

Media Release

PUBLIC ART TAKES OVER CENTRAL CHRISTCHURCH FOR SCAPE SEASON 2021



Meet the artists of SCAPE Season 2021! Including (L-R, Top to Bottom) Kate Newby, Janet Lilo, Sione Monu, Aroha Novak, Louise Palmer, Bona Park, Nabuqi, and Olivia Webb. Images courtesy of the artists & SCAPE Public Art.

Save the date, because SCAPE Public Art is taking over the central city with a series of exciting sculptures this spring!

Running from 9 October – 20 November, eight locally and internationally recognised artists will be debuting artworks around central Ōtautahi | Christchurch, showcasing their interpretations of the theme *Shadows Cast*.

Managing Curator Jamie Hanton’s selections for the 2021 festival fall into his overall vision of *Fictions*, which unfurls across the 2020 – 2022 SCAPE Public Art Seasons.

“*Fictions* aims to introduce elements of mystery and moments of revelation to the Ōtautahi cityscape,” explains Hanton. “*Shadows Cast* takes the shadow as its point of focus, exploring the possibilities of shifting identities and new roles for our city. The shadow is a space of potential, and that’s what our artists will be exploring this season.”

Including some of Aotearoa’s finest established and emerging artists, you can expect to encounter newly commissioned work from Aroha Novak, Janet Lilo, Kate Newby, Louise Palmer, Sione Monu, and Olivia Webb.

Installations from international artists will return following COVID-19 disruptions, with a celebrated piece coming to Ōtautahi from Chinese artist Nabuqi, as well as new work from renowned Korean artist Bona Park.

"*Shadows Cast* explores the lasting impact of certain fading histories and the possibilities for different histories to overlap and overwrite," explains Hanton. "The artists we've gathered have brought us such an incredible, exciting range of work that explores these themes."

With a series of artist talks, walking tours and interactive pieces, SCAPE's Season 2021 will be a highlight for Ōtautahi this spring.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about each work, with pieces to be exhibited publicly in key locations such as the Botanic Gardens, Hagley Park, and the Canterbury Museum.

The Season will also include crowd favourite project Re:ACTIVATE Aspiring Artists, where design proposals from Waitaha | Canterbury primary and high school students will be brought to life in Hagley Park.

"We can't wait to bring this thrilling season to the central city," says SCAPE's Executive Director Deborah McCormick. "*Shadows Cast* is a season of excitement and revelation that you won't want to miss – and won't be able to miss if you live in Ōtautahi!"

SCAPE's Public Art Season 2021 runs from 9 October – 20 November in central Ōtautahi | Christchurch.

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About SCAPE Public Art

SCAPE Public Art installs public art in Ōtautahi | Christchurch all year round, with a focus on the annual public art festival Seasons. SCAPE is the Ōtautahi expert in the installation of public art, and the SCAPE Public Art Seasons are Aotearoa | New Zealand's premier public art events. Our Seasons provide an opportunity to focus on the introduction of new artworks, while maintaining focus on the impressive base of legacy pieces.

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