



Annual General Meeting 2022

A big thank you to all who attended the Friends' AGM 2022 in late April.

We are especially grateful to the new incoming Pātaka Art + Museum director Ana Sciascia (see profile on right), who shared some of her story with us to open the AGM. Her enthusiasm for her new role was very apparent and highly contagious!

We are pleased that our committee remains constant with Sue Mortlock and Gillian Dodson remaining as co-presidents for another year. We welcome Frances Austin to the team. All reports are on our website, at friendsofpataka.org.nz.

Free concert – 25 May



NZSM students in the School's 2021 performance of Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld*. Photo ©Philip Merry.

Opera et al – NZSM Classical Voice students Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 12 noon Performing Arts Studio, Pātaka

As the perfect lead-in to our upcoming Winter Music Series (see over), Pātaka is offering a free concert recital.

New Zealand School of Music classical voice students will sing a mix of song, Lied, chanson, and opera from their upcoming recitals in what may well be one of the few public performances they give this year!

This is an unmissable concert, free for all, with a koha to help cover the cost of the pianist.

PĀTAKA STAFF PROFILE



ANA SCIASCIA

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tahu, Ngāti Raukawa
DIRECTOR

We are delighted to introduce our new director for Pātaka Art + Museum, Ana Sciascia, who leaves her role as Senior Advisor Māori to the Prime Minister Jacinda Adern to join us.

Ana is a local, having grown up in Whitby and now living in Titahi Bay. She has a Masters Degree in Museum Studies and extensive experience, networks and strategic knowledge in the arts sector.

Before her role with the PM, Ana worked at Creative New Zealand as an International Advisor; her job was to connect high-quality New Zealand arts and artists with global markets and audiences. This took the form of touring, relationship building and collaborative projects, including cultural and artistic exchange. Ana also helped establish the First Nations Exchange Programme.

Ana will join the team on Monday 9 May, and says she's delighted to be continuing the impressive legacy of Pātaka and looks forward to bringing her own flavour and flair to the role.

WINTER MUSIC SERIES

Early in the second half of the year, we are again offering a concert series of one-hour concerts free to Friends of Pātaka (\$5 for non-members) in the Helen Smith Room or in the Performing Arts Studio.

SUNDAY 24 JULY, 2-3PM

Kelburn Viaduct Municipal Ensemble Jug Band



The Kelburn Viaduct Municipal Ensemble Jug Band will offer an hour of their unique brand of music

SUNDAY 31 JULY, 2-3PM

Michaela Cadwgan – opera recital



Star soprano Michaela Cadwgan (seen here singing at Government House in August 2019 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) will treat us to some wonderful music from the world of opera. Not to be missed!

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST, 2-3PM

Steezy Standards – NZSM Jazz students

Some "Steezy Standards" from Victoria University School of Jazz for your entertainment.

SUNDAY 14 JULY, 2-3PM

To be advised.

Find out more at on the [Friends' Events](#) pages.

TOI STORE ARTIST PROFILE



AIMÉE MCLEOD
WORKS IN CERAMICS

"Wheel throwing, coiling, playing with slabs of casting slip are all techniques I use in my work. From functions to sculptural my output is varied and prolific. Shapes are always evolving naturally, not by design, progressing from one to the next which then suggests a theme.

"I have been exhibiting regularly with CeramicsNZ and in other exhibitions nationally, including the Portage -2018.

"I love all aspects of working with clay, to the point of obsession. Currently I am fascinated by the translucence and possibilities of porcelain and casting slip. Marrying these with more robust hand building clays is a challenge.

"I get real satisfaction from developing glazes that look organic and are appropriate for the piece."

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