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Christchurch Artists for Christchurch - Earthquake Appeal Concert

Some of Christchurch's top music acts will play a free concert in Arrowtown this Saturday, March 12 to raise funds for their quake-ravaged city.

Fur Patrol star Julia Deans, plus Flip Grater, Andrew Keoghan with Ben King of Golden Horse and The Unfaithful Ways, along with Barry Saunders from the Warratahs, will perform at Arrowtown's Butler Green from 4-8pm after the conclusion of the annual Motatapu off-road event.

"It's fantastic news that these artists have agreed to come down to do this," Motatapu founder Geoff Matthews says.

"The artists wanted to support the 800 Motatapu competitors from Christchurch, as well as help raise a significant sum for the earthquake appeal."

"Despite having lost homes and belongings, many of our Motatapu competitors have contacted us following the Christchurch earthquake to let us know they will be bringing their families, and are really looking forward to attending this year's event," says Geoff Matthews.

"We wanted to do something really special at the conclusion of what will no doubt be a very emotional Motatapu. Having five of Christchurch's best acts playing at a free concert in Arrowtown is something unlikely to ever be repeated," Geoff Matthews says.

"This concert is so much more than the Motatapu events however, and so we want all our 3500 competitors to bring as many supporters as they can, as well as a big turn out of Southern Lakes locals.

Jan Hellriegel, Artist Liaison for Native Tongue Music Publishing, who was responsible for putting together the artist roster, says that this is a world class line up of some of New Zealand's most acclaimed musicians.

"We are sure the public will enjoy such a talented line up of Christchurch artists, who are all really keen to contribute to such an important cause close to their hearts," Jan Hellriegel says.

"They will bring together a diverse cross section of musical styles for one day only, all in support of the Christchurch Earthquake appeal. With both familiar faces and newcomers, this concert will offer something for everyone," she says.

Jan Hellriegel, who played at last year's Motatapu, and will also make a special guest appearance with Ben Fulton. Jan says that the finish line at Butler's Green lends itself well to concerts. "It is a natural amphitheatre, and has a great vibe and beautiful acoustics," she says.

Geoff Matthews says that arranging this concert at such short notice would have been impossible without support from Air New Zealand for flying the artists down, and Motatapu sponsor Accor Group who will be accommodating the artists.





“Both Air New Zealand CEO Rob Fyfe, and Jim Moore, General Manager of the Accor’s Novotel Lakeside, are doing the event. We have also asked Rob Fyfe to be a guest MC for the night. We hope he has his breath back from mountain biking the 47 kilometres from Lake Wanaka to Arrowtown,” says Geoff Matthews.

Amongst those also competing in the event to raise funds for Christchurch will be, Hon. Bill English, multisport legend Steve Gurney, Olympic gold medalist Hamish Carter and Dame Susan Devoy.

All donations from these fundraising efforts will go to the Red Cross 2011 Earthquake Appeal and can be made at the concert or online at <http://www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/MotatapuChChAppealConcert/>

Geoff Matthews says that while fine weather is expected, the mornings and evenings are getting colder and this week some fresh snow appeared on the hills for the first time this year.

“Bring something warm to wear, and a blanket so you can stay and enjoy the music.”

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Andrew Keoghan (with Ben King of Goldenhorse)

Andrew describes his music as chamber pop. As a classically trained musician, his songs represent his fascination with intriguing little things that sprinkle life’s everyday encounters. His descriptive lyrics sway from ethereal to direct, often speaking of matters of the heart.

Andrew will be joined by Ben King of Goldenhorse fame, and they will be performing songs from his forth-coming album “Arctic Tales divide”.

www.AndrewKeoghan.com

Flip Grater

Described as having traces of PJ Harvey, a sprinkling of Cat Power and a touch of Suzanne Vega, Flip Grater’s music has established her as one of our country’s most beloved indie-folk artists. Through six years of crafting her unique sound, she has released an EP, three critically acclaimed albums (2006’s Cage For A Song, 2008’s Be All And End All and 2010’s While I’m Awake I’m At War), published a book and has a tour history that has seen her performing through more than a dozen countries.



www.flipgrater.com

Julia Deans (Fur Patrol)

Julia Deans possesses New Zealand rock's most interesting voices; able to shift elegantly between soaring falsetto and assured growl. Known previously as the charismatic frontwoman of NZ-spawned Fur Patrol, her new solo album "Modern Fables" has garnered her new critical acclaim and success throughout New Zealand.

Julia is considered one of NZ's great songwriters, as was shown by her nomination as a finalist in the esteemed APRA awards last year, which she has previously won with Fur Patrol.

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The Unfaithful Ways

Lyttelton's dual personalities as a bustling port and a sleepy township has brought forth the birth of The Unfaithful Ways, a refined band whose distinct, yet diverse sound reflects their town's dynamic character.

Since forming in 2008, The Unfaithful Ways' alt-country sound has been steadily broadening, embracing everything from traditional country and gentle folk to '70s-influenced, harmony-rich, pop/rock. Their haunting melodies are unforgettable, and their stage presence will woo audiences far and wide.

www.myspace.com/theunfaithfulways

Barry Saunders from The Warratahs.

The Warratahs, as one of New Zealand's foremost rock bands throughout the 1990s, brought Barry Saunders' beautifully crafted songs and lyricism to a wide audience throughout the country. With the release of "Far As The Eye Can See" in 2010, Saunders' music was married with artists' impressions of the songs, creating a masterpiece presented in a gallery exhibition and a subsequent album.

As a truly timeless and charismatic performer, Barry Saunders will be bringing songs both familiar and new to Motatapu.

www.barrysaunders.co.nz/

