

AUCKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL

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Auckland Arts Festival is a true celebration of the city's people, place, culture and art. It engages us, inspires us and creates an exciting buzz across Auckland.

The last Festival shattered attendance records, reaching more than 180,000 people of all ages and cultural backgrounds and cementing the Festival's place on Auckland's major events calendar and on the national arts landscape.

The Festival provides a great platform for treating your clients, VIPs and colleagues to a truly memorable evening. The selection of shows and hospitality packages presented here are just the beginning. We offer discounts for larger groups (25+) and would be **delighted to create tailored hospitality packages for you.**

To ensure our pre- and post-show functions live up to the same standard as the festival performances, we are working closely with a group of highly experienced event partners, including Auckland Live, Urban Gourmet and Citizen Q.

We look forward to discussing your perfect event with you.

Offer your valued clients, VIPs and colleagues unique experiences and memorable events at Auckland Arts Festival 2015.

We make it easy for you...

ONE-STOP-SHOP bookings – our packages include tickets, food & beverage and more...

ENJOY unique and memorable events

GIVE YOUR GUESTS one-off experiences

SOAK UP the Festival buzz!

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PARADISO SPIEGELTENT TimeOut Festival Garden, Aotea Square

Wednesday 4 March - Friday 6 March, 7.00pm
 Saturday 7 March, 5.00pm & 8.30pm; Sunday 8 March, 5.00pm
 Tuesday 10 March, Thursday 12 March - Friday 13 March, 7.00pm
 Saturday 14 March, 5.00pm & 8.30pm; Sunday 15 March, 7.00pm
 Tuesday 17 March, 7.00pm; Wednesday 18 March, 9.30pm
 Thursday 19 March - Friday 20 March, 7.00pm
 Saturday 21 March, 5.00pm & 8.30pm;
 Sunday 22 March, 7.00pm

The Colenso BBDO Season of LIMBO

LIMBO comes to town all a-sizzle after sensational sell-out seasons at London's Southbank and the Sydney Festival. Taking sexy bravado to dizzying new heights, this circus-cabaret is wild, wicked and out of this world. In it there's gut-churning aerial acrobatics, hand-over-mouth contortion, mind-boggling illusions and fiery flames hot from Dante's inferno. A rambunctious live band led by Sxip Shirey dishes out devilish electronica beats on brass, harmonica and concertina – the perfect live soundtrack for some other-worldly circus antics.

Take your seats for the hottest party between heaven and hell!

An irresistible cocktail of circus, great sounds and sexy humour set in the magical Paradiso Spiegel Tent. No nudity. Booth seating available.

LIMBO Pre-Show Cocktail Reception

(ideal for 9+ guests)*

- Seats in private booths in the Paradiso Spiegel Tent
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

STANDARD \$147 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$169 + gst per person

LIMBO Post-Show Cocktail Party

(ideal for 9+ guests)*

- Seats in private booths in the Paradiso Spiegel Tent
- Post-show cocktail party in dedicated area in the Festival Garden
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

STANDARD \$123 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$135 + gst per person

* A private booth seats up to 9 people. General admission ring-side seating also available.



PARADISO SPIEGELTENT
TimeOut Festival Garden, Aotea Square

Neneh Cherry – *Have a ball with the Buffalo Girl*
 Wednesday 4 March, 9.30pm **SELLING FAST!**

DePedro – *Full-force flamenco guitar*
 Thursday 5 March, 9.30pm

Phox – *The definition of indie-pop*
 Friday 6 March, 9.30pm;
 Saturday 7 March, 10.30pm

Pass the Gat
Three of NZ's most masterful singer-songwriters
 Sunday 8 March, 8.00pm

Lake Street Dive – *A pop-soul juggernaut*
 Thursday 12 March – Friday 13 March, 9.30pm;
 Saturday 14 March, 10.30pm

Where the Apple Falls
Iconic NZ musicians pair up with their parents
 Sunday 15 March, 3.00pm

Lady Sings the Blues
Some of Aotearoa's finest female vocalists
 Wednesday 18 March, 6.30pm **SELLING FAST!**

Electric Swing Circus
Reggae to house to dubstep and back again
 Friday 20 March, 9.30pm

Festival Club

The magnificent Paradiso Spiegel Tent is a great venue for live music and hosting. Pick from a range of world class acts, both international and home grown. Booth seating available.

SHOW & Pre-Show Cocktail Reception
 (ideal for 9+ guests)*

- Seats in private booths in the Paradiso Spiegel Tent
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

STANDARD \$115 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$137 + gst per person

* A private booth seats up to 9 people. General admission ring-side seating also available.



BLAM!

THE CIVIC

Friday 6 March, 7.00pm; Saturday 7 March, 7.30pm
Sunday 8 March – Tuesday 10 March, 6.30pm

BLAM! is a highly explosive action performance where *Die-Hard* meets *The Office*.

It's the wordless story of three under-paid, over-worked and 'over it' salarymen, wasting their lives away in the world's saddest office under the hawk-eyed supervision of their border-sociopathic boss. As a refuge from this everyday hell, the workers let their vivid imaginations run wild. Whenever the boss looks the other way – they BLAM! – re-imagining themselves as famed villains and superheros from their favourite action movies and comics.

A tribute to everything that's out-there, playful and slightly bizarre, *BLAM!* features ordinary guys performing extraordinary feats: physical theatre, parkour, circus and neck-breaking dare-devil stunts. See how fun, games and a bit of wild imagination in the workplace can blow your office nightmares to smithereens.

A party bomb of a show, a night out for the boys and boys-at-heart, very accessible, no spoken words.

BLAM! **Pre-Show Cocktail Reception** (for 6+ guests)

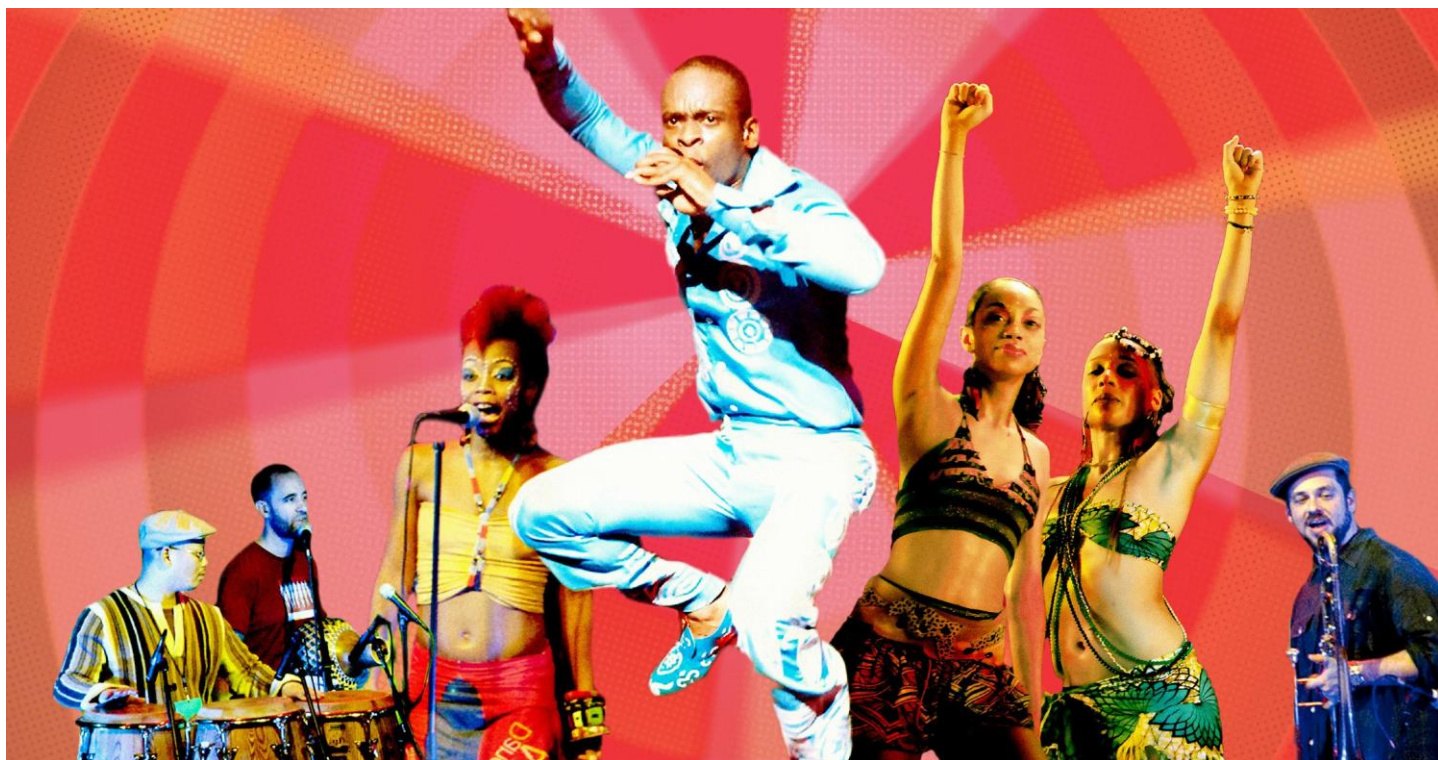
- Best available tickets
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

STANDARD \$123 + gst per person
PREMIUM \$151 + gst per person

BLAM! **Pre- or Post-Show Cocktail Party** (for 20+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Cocktail party in a private venue in The Civic
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

STANDARD \$125 + gst per person
PREMIUM \$144 + gst per person



FELA!

The Concert

THE CIVIC

Thursday 19 March – Sunday 22 March, 7.30pm

Spectacular and inspiring, *FELA! The Concert* celebrates the songs of Fela Kuti, the founding father of Afrobeat – a blend of jazz, funk and African rhythm and harmonies. Kuti was a musical rebel with a political cause, famous for mixing his sensual, eclectic sounds with simple and powerful lyrics that openly assailed Nigeria's oppressive dictatorships.

FELA! The Concert showcases Kuti's pioneering music. Along with a backdrop of projected documentary excerpts, the concert reveals a man who was both an incredible artist and a strident human rights activist. Featuring members of the original cast from the highly acclaimed Broadway production, the concert is a full-on celebration of Kuti's most captivating songs.

A great world music experience, a big concert with a Broadway feel to it. Accessible, lively and fun, *Fela!* is staged at the magical Civic.

FELA! The Concert ***Pre-Show Cocktail Reception*** (for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

STANDARD \$140 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$174 + gst per person

FELA! The Concert ***Pre- or Post-Show Cocktail Party*** (for 20+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Cocktail party in a private venue in The Civic
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

STANDARD \$142 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$167 + gst per person

Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet



THE CIVIC

Thursday 12 March, 7.30pm; Friday 13 March, 6.30pm;
Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm; Sunday 15 March, 5.00pm

A fast-paced, accessible and elegant New York dance company performs a triple bill – three short and engaging works separated by two intervals.

Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet is without doubt one of the hottest companies on the block. Already famous for its diverse dance repertoire, the 10-year-old, New York-based company boasts some of the most high-definition, super-skilled and wildly beautiful young dancers in the whole of the Big Apple.

Cedar Lake's utterly unafraid approach to integrating ballet with contemporary and popular dance, their undeniably urban vibe and a genuinely cool selection of music sets them miles apart from their peers.

In New Zealand for the first time, Cedar Lake performs three works by three innovative contemporary choreographers. Audiences across the USA and Europe have been 'all shook up'.

Step out for a night of innovation, fearlessness and gob smacking gorgeousness which only a company like this can offer.

Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet Pre-Show Cocktail Reception

(for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

STANDARD \$143 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$174 + gst per person

Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet Pre- or Post-Show Cocktail Party

(for 20+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Cocktail party in a private venue in The Civic
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

STANDARD \$145 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$167 + gst per person

**Add an interval drink & ice cream
for \$13.50 + gst per person**



ASB THEATRE, AOTEA CENTRE

Wednesday 11 March – Thursday 12 March, 8.00pm

Saturday 14 March – Sunday 15 March, 8.00pm

Set in today's Congo, *macbEth* is an inspired adaptation of Verdi's arresting and intense opera. In this re-creation, a group of Congolese refugees stumble upon a trunk filled with sheet music, costumes and gramophone recordings of Verdi's Macbeth. This theatrical paraphernalia becomes the catalyst for a dramatic re-telling of Shakespeare's tale of ambition, corruption and witchcraft, with the Macbeths as war-lords, the three sisters as double-crossing businessmen and Dunsinane as the Great Lakes region of Central Africa.

macbEth features a mix of Verdi's original score with imaginative re-arrangements by Belgian composer Fabrizio Cassol. Performed by an on-stage chamber orchestra and 10 rich-voiced African singers, this is theatre for today: moving, fascinating, fast-paced and threaded through with African musical and theatrical influences.

By director Brett Bailey, one of the most "intelligent and soul-bending artists in South Africa" (Liminalities), this *macbEth* is a must-see for lovers of opera and admirers of the Bard.

Africa meets Verdi. Performed by 10 spectacular singers from Africa, this is an unforgettable musical and theatrical experience. This Macbeth is edgy and exhilarating, mixing opera with theatre.

macbEth **Pre-Show Cocktail Reception**

(for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

STANDARD \$161 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$212 + gst per person

macbEth **Pre- or Post-Show Cocktail Party**

(for 20+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Cocktail party in a private venue in the Aotea Centre
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

STANDARD \$158 + gst per person

PREMIUM \$200 + gst per person



RANGATIRA, Q THEATRE

Wednesday 4 March – Friday 6 March, 7.30pm

Saturday 7 March, 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 8 March, 4.00pm

Sensitive, authentic and compelling, *Hīkoi* is the world premiere of the debut, award winning play by Nancy Brunning, star of *White Lies*, *Paniora*, *Top Girls*, *Purapurawhetū*, *Waiora* and *Shortland Street*.

It's the 1970s and 80s in New Zealand and two generations of the Miller whānau, swept up in irreversible change, are trying to give voice to what's going on in their lives.

Husband and wife Nellie and Charlie are at odds with each other. With their family's future at stake they can't agree about whether to fight for what they believe in or forge a new future and forget past grievances. Meanwhile, their five hard-case teens, fed up with their parents' silences, secrets and quarrels pack their bags and take off in search of answers.

Hīkoi is an emotional road trip deep into the heart of our country's history and even deeper into the heart of the Miller whānau. Join the family on their journey towards love, forgiveness and discovering who they really are.

A quintessential piece of New Zealand history, set during the land marches in the late 70s and 80s. Great storytelling written and directed by one of NZ's great actors, Nancy Brunning.

HĪKOI **Pre-Show Cocktail Reception**

(for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden or at Q Theatre (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

\$98 + gst per person

HĪKOI **Post-Show Cocktail Party**

(for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Post-show cocktail party in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden or at Q Theatre
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

\$78 + gst per person

Bravo Figaro!



RANGATIRA, Q THEATRE

Monday 16 March, 7.30pm

Tuesday 17 March – Saturday 21 March, 9.00pm

Sunday 22 March, 8.00pm

Theatre filled with laughs and lots of heart. A close-up, personal and hilariously honest story about a father-son relationship performed by UK Comedian Mark Thomas.

In life-changing moments, what do we do to reach out to each other?

Bravo Figaro! is the true tale of a self-employed builder, a battle with degenerative illness and opera in a bungalow in Bournemouth. It sees master storyteller, writer and “leading light of Britain’s alternative comedy scene” (The Guardian) Mark Thomas in a poignant and personal performance about his relationship with his father.

Thomas’ father has a passion for Verdi, Rossini, Puccini and Mozart, but when he is diagnosed with a degenerative brain disease, his life begins to crumble. As his father’s illness progresses, Thomas makes a larger-than-life gesture and stages a concert with singers from Covent Garden to try to connect with him through music.

Woven through with recordings of his parents’ voices and extracts from opera songs we all know and love, *Bravo Figaro!* is theatre filled with laughs and lots of heart. Better than the best Father’s Day gift.

***Bravo Figaro!* Pre-Show Cocktail Reception**

(for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Pre-show cocktail reception in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden or at Q Theatre (incl 1 hr beverage service and canapés or platters)

\$102 + gst per person

***Bravo Figaro!* Post-Show Cocktail Party**

(for 6+ guests)

- Best available tickets
- Post-show cocktail party in a dedicated area in the Festival Garden or at Q Theatre
- Canapés or platters included
- Beverages not included but charged on consumption

\$82 + gst per person

Standard Package Inclusions

A-Reserve tickets – best available at the time of booking, including booking and service fees

One-hour pre- or post-show function with the following catering services:

- 5 canapés per person (groups 20+) or platters (groups of 6-19)*
- Beverage options as specified in the package description:
 - Standard beverage selection for one hour (groups 20+) OR two beverage vouchers per person** (groups 6-19)
 - Beverage ‘charged on consumption’
- Experienced service staff (groups 20+) OR beverage vouchers to be redeemed at selected bars** (groups of 6-19)

Venue and hospitality serviced by experienced staff at the following venues:

- TimeOut Festival Garden: dedicated outdoor area
- Aotea Centre, The Civic, Auckland Town Hall: private venue dependent on group size
- Q Theatre: dedicated area in the Q Theatre foyer

All arrangements managed by Auckland Arts Festival on your behalf.

* Additional food items, platters and dessert options available on request at an extra cost.

** Redeemable at the Festival Garden Bar and selected Auckland Live theatre bars on the day of the show only. BOX Café and Starks Café & Bar are excluded from this offer.

Premium Package Inclusions

Premium Reserve tickets – best available at the time of booking, including booking and service fees

One-hour pre- or post-show function with the following catering services:

- 5 hot and cold canapés per person (client's selection; groups 20+) or platters (groups of 6-19)*
- Beverage options as specified in the package description:
 - Premium beverage selection for one hour (groups 20+) OR two beverage vouchers per person** (groups 6-19);
 - Beverage 'charged on consumption'
- Experienced bar and wait staff (groups 20+) OR beverage vouchers to be redeemed at selected bars** (groups of 6-19)

Venue and hospitality serviced by experienced staff at the following venues:

- TimeOut Festival Garden: dedicated outdoor area
- Aotea Centre, The Civic, Auckland Town Hall: private venue dependent on group size
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All prices are quoted in NZD and exclude GST.

Prices are inclusive of ticket booking and/or service fees and ticket processing charges.

All sales are final and there are NO refunds or exchanges except as required by law.

All purchases are subject to availability and the best available seats and hosting venues at the time of purchase. Bookings can only be confirmed after receipt of full payment.

A credit/debit card processing fee of 2.9% applies.

All aspects of the booking (including food and beverage selection, where available) must be confirmed a minimum of 5 working days prior to the event.

Alcoholic beverages are served in compliance with liquor licensing legislation.

Latecomers may be excluded from a show or admitted only at a suitable point in the performance. Latecomers will not be entitled to a transfer or a refund.

Event information in this document is correct at the time of printing. Auckland Arts Festival reserves the right to alter without notice any events, programmes and artists as well as the food and beverage selection.

We appreciate that the corporate hospitality packages presented in this document may not be suitable in every situation and we encourage you to **contact Vanessa Morgan at the Auckland Arts Festival on (09) 374 0301 or vanessa.morgan@aaf.co.nz** to discuss tailored hospitality options with you.