

he nui te koreo.  
Kātoitoi, a small bird  
with a big voice.

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## What's on in Ōtautahi Christchurch

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### White Out Festival

Methven hosts a musical winter odyssey tomorrow, with a big lineup of local and international acts at White Out Festival. Performers include Sir Dave Dobbyn, Lee Mvttthews, Aroha + Tali, Skegss, David Dallas and many more across three stages at Methven Racecourse.

Patrons are encouraged to make a weekend of it by adding in a visit to the slopes at Mt Hutt, checking out the all ages rail-jam competition at the festival, or taking a soak at the Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa. Final release tickets available through Eventbrite.

### Christchurch Choral Festival

This annual event brings local choirs together to share repertoire on a larger scale. Choirs will be grouped into clusters and perform for up to 10 minutes, before combining for the final item: Haydn's *The Heavens Are Telling*, from *The Creation*.

The one-hour free show will open with the combined inner-city church choirs, conducted by Paul Ellis and Ken Joblin, and co-ordinated by the Royal School of Church Music. The Community Choirs of Christchurch, co-ordinated by Henry Nicholson, will sing some popular arrangements.

Young singers will be represented by the Christ Church Cathedral choristers, directed by Dr John Linker, and by the Christchurch Boys' Choir, directed by Robert Gaudin.

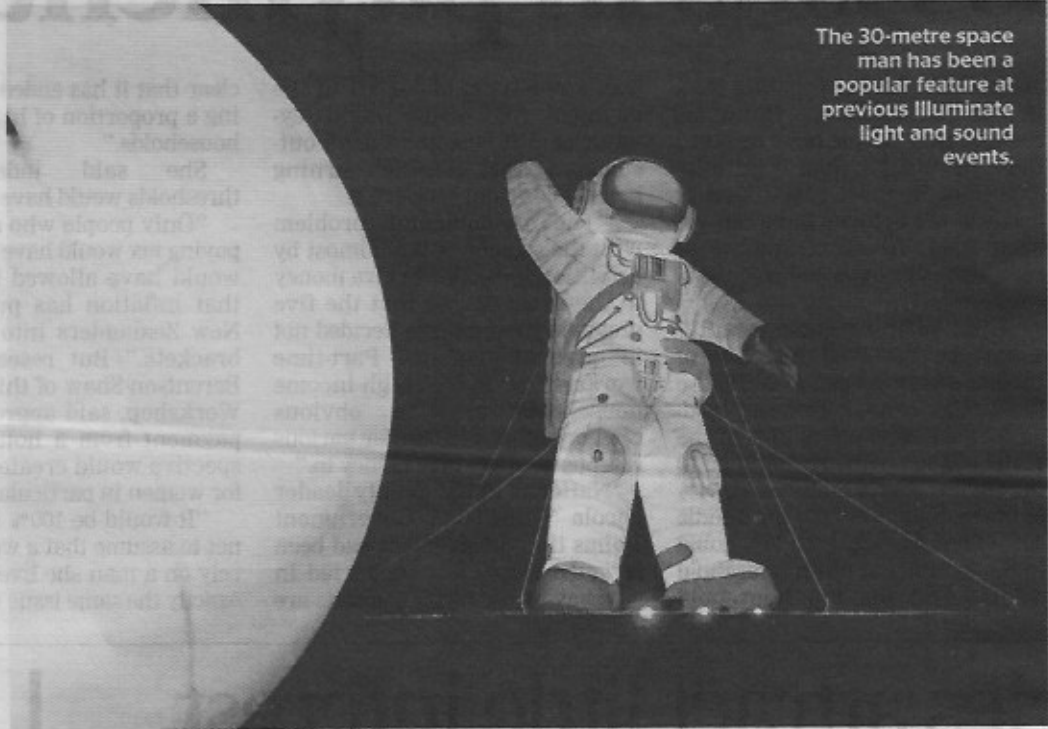
The concert choir bracket will include Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* and Fauré's *Libera Me*, with soloist Paul Whelan. Sunday from 3pm at St Mary's Pro Cathedral, 373 Manchester St.

### HELLZAPOPPIN'! - The Gig

A free party celebrating Flying Nun bands past and present will be held at the Christchurch Art Gallery/Te Puna O Waiwhetū tomorrow from 7pm. Performers include Die! Die! Die!, Francisca Griffin & The Bus Shelter Boys, Mermaidens, and the Remnants. RDU's Ziggy Starlet will also play selected tracks from Flying Nun's back catalogue, and there will be food trucks and bars.

### Festival of Dog Tails 2.0

The Festival of Dog Tails event returns on October 9 to celebrate our canine companions and raise funds for the Dogwatch Sanctuary



The 30-metre space man has been a popular feature at previous Illuminate light and sound events.



Sir Dave Dobbyn will perform at White Out Festival in Methven tomorrow.

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### Trust and Chained Dog Rehabilitation & Rehoming.

The non-ticketed event (gold coin on the day) also supports local boutique dog businesses, with stalls from the likes of Pickle's Pawtraits (dog portraits), Team Blake (handmade dog toys and accessories), Best Buddies K9 Boxes (doggy hampers), and Arctic Sammy (outdoor gear for adventure dogs).

There will also be ice cream, wine tasting, coffee and cakes – all suitable for dogs – along with some treats for the humans.

Sunday, October 9, from 11am to 3pm at Sign of the Takahe, 200 Hackthorne Rd.

### Illuminate

Tens of thousands of guests are expected at Ferrymead Heritage Park when Illuminate returns next week. The interactive light and sound event claims to be New Zealand's biggest light show display, with unique lighting displays not seen before.

Last year's event sold out, so people are encouraged to get tickets now through Eventbrite (\$10 per person online or \$12 limited door sales). Illuminate is on August 18 to 21 and 25 to 28, 5.45pm to 9.30pm at Ferrymead Heritage Park.

### Music stars team up for global premiere

Opera star Paul Whelan will give the world premiere performance of composer Alan Griffiths' *Such A Fine, Sunny Day* song cycle at Christchurch's The Piano on September 17 at 7.30pm.

*Such a Fine, Sunny Day* is the last thing 21-year-old Sophie Scholl said before Hitler had her executed in Munich in 1943. Sung in German and English, Griffiths imagines how Sophie, a pacifist, would have reacted to today's world.

At the show, Whelan will team up with pianists Nicholas Young (from Australia) and Anna Maksymova (originally from Ukraine and now based in Christchurch), and 17-year-old violinist Rose Light (born in New Zealand, raised in Australia and now Christchurch-based).

Light's chamber group won first prize at the Queensland International Chamber Music Competition 2019 (under 18s), while Young's Ensemble Francaix chamber group won the top prize at the same competition.

Griffiths has produced sold-out concerts in Melbourne and New South Wales, and his albums have attracted glowing reviews from international classical piano critics.

After studying in Christchurch, Griffiths moved to Melbourne and scored 25 films, including two feature films. He has continued composing art music in between film scoring for 27 years.

Tickets from [griffithscomposer.com](http://griffithscomposer.com).