

AUCKLAND LIVE

# CABARET SEASON



THE CIVIC





# The home of songs, sirens and secrets. Come on in.

Everyone's favourite night-time playground returns for a special Spring season.

Fusing ultimate glamour with the grit of the gutter, let yourself be seduced by the beauty and grandeur of The Civic and all the magical artists and late-night antics hidden behind these historic doors.

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# The Soundtrack from Baz Luhrmann's MOULIN ROUGE!

It's been 21 years since *Moulin Rouge!* the movie produced the #1 soundtrack that ruled the NZ charts for 16 weeks.

Baz Luhrmann's stylish curation of Elton John, David Bowie, T-Rex, Madonna, The Police and U2 - Nature Boy to Lady Marmalade and more - was a game-changing collision of nostalgia and imagination.

In that spirit, this spectacular line-up curated specially for the Auckland Live Cabaret Season unites an ensemble of incredible New Zealand artists and musicians for a rock-orchestral celebration of one of cinema's most magical musical creations.

## Performed live with an epic rock-operatic ensemble.

### WHEN

Fri 16 Sep, 8.30pm  
Sat 17 Sep, 8.30pm

### WHERE

Mainstage,  
The Civic

### DURATION

120 minutes

### TICKETS

\$99 - \$145  
Service fees apply

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live and Liberty Stage





## Champagne & Cabaret with Kita & Anita

Take a seat on the grand Civic stage with champagne in hand, as local darlings Kita Mean and Anita Wigl'it disrupt divine surrounds with a high-octane drag-extravaganza.

Stars of *Ru Paul's Drag Race Down Under*, Kita and Anita will be the Mad Hatters to your Alice, hosting a laugh-a-minute party that promises to send you down the rabbit hole.

### WHEN

Sun 18 Sep, 7pm  
Sat 24 Sep, 4pm  
Sun 25 Sep, 4pm

### WHERE

Mainstage,  
The Civic

### DURATION

90 minutes

### TICKETS

\$49 - \$59  
Service fees apply  
See website for premium  
champagne packages

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live and QBE



Principal  
Event Partner



## Champagne & Cabaret with The Madeleines

Let The Madeleines transport you to an era of timeless elegance.

Expect pitch-perfect ballads, sophisticated harmonies and Old Hollywood Charm, paired with plenty of bubbles and boogying - all set amongst the grandeur of The Civic's mainstage.

### WHEN

Sun 18 Sep, 3pm  
Sat 24 Sep, 12.30pm  
Sun 25 Sep, 12.30pm

### WHERE

Mainstage,  
The Civic

### DURATION

90 minutes

### TICKETS

\$49 - \$59  
Service fees apply  
See website for premium  
champagne packages

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live and QBE



Principal  
Event Partner









# Modern Māori Quartet: Ngā 80's

What happens when you find a cassette at the bottom of your old man's closet with *Ngā 80's* scribbled on it? You blast it from your Cortina's tape deck, wind the windows down, feel your mullet slap the back of the car seat and fang the Holden to the Pā for a family gathering.

Jump into the backseat with the Modern Māori Quartet, as they take you on a musical ride through their '80's mixtape'.

**“LET’S DANCE!! Put on your  
Red Bands and dance the blues...”**

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**WHEN**

Wed 14 Sep, 7pm  
Thu 15 Sep, 7pm  
Fri 23 Sep, 10.30pm

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**WHERE**

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

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**DURATION**

60 minutes

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**TICKETS**

\$30 - \$59  
Service fees apply

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**PRESENTED BY**

Auckland Live



# Hollie Smith Sings Jazz

Hollie Smith delves into a songbook of iconic jazz standards, set alight with her inimitable voice and the sublime accompaniment of Nathan Haines – all arranged by Jonathan Crayford.

Expect sensual, heart rendering renditions from the likes of Joni Mitchell, Billie Holiday, Peter Gabriel and Nina Simone to name a few, alongside new originals.

## An evening with Hollie Smith, Nathan Haines and Jonathan Crayford.

### WHEN

Fri 23 Sep, 8.30pm  
Sat 24 Sep, 8.30pm

### WHERE

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

### DURATION

60 minutes

### TICKETS

\$35 - \$79  
Service fees apply

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live and Jazz Auckland





# The Shanghai Mimi Band

An alchemy, a kaleidoscope, a firecracker, a multi-faceted jewel. Immerse yourself in the intoxicating music of *The Shanghai Mimi Band*, a sumptuous cabaret of delights where East meets West in dazzling style. Be beguiled by Sophie Koh as she highjacks the myths and legends of 1930s Shanghai.

The Shanghai Mimi Band employs a unique musical fusion called shidaiqu - a blend of Chinese folk and American jazz fusion, which could only have come out of a city where musicians from every corner of the world lived and worked.

Join Musical Director, John McAll, and Shanghai Mimi herself, Sophie Koh, alongside a band at the height of their craft.

## Cabaret jazz from old Shanghai.

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**WHEN**

Thu 15 Sep, 9pm  
Fri 16 Sep, 7pm

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**WHERE**

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

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**DURATION**

60 minutes

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**TICKETS**

\$30 - \$59  
Service fees apply

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**PRESENTED BY**

Auckland Live and Douglas Hunter



# Edith Piaf - Au Club Des Cinq

Acclaimed contralto, Yulla follows up her exceptional 2021 show *À L'Olympia À Paris* to explore the iconic club residency and late-night tales of French icon, Edith Piaf in the intimate Club Des Cinq.

Le club des cinq was a favorite of Piaf's. She performed there numerous times and met her future lover there, boxer Marcel Cerban who was a regular of the club.

Prepare for an electrifying performance by one of our most inspiring talents as she channels the great chanteuse and cabaret star, performing at the peak of her powers.

## Transport yourself to Paris.

### WHEN

Wed 21 Sep, 7pm  
Thu 22 Sep, 7pm  
Fri 23 Sep, 6.30pm

### WHERE

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

### DURATION

70 minutes

### TICKETS

\$39 - \$99  
Service fees apply

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live and Liberty Stage





# The Tiwhas!

You will be on your feet with this ballad-belting drag show packed full of epic bangers from the 70s, 80s, 90s and today.

Three takatāpui queens from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington make their Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland premiere. From live vocals and choreography to costumes and waiata Māori, there's no wonder The Tiwhas are fast becoming everyone's favourite new girl group.

## Three fierce Pōneke queens hit centre stage in Tāmaki.

### WHEN

Wed 14 Sep, 9.30pm  
Sat 17 Sep, 10.30pm

### WHERE

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

### DURATION

90 minutes

### TICKETS

\$30 - \$55  
Service fees apply

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live



# Lucien Johnson Quartet

Acclaimed saxophonist and composer, Lucien Johnson returns to The Civic with a super sensual evening with musical luminaries, Jonathan Crayford (piano), Tom Callwood (double bass) and Cory Champion (drums).

Having spent formative years living in Paris and New York and touring to music festivals and clubs the world over, Lucien's powerful and evocative sound has been greatly infused by his global experience.

**‘A saxophonist and composer of rare excellence and mettle’**

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**WHEN**

Fri 16 Sep, 10.30pm

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**WHERE**

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

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**DURATION**

60 minutes

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**TICKETS**

\$30 - \$45  
Service fees apply

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**PRESENTED BY**

Auckland Live





# Mouthfeel

A unique cabaret burlesque show, where audiences can indulge their senses.

Feast your eyes on fiendishly clever short performance pieces of sexual provocation and dark comedic burlesque, all carefully curated alongside eclectic whiskies to tantalise your taste buds.

**A wickedly hilarious  
and provocative blend  
of whisky and cabaret.**

## WHEN

Wed 21 Sep, 9pm  
Thu 22 Sep, 9pm  
Sat 24 Sep, 10.30pm

## WHERE

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

## DURATION

60 minutes

## TICKETS

\$35 - \$79  
Service fees apply

## PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live





# That's All She Wrote

A solo cabaret celebrating the work of female and non-binary musical theatre writers, *That's All She Wrote* intersperses songs from recent Broadway hits (*Hadestown*, *Fun Home*, *Waitress*), underrated indie gems (*Murder Ballad*, *Runaways*) and original music with tales from musical theatre history.

Performer and writer Cassandra Tse (*The Bone Thief*, *Under*, *M'Lady*) tells her own story of a journey from musical theatre performance to writing and celebrates the women and non-binary writers who have come before her.

## Broadway to indie, she to they.

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**WHEN**

Sat 17 Sep, 7pm

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**WHERE**

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

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**DURATION**

60 minutes

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**TICKETS**

\$30 - \$45  
Service fees apply

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**PRESENTED BY**

Auckland Live







# Thoroughly Modern Māui

Many moons ago, a hero of a different kind ruled this side of the Pacific. His name was Māui-Tikitiki-A-Taranga – MĀUI.

A warrior and a demigod, his adventures are woven into the fabric of Pacific history. Here in Aotearoa, the legendary 'Māori Superman' was the total package.

Burgeoning music theatre star, Rutene Spooner returns to the Cabaret Season, channelling Māui into a modern-day icon – complete with rhinestones and glitter. Featuring charmingly quick-witted original songs, hilarious antics and heart-felt storytelling – come and experience the iconic trickster shape shift once more.

## The Māori Superman.

### WHEN

Sat 24 Sep, 6.30pm  
Sun 25 Sep, 4pm

### WHERE

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

### DURATION

60 minutes

### TICKETS

\$25 - \$45  
Service fees apply

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live, PANNZ and Kōanga Festival





# The Voyagers

From North America to the Middle East, the Mughal Empire to Ireland, the Voyagers will take you on a whimsical world music tour from the cosy comfort of The Civic's Wintergarden.

Winners of the Best Music Event at the 2021 Auckland Fringe Festival, *The Voyagers* brings together a brood of award-winning international musicians, as they collide cultural legacies, heritage and stories through music.

## Take a journey across the world.

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**WHEN**

Sun 25 Sep, 6pm

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**WHERE**

Wintergarden,  
The Civic

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**DURATION**

60 minutes

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**TICKETS**

\$30 - \$45  
Service fees apply

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**PRESENTED BY**

Auckland Live







# FEVER

Category is:

Fine-Extravaganza-hold-onto-your-manz-aaaah! Purrr.....

The smash hit cabaret on everyone's hips, lips and fingertips, *FEVER* invites you to experience the electric Pacific Trans and Queer Supernova that is Fine Fatale, in a whole new realm.

Let Goddess trio The Taka Tu Wops guide you with their siren songs, as the savage stomps and luscious sways of critically acclaimed Fine Fatale move through you.

Plus, join us for a very special After Party with the cast, wearing your best Extravaganza outfit for a sashay, pose or a dance and a chance to spill the tea!

**Bringing the sass, class  
and a whole lotta ass.**

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**WHEN**

Sat 17 Sep, 9pm  
Sat 24 Sep, 8pm

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**WHERE**

Online

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**DURATION**

30 minute film, followed  
by a 30 minute online  
after party

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**TICKETS**

Tickets available  
late August

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**PRESENTED BY**

Auckland Live and Fine Fatale







## Naked Boys Reading

Completely naked lads reading literature aloud. A sumptuous, scandalous, and hilarious cabaret unlike any other.

Hosted by Hugo Grrrl, this unorthodox book club boasts a cast sure to arouse, educate and entertain with dancer Emmanuel Reynaud, Mr. Bear NZ Henrique Beirao and filmmaker Bode Riis.

Expect poetry, non-fiction and, of course, outrageous fan fiction. *Naked Boys Reading* promises to be a nude, rude and body-positive celebration not to be missed.

### WHEN

Thu 15 Sep, 8pm  
Fri 16 Sep, 6pm  
Sat 17 Sep, 6pm

### WHERE

Theatre Bar,  
The Civic

### DURATION

60 minutes

### TICKETS

\$25 - \$30  
Service fees apply

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live



## One Eyed Jacks

Take a whimsical journey through the cavernous Civic and meet a host of curious characters along the path.

The poets, the gambler, the fortune teller, as well as a gaggle of live musicians, will delight audiences with intimate interactions that put you at the centre of an absurd little universe, created by the minds behind a slightly isolated dog.

### WHEN

Wed 14 - Sat 17 Sep,  
Thu 22 - Sun 25 Sep

### WHERE

The Civic

### DURATION

7 - 11pm

### TICKETS

Free

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live



## Club-a-lub-a-ling-long

Left to his own devices and wild imaginings, absurdist comedian and DJ, Bernie Duncan returns with cult-hit, *Club-a-lub-a-ling-long* - a surprise attic bar with questionable antics and chance encounters from one of Auckland's most experimental entertainers, alongside special guests.

You bring your friends; he'll bring the records and wonky jokes.

### WHEN

Wed 14 - Sat 17 Sep,  
Thu 22 - Sun 25 Sep

### WHERE

Abyssinian Room  
The Civic

### DURATION

8pm - late

### TICKETS

Free

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live with Auckland Fringe Festival



## Iconoclast

A wild alt-cabaret ride with creator, Johanna Cosgrove, *Iconoclast* scratches off the guilt and dives into the guilty with ecclesiastical sleaze.

Revelling in provocative imagery and classic cabaret tropes including 1920's Berlin nights and early American stand-up, this naughty nun, accompanied by a lone musician (Alistair Deverick – *Desperate Late Night Energy*), explores faith, loneliness and grief in a mad attack on all things sacrosanct.

This development season is directed by Bernie Duncan.

### WHEN

Wed 21 Sept, 6.30pm  
Thu 22 Sept, 10.30pm  
Fri 23 Sept, 11pm

### WHERE

Abyssinian Room,  
The Civic

### DURATION

60 minutes

### TICKETS

\$20 - \$25

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live with Auckland Fringe Festival











## The Piano Bar

Discover the secret doorway to Auckland's hidden piano bar, packed with cabaret artists, musicians, cocktails, and late-night magic!

Own the stage and belt a tune or sip a martini in a darkened corner while absorbing the timeless underground carnival of the festival season's secret hideout.

Hosted by an electric, eclectic and evolving array of stellar cabaret performers, the Piano Bar's an intimate space, and while entry is always desired, it's never guaranteed.

### WHEN

Wed 14 - Sun 18 Sep,  
Wed 21 - Sun 25 Sep

### WHERE

Shh... it's a secret

### DURATION

7.30pm - late

### TICKETS

Free

### CREATED BY

Auckland Live



## The Burt Bacharachups

Ever wished you could walk into a joint, pick up a mic and start crooning with your own personal backing singers? Now's your time.

*The Burt Bacharachups* are here to back you up – in three-part harmony! Step up to the Piano Bar stage and add live backing vocalists to your karaoke-on-opium experience, singing songs from the 50s and 60s through to right-now classics.

Who needs a backing track when you can have the real deal?

### WHEN

Wed 14 Sep, 8.30pm  
Thu 15 Sep, 8.15pm  
Fri 16 Sep, 9.30pm  
Sat 17 Sep, 9.30pm

### WHERE

Shh... it's a secret

### DURATION

60 minutes

### TICKETS

Free

### PRESENTED BY

Auckland Live and Artsense Productions



# Eats & Treats

Cabaret is so much better with bubbles and nibbles delivered straight to your table.

Choose from our tempting artisanal platters, add some bubbles and let your night sparkle. Revellers can book online or order on the night from their table.

Wintergarden Pre-Order Platters:

- For two: \$30
- For six: \$75
- For ten: \$120

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## CHARCUTERIE PLATTER

A selection of New Zealand artisan cheeses and meats, smoked cheddar, camembert, Spanish chorizo, Dutch salami, prosciutto crudo, marinated olives, cornichon, sundried tomatoes, grapes, roasted artichokes, lavosh crackers and ciabatta bread.

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## VEGETARIAN PLATTER

A selection of New Zealand artisan cheeses, smoked cheddar, camembert, vegetable crudites, char-grilled halloumi, broccoli, marinated olives, cornichon, sundried tomatoes, grapes, roasted artichoke lavosh crackers and ciabatta bread.

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## SPRING SPICE PLATTER

Southern fried chicken with Frank's Hot Sauce, coconut Nobashi prawns, barbeque pulled pork slider with garlic aioli, potato wedges and sweet chilli sour cream.



# Auckland Live Cabaret Season

## September 2022

Show Name	Venue	Wed 14	Thur 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18	Wed 21	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
Champagne & Cabaret with Kita & Anita	Mainstage					7pm				4pm	4pm
Champagne & Cabaret with The Madeleines	Mainstage					3pm				12.30pm	12.30pm
Club-a-lub-a-ling-long	Abyssinian Room	8pm - late	8pm - late	8pm - late	8pm - late			8pm - late	8pm - late	8pm - late	8pm - late
Edith Piaf - Au Club Des Cinq	Wintergarden						7pm	7pm	6.30pm		
FEVER	Online				9pm					8pm	
Hollie Smith Sings Jazz	Wintergarden								8.30pm	8.30pm	
Iconoclast	Abyssinian Room						6.30pm	10.30pm	11pm		
Lucien Johnson Quartet	Wintergarden			10.30pm							
Modern Māori Quartet: Ngā 80's	Wintergarden	7pm	7pm						10.30pm		
Moulin Rouge!	Mainstage			8.30pm	8.30pm						
Mouthfeel	Wintergarden						9pm	9pm		10.30pm	
Naked Boys Reading	Theatre Bar		8pm	6pm	6pm						
One Eyed Jacks	The Civic	7 – 11pm	7 – 11pm	7 – 11pm	7 – 11pm			7 – 11pm	7 – 11pm	7 – 11pm	7 – 11pm
That's All She Wrote	Wintergarden				7pm						
The Burt Bacharachups	Shh... it's a secret	8.30pm	8.15pm	9.30pm	9.30pm						
The Piano Bar	Shh... it's a secret	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late	7.30pm - late
The Shanghai Mimi Band	Wintergarden		9pm	7pm							
The Tiwhas!	Wintergarden	9.30pm			10.30pm						
The Voyagers	Wintergarden										6pm
Thoroughly Modern Māui	Wintergarden									6.30pm	4pm



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