



Newsletter April 2024

We've had a busy start to the year. Our annual show at The Arts House Trust, normally towards the end of the year, is on now.

Kotahi te moemoeā: A Shared Vision

'Kotahi te moemoeā: A Shared Vision' at The Arts House Trust, Pah Homestead, opened on Thursday 22nd February and celebrates our Creative New Zealand award winners **Sarah Holten** and **Ululau Ama**.

The exhibition acknowledges the achievement and work of Ululau (recipient of **Pacific Toa Award 2022**) and Sarah (recipient of **Te Tohu Iho Pūmanawa award 2023**) in their recognition by Creative New Zealand as outstanding artists.

The Opening Night was a celebration of Sarah and Ululau's Māori and Pasifika cultures respectively with speeches, tributes and dancers. It was also a touching tribute to Sarah's extraordinary life.

A Shared Vision is on until *Sunday 21st April* so there's still time to see it if you haven't already.

Art as an Agent of Change

On Wednesday 20th March we held a panel discussion at The Arts House Trust - *'Art as an Agent of Change'*.



Image: Fale by Ululau Ama



Image: Rose by Sarah Holten

A panel of experts discussed who matters, and who doesn't, in our society, and whether art actually matters, as well as individual's capabilities and contributions.

The chair was actor and writer **Peter Feeney** and he was joined by panelists **Madeleine Chapman, Jeanine Clarkin, Jeremy Mayall** and **Philip Clarke**.



Image for East Tamaki Chorus Box by Falefatu Enari



Image for Kingsland Chorus Box by Falefatu Enari

Fatu's Chorus Box Projects

Falefatu 'Fatu' Enari has been commissioned to paint two Chorus boxes.

He was approached by the arts broker for *East Tamaki and Te Tuhi* gallery to create something that reflects his local area. Fatu's working with Business East Tāmaki and The Beautification Trust for the painting of a Chorus box on Kerwyn Avenue and Ra Ora Drive in Howick.

The second box he's working on is with tutor **Tim Danko** and Chorus, to paint and beautify the Chorus box on Aitken Terrace in Kingsland. His design was selected from hundreds of entries.

Māngere Māpura Studio

Over the two years it's been running, **Māngere Māpura Studio** has worked closely with grass roots social justice organisation **I AM Māngere**. They're currently collaborating with local ecology group **Te Ara-rata Stream Team** to paint a mural for the upcoming **Māngere Community Enviro Hub**. The mural will be on five primed plywood panels that will be bolted onto the container once finished. The first panel is now up.

Tutors **Margaret Feeney** and **Sonny Tuiletufuga** are running Māngere Māpura Studio every Wednesday morning in the Māngere Town Centre Library. Call in and see them if you get the chance. Maybe help paint a panel!



Image: Rainbow in the Manukau by Avtar Singh



Image: Artists in the Māngere library working on a panel, Panel 1

A Small Show

We're having a small pop-up exhibition at **Westfield St Lukes** during the school holidays. 12 artworks will be exhibited on the ground floor of the mall, at the bottom of the escalators and close to the **The Body Shop**.

It's a great opportunity to showcase the work of our fantastic artists in a very public space. The exhibition will be installed on *Monday 15th April* and runs until *Friday 26th*.

In Other News

We've recently started a free art class for adults in **Ōtara - Māpura** Ōtara Studio meets on Monday mornings in the *Te Puke o Tara Community Centre* and everyone's welcome.

A new stroke therapy re-stART programme is starting in late April at the Irish Club, next door to us in Fowlds Park.

Our **Matariki** exhibition will be in late June. It'll be in *Alberton House* again and keep you up to date on social media and email.

Featured Artist - Madeleine Wilson

Madeleine Wilson is an artist in the Tuesday afternoon *Open Studio 2* class. She's been attending Māpura for a number of years, although she did take a break between 2004 and 2011 to pursue her love of horse riding.

"I was horse riding for a long time," Madeleine says. "I did a term of drama class and found that wasn't my cup of tea so I came back here."

She's an accomplished artist and often works on a thematic series until complete, and then starts another.



Image: Central Otago by Madeleine Wilson



Image: Dancing Queen by Madeleine Wilson

Her many series include marionettes, national costumes, pop stars (*"Abba are my favourite band"*), New Zealand landscapes and coloured pencil drawings of another great love, birds. Madeleine also draws cats quite magnificently.

Madeleine received a Highly Commended award for her painting 'Floral Window' in the 2013 IHC Art Awards and in 2017 she was a Finalist for 'Olivia Newton John'.

In her varied and prolific artistic career, she has produced two books, 'Artwork & Sketches' and 'Film & TV Stars'.

In person, Madeleine Wilson is as warm and charming as her artwork.

Thank You!

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And Finally...

...check out our brand new website - www.mapurastudios.org.nz



Image: Brown Dotterel by Madeleine Wilson

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