

Arts Access Aotearoa

Panui / Newsletter

December 2005

Kia ora.

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year – it hardly seems credible that it is December already but the calendar tells us it is so! It's been an exciting year here, full of change, at Arts Access Aotearoa.

Thank you all for your support and interest in our work this year; it is invaluable. We are all looking forward to 2006 which will see the beginning of some exciting new projects.

Best wishes for a restful, relaxing and fun holiday time.

- *Bronwyn*

Arts Access Aotearoa will be closing down over the Christmas period from 22nd December to 4th January. Staff and Trustees wish you a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to working with you all again next year as we return refreshed and revitalised.

Wrapping up 2005...

Childrens Art Boxes

With funding from the TG Macarthy Trust, Arts Access Aotearoa had the opportunity to provide wooden trunks full of art materials to a range of facilities where children and young people spend time. These facilities often run on very tight budgets, with little money available for items such as art materials. The first sets of boxes were distributed in February this year and were greatly enjoyed by the recipients.

In this round the art boxes were provided to: the Somali Council holiday programme and Mission 4 Youth in Wellington, He Huarahi Tamariki - School for Teenage Parents in Porirua, Youth One Stop Shop, Palmerston North Women's Refuge, the Lower North Youth Justice Centre in Palmerston North, Kapiti Women's Refuge in Paraparaumu, and Te Manawa Anger Management Services and Manchester House in Fielding.

National Art Tutors Working in Prisons Forum 2005

Arts Access Aotearoa hosted the inaugural 'art tutors working in prisons forum' in Hamilton on 8 December. The forum provided a significant opportunity for art tutors working in prisons around New Zealand to share their experiences and skills. Funding was granted by Trust Waikato for the cost of holding the forum.

Looking ahead to 2006...

Story Book Dads 2006 – Northland Regional Corrections Facility (NRCF)

This story writing and story recording project will be piloted in NRCF in 2006. The project increases literacy, reading, writing and technical skill-sets for inmates. This pilot project is being supported by ASB Trusts.

Prisoner Writers Mentor Programme 2006 – Waikeria Prison

Beginning early in 2006 AAA in partnership with the New Zealand Society of Authors and Waikeria Prison will deliver a prisoner writing mentor programme for a one-year period. AAA has secured the funding for this project from CLANZ, Community Learning Aotearoa New Zealand, a funding programme of the Tertiary Education Commission.

Refugee & Migrant

Art Access Aotearoa are currently working with the Sudanese Community of Wellington region to support their children to set up and deliver an arts programme during school holidays in January 2006. The project will address and promote art awareness in these children and their need to creative expression as well as their physical and mental well-being.

Arts Access Aotearoa has also identified an excellent Art tutor - therapist who will facilitate the arts program with the help of tutor aides from the community. The project will aim to educate and help gain art awareness in young Sudanese children and those from Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Somalia, Rwanda, Uganda and Eritrea. The children will then use Art as a medium to express their understanding and familiarity of their new environment in New Zealand.

Updates:

Pablos & Roar! have moved...

Pablos Art Studio and Roar! Gallery have settled into their respective new homes.

Pablos
250 Cuba St, Wellington
Ph 382-8885

Roar! Gallery
55 Abel Smith St
Ph 385-7602

Opportunities...

Free Course, NZIM Certificate in Management – Whitireia

The Whitireia Community Polytechnic is able to offer the New Zealand Institute of Management Certificate in Management course for free in 2006. This is a 6 month, Level 4 national qualification. The next intake is 9 January 2006 at the Porirua or Wellington campus.

This offer may be of interest to many community groups, clients and contacts who are interested in learning basic business skills to enable them to either to run a small business, a club or charity organisation and accounts or start on a career through business studies.

If you would like any further information on the Certificate in Management or any programme please email:

Prue Elwood P.Elwood@whitireia.ac.nz

Whitireia Community Polytechnic
Phone 237 3103 ext 3224
Cell Phone 027 603 9996

Adopting Art - Exhibition

Adoption, Counselling, Education and Research Trust (ACERT) is proud to announce "ADOPTING ART". This exhibition is an opportunity to bring to the public eye the depth and complexity of the adoption experience. It is making the implicit explicit, by allowing those with a living experience of adoption to express themselves, and communicate about the culture of adoption.

ACERT is seeking a cross-section of items to display in the Exhibition

- Painting, photographs, sculpture, collage, textiles, mixed media, literary works
- Performance art may also be welcomed for the opening session.
- Deadline for entry – 16 January, 2006.

To request an Exhibition Entry Form interested persons should contact:

Kaaren Beverley

Email ACERT@xtra.co.nz

Phone 09.298.2432

Fax 09.298.2455

Photocopier

As a one off AAA was able to donate a photocopier to one of the organisations we work with, as we received funding to replace it with a newer one. The copier went to 101 Stafford Street, a Creative Space in Timaru. During this process it became obvious that there is a large demand for decent equipment at reasonable prices.

Some suggestions for those organisations that are looking for copiers, computers and such like are:

- make contact with local universities, polytechnics, and government departments who may sell equipment at a low price when they upgrade
- some suppliers of photocopiers have ex-rental or second-hand copiers available at low prices
- try second-hand office furniture dealers (check the Yellow Pages), auctions and on line auctions (e.g. TradeMe)
- investigate the feasibility of renting instead of purchasing, and if your copying volumes are low a combined printer/copier/scanner may be a better option
- gaming machine societies are some of the most likely options for funding office equipment

The Reel Short Film festival

Youthtown, in Central Auckland is holding their first Film Festival featuring short films made by young people aged 13 - 18 years old. The Reel Short Film festival hopes to give aspiring young film makers a chance to have their work viewed in a public and professional environment. We currently run an annual Short Film Challenge, which is a Short Film making competition supported by an 8 week series of low cost film making workshop. The success of this project and feedback from young people in Auckland have motivated us to hold this festival which will hopefully encourage young film makers out there to get busy over the upcoming school holidays and make a film, or even finish off that one sitting on their computer/bottom of the bedroom drawer. Hopefully this will become a really huge yearly event and submissions are open and will be most welcomed from any young person around the country (and even the world!)

Eligible films will be shown on Festival Night 10 March 2006. We will be inviting people from the film industry and have a guest speaker.

Submissions must reach our Auckland premises or PO Box by 5pm Tuesday 28th February.

Short Film submissions must be between 2 and 10mins long

This is not a competition but there will be a Viewers Choice Award and prize

For more information and film submission forms please contact:

Rebecca Duell

Youth Programme Co-ordinator

YOUTHTOWN INC

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68A Nelson St, AUCKLAND

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rebecca@youthtown.org.nz

Creation Arts Space – Christchurch

This year has been a great success for Creation's gallery with many full to capacity exhibition openings, good sales and fantastic exhibitions. There have been some major improvements down in the gallery. The biggest was having the gallery lined with beautiful wooden walls, and there are more improvements on the way such as better signage and promotion.

There are many weeks still available next year. To discuss planning your next exhibition contact:

Carmel McSherry
Gallery Coordinator
Phone 03 366 4009
Email Gallery@creationnz.com

Websites, Links, Mailing lists...

Aotearoa Ethnic Network Mailing List

This electronic mailing list has been set up to provide a way for members of ethnic communities around the country to talk to each other, and for those involved in delivering Government or NGO services to get in touch with these communities for consultation and to provide information. The list is open to everyone involved or interested in migrant and refugee issues in Aotearoa - New Zealand. Information and joining instructions are at www.edemocracy.co.nz/aen. Wairua Consulting is a partner in the NZ Diversity Action Programme.

Review and Subscribe to New Dialogue!

The Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations recently sent out the magazine's second issue in electronic format, with 'Refugee and Migrant Resettlement' as its main theme.

The Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisation invites you to review and subscribe to the online version of its magazine, New Dialogue.

The magazine features topical articles, current news, views, information and events from across the welfare and social services sector. Subscription is free and readers are welcome to make contributions to forthcoming issues.

You can review and subscribe to the magazine at:
www.nzfvwo.org.nz/?/newdialogue

Exhibitions & Performances...

DECEMBER

Sandz Gallery – Hamilton
Creative Spaces Network exhibition
16th Nov – 16th Dec

As the 2004 Creative Spaces Network exhibition was a resounding success, the Network is organising a 2005 exhibition at Sandz gallery from 16th November to 16th December 2005.

Toi Ora Live Arts Trust - 19 Putiki St, Grey Lynn, Auckland
10th Anniversary
Thurs 8th – 16th Dec

Toi Ora is celebrating its tenth anniversary with a celebratory art exhibition and performance evening. Exhibition opening is Thursday 8th December from 5pm onwards. Hope you can join us!

Phone 09 360 4171
Email catho@toiora.org.nz



Creation Gallery - Christchurch
“Animalia” – James Muir
13th Dec – 23rd Dec

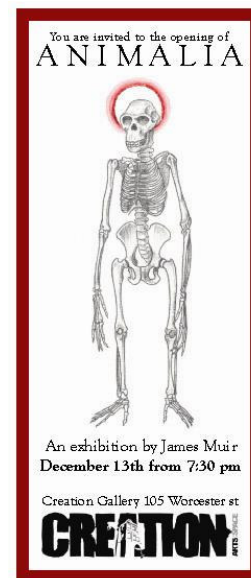
An exhibition by James Muir at the Creationz Gallery, 105 Worcester St

Ph 03 366 4009
Email Gallery@creationnz.com

ROAR! Gallery - Wellington
“(Oh Baby I...) Like it ROAR!”
Wed 23rd Nov – 24th Dec

Group Exhibition in the new premises – 1st Floor 55 Abel Smith Street

Phone 04 385-7602
Email roargallery@paradise.net.nz



Christmas gift ideas...

Close Your Eyes, Lullabies from Around the World

From Aotearoa's *Hine e Hine* to China's *The Moon is Bright* and everything in between, this is a fabulous compilation that will be music to the ears not just of tired infants and their parents but also of anyone wanting to hear the archetypal formulas for relaxation and sleep from many different cultures. The packaging is also great, with stories and photos of all the Wellington singers who recorded their own traditional lullabies. Check this one out for Christmas, or for your kindy, early childhood centre or school. Children are bound to respond to (and want to learn) these very diverse melodies. It was launched to a receptive audience at the Wellington Town Hall on 11 October and is available from wgtn@esolht.org.nz.

My Home Now: Migrants and refugees to New Zealand tell their stories.

For *My Home Now: Migrants and refugees to New Zealand tell their stories*. This very readable book of 47 stories written by or with migrants and refugees from all parts of the globe was launched at Auckland's Migrant Resource Centre on 29 September. The stories have been edited by Gail Thomas and Leanne McKenzie and published by Cape Catley. Media commentator Russell Brown recently documented the history of migrants being asked how they find New Zealand almost as soon as they step off the boat, and you'll find the answer here. However, beneath the enthusiasm that all have for their new homeland there are undercurrents of the difficulties encountered in settling, finding work, making friends and finding acceptance. It is an excellent resource which will both move and inform you about the amazing diversity of people that now call New Zealand home, and the circumstances that brought them here.

We would love to hear from you...!

If you have any exhibitions, events or would like to update us on what's been happening please drop us a line at: peta.hird@artsaccess.org.nz

or post to:

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