

# MAY events

# 2025 WHAT'S ON IN THE ARTS

## SETTING THE TABLE & HANDPICKED

10 MAY- 22 JUNE

DAILY | FREE

Two exhibitions that shine a light on identity, storytelling, and the evolving nature of public collections.

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## Herding Cats

May 2025

## HERDING CATS EXHIBITION

2ND -31ST MAY | GALLERY HOURS | FREE

A members exhibition bought to you by the Southland Arts Society  
WHARE TAUPUA

## NZ MUSIC MONTH MAY 2025



THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> MAY  
DOORS @ 7PM | \$5 ENTRY  
WWW.SOUTHLANDMUSICIANSCLUB.COM

OPEN MIC  
ORIGINALS  
& COVERS

## GET FOLKED

FRI 2 | 7PM | \$5

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## MICHAEL JACKSON - HISTORY

THU 8 | 7PM | \$64

## OPERATUNITY PRESENTS

3 TENORS & A SOPRANO

MON 12 | 11-12:45PM | \$39

## THE FIREBIRD with

MY BRILLIANT CAREER

WED 21 | 7:30PM

FROM \$87

ALL AT THE CIVIC THEATRE

Gore Repertory Society Presents  
a Comedy Youth Production of

*A Night With Bill  
The Bard*

play MumiBerb

play Shakespeare's  
Bachelorette

8th, 9th and 10th May, at 7:30pm  
11th May, at 4pm  
16th and 17th May, at 7:30pm  
18th May, at 4pm  
LITTLE THEATRE | GORE

\$18 Student  
\$25 Waged  
\$20 Unwaged

Tickets Available from St James Theatre or iTicket

## BRENNY & THE BUSHWHACKERS

FRI 9 | 7PM | \$30

The great Southland hall party.  
RIVERSDALE HALL

## SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING AT WHARE TAUPUA, YOUR COMMUNITY ARTS SPACE – It's music month!

### UKE STRUM @ THE WHARE

SAT 3 | 11AM | KOHA

Open to all ukelele enthusiasts, join the Uke On Group for a kiwi music jam session for NZ Music Month and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

### SPECIAL DROP IN & DRAW SESSION

WITH ANN IRVINE

THUR 8 | 11AM | FREE

Ann Irvine from the Southland Art Society will take you through creating a mixed media mini landscape in a CD case. FREE!

### CELEBRATE NZ MUSIC MONTH – COMMUNITY STRUM & SONGWRITING SESSION @ WHARE TAUPUA

SAT 10 | 11AM | KOHA

SAT 10 | 2pm | FREE

Bring along your instrument and enjoy a jam session of kiwi tunes for NZ Music Month, led by Renee McGinnis.

Then from 2pm stay for a cruisy songwriting session and gain some inspiration and knowledge in songwriting led by Renee McGinnis and Margi Ferguson of Folk Infusion. FREE, but please register at [kiaora@artsmurihiku.co.nz](mailto:kiaora@artsmurihiku.co.nz)

### ANNA VAN RIEL & JULIAN NOEL – MINI ARTS FEST!

SAT 17 | Vocal workshop | 3PM | \$10

SAT 17 | House Concert | 6:30PM | \$20

SUN 18 | Bones – One man play | 1PM | \$20

OR \$40 TOTAL FOR ALL THREE

Southland-born Anna van Riel returns for a vocal workshop and house concert along with storyteller, actor and writer Julian Noel who will perform his one-man play. Register at [kiaora@artsmurihiku.co.nz](mailto:kiaora@artsmurihiku.co.nz)

For our full programme of events & how to register, visit [www.artsmurihiku.co.nz/our-programme/](http://www.artsmurihiku.co.nz/our-programme/)



## WHARE TAUPUA// Community Arts Space

34 FORTH STREET, INVERCARGILL

OPENING HOURS:

10-4PM TUESDAY – FRIDAY

10-2PM SATURDAY

PH 021 027 37315

[WWW.ARTSMURIHIKU.CO.NZ](http://WWW.ARTSMURIHIKU.CO.NZ)

## WAIMUMU ART EXHIBITION

SAT 10 – WED 14

10-4PM | \$5

Tremendous showcase of established and emerging artists. 10 minutes from Gore.  
WAIMUMU TE TIPUA HALL

## THROBBIN WOOD

14 – 17 | 7:30PM

REPERTORY THEATRE



## BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – INVERCARGILL HEAT

SAT 17 | 7:30PM | \$18.20

SOUTHLAND MUSICIANS CLUB,  
PRESTON ST

## FREE CRAFT SWAP

SAT 17 | 11-12PM | FREE

SOUTH ALIVE INVERCARGILL

## JACKIE GOES PRIMA DIVA

TUE 20 | 7:30PM | \$20

TOKANUI HALL



## BAYLEYS TUSOCK COUNTRY – NZ'S COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRI 23 – SUN 1 JUNE

Bringing the surrounding rural community and the NZ country music community together for ten days and 60+ events celebrating music, food, rural life, entertainment and camaraderie.  
GORE VENUES

## SASSAFRAS

FROM NORTH CAROLINA, USA



Southland Musicians Club

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM

FOLKINFUSION 7:30PM

SASSAFRAS 8:15PM

DOOR SALES \$25

## COUNTRY MUSIC HONOURS

FRI 23 | 7PM | \$50

Attend the Country Music Honours (formerly named the NZ Country Music Awards) for your opportunity to hear New Zealand's leading recorded country music artists and top amateur country music songwriters.  
SBS ST JAMES THEATRE GORE

## THE DOORS LIVE

SAT 24 | 7:30PM | \$35

The world's greatest Doors tribute band.  
SOUTHLAND MUSICIANS CLUB



Sunday May 25th

## THE CELTIC UNLEASHED

SUN 25 | 2PM & 7PM | \$50

Pipes and drums, rock'n roll and country music are a special mix at the Celtic Unleashed Variety Concert.

SBS ST JAMES THEATRE GORE

## BOWMAR ROAD HOUSE

CONCERT -KATIE THOMPSON

MON 26 | 7:30PM | \$25

Join us for an intimate evening with one of New Zealand's stand-out alt-country artists, Katie Thompson.  
BOWMAR ROAD GORE

## FREEZE YA BITS OFF BUSKING

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WED 29 May – 1 JUN

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GORE

## RISEING STARS OF COUNTRY

WED 28 | 6PM | FROM \$30

From timeless classics to fresh originals, this show will have something for everyone.  
GORE RSA

## THE HARMONIC RESONATORS

WED 28 | 7PM | \$50

A family band crossing country music with waiata māori.  
SBS ST JAMES THEATRE GORE



## UKULELE FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

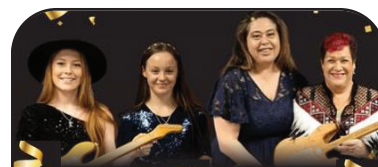
WED 28 | 9-10AM | FREE

Fun workshop for ukulele beginners. Come away being able to strum a few chords, play some songs and have a heap of fun while doing it.  
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## NZ GOLD GUITARS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

THU 29 | 6:30PM | \$55

Join us to celebrate 50 years of the NZ Gold Guitar Awards with a star-studded concert featuring 24 past Senior Overall winners returning from around NZ, Australia, and the UK.  
GORE TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB



29 May - 1 June | Kings Birthday Weekend  
[www.goldguitars.co.nz](http://www.goldguitars.co.nz)

## MLT NZ GOLD GUITAR AWARDS

FRI 30 – SUN 1 JUNE

Three days of auditions and spectacular finals night events showcase the best in junior/intermediate and senior categories.  
GORE TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB



THE CIVIC THEATRE  
INVERCARGILL  
FRI 30 MAY – 6PM  
BOOK NOW AT iTICKETEK



NZ HIGHWAYMEN WITH  
SISTERS IN COUNTRY  
FRI 30 | 7:30PM | \$79  
SBS ST JAMES GORE  
SAT 31 | 7:30PM | \$81  
THE CIVIC THEATRE



Saturday 31 May | Gore RSA