

Mane/Monday	Tūrei/Tuesday	Wenerei/ Wednesday	Tāite/Thursday	Paraire/Friday
Pēpuere/February				
2	3	4	5	6 Waitangi day CLOSED
9	10	11	12 Whakawātea/ blessing the space	13
16	17	18 Staff training CLOSED	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
2 Māehe/March	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 Dunedin Fringe Festival	13
16	17	18	19	20
Dunedin Fringe Festival				Fringe ends
23 Otago Anniversary CLOSED	24	25	26	27
30	31	1 Āperira/April	2	3 Good Friday CLOSED
6 Easter Monday CLOSED	7	8	9	10
13	14	15 Artsenta outing CLOSED	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27 ANZAC day CLOSED	28	29	30	

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From the Director

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome back to a very special year - our 40th no less! This is a chance to acknowledge everyone who has ever attended or contributed and to let the rest of the world know how valuable creative spaces such as Artsenta are. So please join us in the events as they unfold. 2026 is also my 10th year working at Artsenta and I'm thankful that it continues to bring me joy along with all the challenges and learning! We are really blessed with a great team and a beautiful space so there's lots to celebrate.

- Paul



New 2026 Artists' Voice crew

We have some new Artist Voice members! Artist Voice is a group of Artsenta artists that get together once a month to discuss artist feedback and how to support the contribution of artists within Artsenta. If you have something you would like to suggest or discuss you are welcome to approach one of the Artist Voice members or you can pop a suggestion in the box in the kitchen if you'd like to remain anonymous. Our friendly AV members are Vince, Lynette, Christine, Eddie, Ange, Valma, and Gracie. You'll find a photo of them on the kitchen noticeboard if you are unsure who they are.

Market Day 2025

Market Day gives our artists the opportunity to connect with the community and sell their artwork. Last November's market was a huge success! We had lots of visitors and many happy customers. WELL DONE to all the artists involved!

~ Vince



Nina's Pop-up Exhibition

"At the end of last year I had my first Artsenta pop-up exhibition featuring my acrylic paintings of landscapes I've painted over the last 2 years. The lead up to the exhibition was really exciting, getting a theme and deciding how to display my paintings. Heaps of people turned up for the opening and gave many lovely compliments about my art which was quite overwhelming. The exhibition was very successful with a few sales. The best bit for me was the comments book which was filled with lovely compliments. It made me feel really good. Thank you to everyone involved, it was a fantastic experience and I am really grateful." ~ Nina



Visiting Artist:

Ana Teofilo

Ana Teofilo will be visiting us in May to host a 2 day workshop sharing her signature mediums, glue dots and posca pens, to create Pasifika inspired vibrant artworks. Ana is a prominent New Zealand-born Samoan visual artist based in Ōtepoti, known for her unique fusion of Pacific heritage and contemporary Western art techniques.



New MAHI TOI Sessions Coming Soon

Nurture your wellbeing and deepen your cultural connection at our new toi Māori/mahi toi art sessions. Explore traditional and contemporary patterns and techniques in a creative, supportive space. Artists from all cultures and skill levels are welcome to join in. Keep an eye on our notice board for dates and session times.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

This year is going to look a little different and extra special as it's Artsenta's 40th anniversary! We will be hosting a range of exciting events this year to celebrate including a whakawātea/blessing of the space in February, a sculpture project for the Fringe Festival in March and much much more. Here's a few words from one of our artists about Artsenta's history.

"I've been coming to Artsenta for 35 years. The first building they were in (in town) was at the bottom of Cargill St then after a while they shifted to Moray Place near Presbyterian Support. Each art space was better than the last. From there to a building near the back of McDonalds in Great King St. That's where I met Bridget who I later married. Another move was to the Agricultural Hall in Crawford St and lastly where we are now; by far the best art space and easy access for all. ~ Greg

Dates to Remember

Pēpuere/February

6th Fri - Waitangi Day - CLOSED

12th Thu - Whakawātea - 10am start
To bless/cleanse the space

18th Wed - CLOSED

Māehe/March

12th Thu - Dunedin Fringe Festival
Exhibition Opening

23rd Mon - Otago Anniversary Day
CLOSED

Āperire/April

3rd Fri & 6th Mon - Easter - CLOSED

15th Wed - April Arsentia Outing

27th Mon - ANZAC day - CLOSED

Shenanigans 2025

The end of 2025 was celebrated in true Artsenta style, with a gathering of artists, singing waiata, reciting poems and, of course, eating yummy kai! Here's a reflection about the day from one of our artists.

"What a great day to end the year. With our performance it was well worth the effort of the artists. On behalf of the performers I would like to say thank you to the staff at Artsenta for allowing us to put on such an awesome day to end 2025!"

~ David

