



Sampler Season 2010 18 June to 1 August

Inspiration and imagination enchant the Museum of Wellington City & Sea this winter with the return of its annual Sampler Season. This year's Sampler Season has a literature theme to coincide with the two imaginative exhibitions on show at the Museum - **The Making of the Word Witch** and **Farmer Fred's Cow**.

Museums Wellington public programmes and exhibitions developer Jaqui Knowles says 'Sampler Season offers a diverse range of events that really bring to life the wonderful world of poetry and illustration for both adults and children'.

The ever popular free Sunday music concerts return with a veritable feast of acts from numerous talented New Zealand musicians. Blues guitar, contemporary folk, Celtic harp, jazz and traditional Appalachian mountain ballads, give you just a taste of the many styles that will have your toes tapping.

For the more adventurous, the infamous Red Hot Bitches perform a one off session with a specially compiled mix of literary songs. Bryce Galloway introduces New Zealand's 'Zine Scene' with 2 workshops that detail the idea behind these self-published magazines on a variety of odd and not so odd subjects while Friday evening's boast poetry and publishing workshops that will inspire the poet in all of us.



Saturday's are all about kids with workshops, readings and activities with Marie Murdoch and Ruth Paul. These programmes give children a fun introduction to writing poems and illustrating books - including a chance to become a published author in the Picture Poem Postcard competition.

There's also the rare opportunity to join acclaimed author Margaret Mahy for a storytelling session or take part in an illustration workshop with David Elliot in one of the many fabulous programmes over the school holidays.

With so many events to choose from, Sampler Season will not only tickle your creative taste buds, it will fill up your calendar for the next 6 weeks.

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