tickets are available now at ticketek.co.nz Phone Ticketek 0800 842 538



Raybon Kan in Clear & Present Manger

It's Xmas, so join Raybon Kan on the highway to the Manger Zone!

Relish the thrill of living mangerously! Raybon crucifies Xmas, skewers Santa, and cluster-mulches vacant-eyed reindeer into delicious dim sum of red-nosed venison. It's commercial, it's sacred – how much more do you need?

6-11 December, 8.30pm. Venue: Downstage Theatre, 12 Cambridge Tce, Mt Victoria. For ticketing information visit www.downstage.co.nz

The Dresden Dolls

Led by the hyper-articulate Amanda Palmer and supported by drummer extraordinaire Brian Viglione, the two mine a rich seam of 'Brechtian punk cabaret' combined with electrifying, highly personal songcraft.

Theatrical in the best sense of the word, the Dresden Dolls evoke the decadence of Weimar Berlin with punk attitude and bristle. Amanda's often provocative lyrics and melodramatic piano stylings are the perfect foil for Brian's picaresque humour. The duo are also well known for their idiosyncratic cover versions including 'War Pigs', Britney's 'Baby One More Time' and our own Peter Jefferies sonorous 'Electricity'.

28 January, 8.00pm. Venue: The Opera House. Tickets are available now at ticketek.co.nz, phone Ticketek 0800 842 538.

New Zealand International Sevens

35,000 fans pack out Westpac Stadium over two huge days of rugby and entertainment. Sevens rugby is fast paced and action packed. The Wellington tournament is famous for its brilliant carnival atmosphere in the stands and all the weird and whacky costumes.

Catch the Players Street Parade through the city lunchtime Thursday, people watch on Friday and Saturday morning as Big Bird, Captain Planet, Swedish Maids and Pirates all do the 'Walk of Fame' as they make their way through the city to Westpac Stadium. Be sure to head to Courtenay Place on Saturday night when the street is closed off and turns in to a massive carnival spectacular!

3-4 February, Venue: Westpac Stadium. Visit www.sevens.co.nz for more information.



Seal Coast Safari

Travel from the city centre to the wild south coast and it's amazing wildlife, all in three hours! Seal Coast Safari has been providing guests with exclusive access to some of the best scenery for over 15 years. Seasoned travellers have described this as their favourite New Zealand experience – when the fur seals are resting in their south coast colony, it is a great time to see the seals up close in their natural habitat. The safari's 'Seal Mobiles' drive out of the city through a stunning private hill country farm and over a faultline to Wellington's rugged south coast. Great views of the city, the South Island, Cook Strait and distant snow-capped mountains are a treat along the way and you will see wild goats, ostriches and sometimes even wild horses! On the beach, you'll enjoy tea, coffee and muffins alongside the fur seals, as you watch them stretched out on the sand or draped over rocks, sleeping off their night's fishing. The return journey travels 20 kilometres along the rugged southern coastline, over sand and rocks, around bays and headlands, with the ocean almost lapping the wheels of the 'Seal Mobiles'. Tours depart at 10.00am & 1.30pm daily from the i-SITE Visitor Centre, Wakefield Street, and take three hours. See ad facing page.

Seal Coast Safari, Freephone 0800 73 25 27
Email safari@sealcoast.com, www.sealcoast.com





Midnight Youth

Julia Booth, soprano; Ben Makisi, tenor; Helen Medlyn, mezzo soprano
The Dominion Post Summer Concert, Government House

Music

4 December, 2.30pm, Wellington Chamber Orchestra conducted by Michael Joel

Michael Joel conducts the Wellington Chamber Orchestra in their final performance for 2011. Paula Carryer will lead the orchestra in a programme including: Douglas Lilburn: Drysdale Overture W A Mozart: Violin concerto No. 5 (soloist: Anna van der Zee) G Bizet: Carmen Suite no. 1.

Venue: St Andrews on the Terrace, 30 The Terrace

Door sales: Adults \$20; Concessions \$15 (Tertiary students, Seniors, unwaged); School students or younger: free

16 December, Midnight Youth – World Comes Calling Summer Tour

Jandals – check... Towel – check... Chilly bin – check! Performing their new album 'World Comes Calling', which debuted in the NZ Charts at #4, Midnight Youth are set for some rebel rousing, hook driven, stadium anthems for the rock-lovers of summer.

Venue: Bodega, 101 Ghuznee St, Te Aro, R18, general admission
Tickets \$35 phone 0800 111 999 Booking fees may apply

11 February, The Dominion Post Summer Concert

Government House will throw open its gates again for the public to enjoy the magnificently refurbished gardens while the orchestra entertains them with a composer's portrait of Europe. As in previous VWO outdoor concerts, a battery of historical replica cannons will fire a salvo for the finale of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. Otherwise, the concert is a vibrant musical tour through Europe accompanied by New Zealand's finest singers.

Venue: Government House, Rugby St, Newtown

For tickets phone 0800 842 538, booking fees may apply

18 February, Jim Beam Homegrown

Hosted by Nick D, The Red Bull Lab will showcase the ultimate collective of super bands and DJ battles; already announced are The Adults, AHoriBuzz with guests Tiki Taane, Fran Kora and LA



Mitchell with more guests to be confirmed; and a DJ sound-clash featuring Concord Dawn vs. P Money. For the first time, the Jim Beam Rock Stage proudly combines the two biggest names in Kiwi rock: Shihad and Blacklist (featuring 4 of the 5 original members of Blindspott). Also confirmed are Black River Drive, The Thomas Oliver Band and Shotgun Alley.

Venue: Wellington Waterfront, Jervois Quay, R15, For more information visit www.homegrown.net.nz

Theatre

6-10 December, Silent Night

Aperitifs, Apparitions and Asparagus rolls... With tea trolley polished, Cameo Cremes plated up and sherry at the ready, Yvette Parsons' intimate solo show Silent Night is roaring to go at. It's Christmas Day and somewhere in Sunnynook - Irene McMunn, is throwing a party!



Venue: BATS Theatre, 1 Kent Terrace, Mt Victoria, R15 Tickets phone 04 802 4175, booking fees may apply.

19 November-23 December, Aladdin, The Pantomime

A wicked end-of-year tradition. Songs by Paul Jenden and Michael Nicholas Williams. Aladdin is a musical, magical, spectacular show that keeps young and old entertained and laughing...

Venue: Circa theatre, 1 Taranki Street, Wellington
Bookings phone 04 801 7992

Special Events

3 January-18 March 2012, Colonial Cottage Museum and Heritage Garden

The heritage chickens are flourishing and the garden is in full summer bloom. Take a tour to experience 1850s family life.

Open everyday 12 to 4pm. 68 Nairn Street (top of Willis Street).
Phone 04 384 9122. www.museumswellington.org.nz

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