



# AKAROA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

December 2020

## Our year in review

Despite the disruption of the pandemic, we have had a terrific year with successful workshops, and a really wonderful Unlocked in Paradise exhibition...

## Our workshops

Our workshops welcomed **180** artists who participated in **13** workshops. In addition, our popular (and free) monthly sketch group has been very well attended.

## Unlocked in Paradise

Our **Unlocked in Paradise** exhibition in September was a huge success, bringing together work from **49** Banks Peninsula artists, and attracting **750** visitors.

## Pop-up Performance

Our fundraising pop-up performance of Tom Scott's **The Daylight Atheist**, starring Michael Hurst, played to a full house at the Akaroa Courthouse in August.



## Welcome to ACAC!

Formally established as a Charitable Trust in 2008, ACAC has been supporting Banks Peninsula arts and artists for many decades. Over the years ACAC's programmes have gone from strength to strength. This has largely been due to the tremendous work of Lesley Burkes-Harding and other members of the ACAC Board who have tirelessly dedicated their time and effort to ensure that we promote opportunities for community participation in creative and artistic events. Although 2020 has been a complicated year for everyone, the success of our workshops, Unlocked in Paradise, and the performance of the Daylight Atheist indicate that our local communities are keen to enjoy and support the arts in our community. Lesley has now assumed the role of Artistic Programme Director for ACAC, a formal acknowledgement of the experience and artistic expertise she brings to the role.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and that you come and join us for our 2021 events.

Marie Connolly, Chair of ACAC



A simple line painted with the brush can lead to freedom and happiness - Joan Miró



## What's coming up?

### Our workshops

We have a full programme planned for 2021, including our very successful life drawing, garden sculpture, Kura Raranga weaving, woodcut print making, oils and our popular children's classes. See our full programme on our website: [akaroaarts.co.nz](http://akaroaarts.co.nz)

### Exhibitions

Building on the success of Unlocked in Paradise, we are planning to have a number of exhibitions to promote our workshop programme and our local artists. So we'll keep you up to date once we have our 2021 schedule in place.

### Creative Writing

We are diversifying our arts programme to include a broader focus, and in 2021 we will be offering our first **creative writing workshop**, starting in June. We're holding it at the historic Akaroa Coronation Library. So again, check out our website at [akaroaarts.co.nz](http://akaroaarts.co.nz) for more information.

## Membership - come and join us!

As a community Arts Council we are keen to reach as many people as possible who are interested in the arts. While some of you will want to enjoy our workshops, some of you may also want to support the participation of others. We believe that bringing people together through the arts contributes to the strengthening of our communities. And so we are keen for you to join us. We have two membership categories:

General members are part of our ACAC family and their subscriptions (\$10 per year for individuals, \$15 per household) will directly support access to art through workshop subsidies. Our members will receive our quarterly newsletter, and will be invited to events, including our end-of-year function where we celebrate the year and the achievements of our artists.

Donor members (\$500) are also part of our ACAC family, who are keen to contribute more significant resources to the activities we run - for example, supporting exhibitions, spontaneous special events, scholarships, or helping with the resources we need to run our workshops successfully. If you are interested in being a donor member, just give Marie a call on (0211083554).

We rely on our membership, and the grants we apply for, to support our activities. We encourage you to join us in our collective support of the arts in the Banks Peninsula! So if you would like to work with us to support the arts in our community go to our website <http://www.akaroaarts.co.nz/> or email us on [art@akaroaarts.co.nz](mailto:art@akaroaarts.co.nz).

