



The Drab Doo Riffs, playing at the 95bFM Summer Series

Dear alumni and friends,

We have some great free events to kick start 2011. Hear all about our Distinguished Alumni Award winners' aspirations and inspirations at [Auckland Live!](#) or enjoy access to the alumni family area at the [95bFM Summer Series](#) in Albert Park. Both events are on 5 March.

Read on for more about these and other events, plus news from around the University.

Auckland Live! Inspiring discussions, lectures and research - 5 March



Charli the Robot

Enjoy lively debate and insights from the winners of the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards at our free Auckland Live! event. The day begins with a panel session "What's on your bucket list?" , providing a candid look into the aspirations of [all of the Award winners](#) and hosted by Faculty of Law alumnus Simon Dallow. The panel session is followed by presentations from the winners throughout the day.

Saturday 5 March 2011, 10am - 4.30pm, University of Auckland Business School.

[Read more about Auckland Live! including the full programme of events](#)
[Register for Auckland Live!](#)

Plus - Don't miss the UniServices Showcase at Auckland Live!, including a unique opportunity to meet Charli the Robot and Dr Bruce MacDonald, from The University of Auckland's Robotics Research Group. Take an interactive look at the groundbreaking commercial research being conducted by the University.

[Visit the UniServices website](#)

Alumnus Len Brown guest speaker at DAA Dinner



We're pleased to announce Mayor Len Brown as the guest speaker at our 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on 4 March. Mayor Brown will talk on his vision for the 'super city' and the important role The University of Auckland and other tertiary institutions can play in supporting it.

[Read more about the event](#)
[Buy tickets to the Dinner](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS

4 March

- [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner 2011](#)

5 March

- [Auckland Live! Inspiring minds at The University of Auckland](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

5 Feb

- [Top Ten: Yvonne Todd \(exhibition, lecture\)](#)

7 - 9 Feb

- [Storytelling, Language and Culture \(conference\)](#)

9 Feb

- [Enhancing data literacy: The contribution of the ESDS to teaching quantitative methods in the social sciences \(seminar\)](#)

10 Feb

- [Real-time dense stereo mapping for multi-sensor navigation \(seminar\)](#)

11 Feb

- [Strategies for new therapies in neurodegenerative disorders \(lecture\)](#)

12 Feb

- [Artists Moving Image and New Zealand - towards a model for artist support \(discussion, consultation\)](#)

17 Feb - 18 Feb

- [US/NZ Health Symposium](#)

19 Feb

- [Top Ten: Sara Hughes \(lecture, exhibition\)](#)

24 Feb

- [Elliptic curves: Facts, conjectures and applications \(seminar\)](#)

26 Feb

- [Top Ten: Megan Jenkinson \(lecture, exhibition\)](#)

9 Mar

- [Professor Robert Lusch lecture: "Rethinking Marketing: How Marketing Can Better Deliver Value to the Enterprise"](#)

15 Mar

Summer Shakespeare - Richard III in the age of mass media



This year, acclaimed director Michael Hurst supervises The University of Auckland's revival of Outdoor Summer Shakespeare; plunging the famous Richard III into the age of mass media.

Up-and-coming director Anya Varezhkina, in collaboration with Hurst, is presenting this daring piece as an innovative blend of modern politics and classical theatre, letting the two worlds clash onstage.

5 - 20 March, John Hood Plaza, University of Auckland Business School

[Read more about Summer Shakespeare](#)

University scientists lead quest to treat brain disease



ONE News reported recently how scientists at the University's Centre for Brain Research are leading a new quest to find treatments for brain diseases like Alzheimers and epilepsy.

[Watch the news report](#)
[Support the Centre for Brain Research](#)

Source: ONE News

Alumni area at the 95bFM Summer Series



We'll once again be running an alumni VIP area at the 95bFM Summer Series event in Albert Park on 5 March. This year, we're making the area more family friendly - set further back from the stage and with free face painting and balloon artists for the kids.

Entry to the VIP area is free and open to all alumni, staff and current students.

[Read more about alumni area at the Summer Series](#)
[Register for the Summer Series alumni area](#)

My Wedding and Other Secrets

■ [Professor Richard Whittington lecture: Open Strategy: "A Long View on a Precarious Profession"](#)

■ [View a full list of University events](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Fantastica: The World of Leo Bensemann

Peter Simpson (Director, [Holloway Press](#), UoA)

HB; illus; RRP \$75; UoA alumni price \$63.75

The first book to survey the life and work of artist, typographer, printer Leo Bensemann, who stood at the heart of New Zealand's literary and cultural life from the 1930s to the 1980s as designer/illustrator at Caxton Press, member of The Group, and friend of many artists and writers.

■ [Read more about Fantastica: The World of Leo Bensemann](#)

■ [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

25 Jan

■ [Four teachers awarded Woolf Fisher Lead Teacher Masters Scholarships](#)

10 Jan

■ [A familiar racket helps fish find a suitable home](#)

■ [Engineering graduate steps in as Equity Adviser](#)



Alumna Roseanne Liang's first feature film *My Wedding and Other Secrets* is a romantic comedy with a Kiwi Asian twist and will be in cinemas throughout New Zealand from March 17th.

The film tells the story of Emily Chu, a young New Zealand born Chinese woman, who falls in love with, and secretly marries, a European guy and faces disownment from her traditional Hong Kong born parents. Funny, touching and heartfelt, the film is based on Roseanne's real-life cross cultural romance.

[Watch the trailer](#)

[Find out more about *My Wedding and Other Secrets* on Facebook](#)

Countertenor Andreas Scholl presented by Musica Sacra in Auckland



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Musica Sacra will present Andreas Scholl, the world's leading countertenor in one concert only: Auckland Town Hall on Tuesday 29 March 2011 at 8pm. This concert is the first in the Musica Sacra 2011 season.

With a reputation for fine performances of renaissance and baroque music, Musica Sacra is conducted by alumnus Dr Indra Hughes - the first person in New Zealand to be awarded the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts. Musica Sacra is recognised as one of the country's finest choirs.

[Read more about the concert and buy tickets](#)

[More about Musica Sacra](#)

Kathy Reichs - competition and book signing

Don't miss this rare chance to meet the world-class forensic anthropologist and multiple UK & US bestselling author, Kathy Reichs, whose thrillers have inspired the hit TV series, *Bones*

Kathy will be appearing on Sunday, 13 February, 4-4.45pm at Dymocks Booksellers, 255 Broadway, Newmarket.

Entry is free, but please call Dymocks 09-522 3343 by

FEATURED VACANCY

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Auckland City Campus

The Department of Computer Science seeks a strong and proactive Research Programmer with suitable programming skills, to provide support to the five research groups within the Department of Computer Science.

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Dr Kathy Reichs

Thursday, 10 February to register.

We have an exclusive alumni and friends competition to coincide with Dr Reichs' visit, with 5 prize packs each containing 3 Kathy Reichs best sellers.

[Read more and enter the competition](#)

Open air film screenings at Chinese Lantern Festival



To celebrate the Auckland Lantern Festival and the Year of the Rabbit, the Business School presents its second free open-air public film festival featuring three popular Chinese-themed movies next month.

The films - award-winning Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, comedy drama romance Shanghai Kiss and animated family favourite Kung Fu Panda - will be screened in the John Hood Plaza of the Owen G Glenn Building on February 18, 19 and 20 respectively.

[Read more about the Chinese Film Festival](#)

[View the Film Festival page on Facebook](#)

School of Music Concerts and Events

The School of Music March - July 2011 concert and event series features students, staff and distinguished visiting artists covering classical music, popular music and jazz as well as seminars and concerts with leading composers and scholars. To join our mailing list and receive a copy of the Concert and Events brochure, visit the front page of the NICA website -

www.creative.auckland.ac.nz

Alumni and staff achievements recognised



Professor Stuart McNaughton, who was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit

Many congratulations to the alumni, staff and friends of the University recognised in the recent New Year Honours.

[More about those honoured](#)

Best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team
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