

Globe Theatre DCC 9 Year Plan Submissions

closes 12 noon Wednesday 30th April



The Council's \$17 million funding cut is based on a false sense of security about Dunedin's performing arts venues. Without urgent support, vital spaces like Te Whare o Rukutia and the Playhouse could vanish — and with them, a vibrant part of our city's cultural life. This is not maintaining the status quo; it is letting it collapse.

The Friends of the Globe Incorporated believe

- 231 Stuart St (the former Fortune Theatre Building) should be removed from the SEP strategic asset list and sold for sympathetic development.
- The proceeds of the sale be earmarked exclusively for investment in performing arts infrastructure.
- We recommend the Council (through the Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust) provide guaranteed financial support for operations of **Te Whare o Rukutia**. This will require the DCC to reverse its decision to end funding for Te Whare o Rukutia.
- The annual **Professional Theatre Fund** continues, at least at its current level, but preferably be increased to reflect the increase of the CPI over the past 5 years.
- Financial investment to be made in **Playhouse Theatre infrastructure**. The Playhouse has stated they expect to close in 24 months without this support.

ALSO

For the 9 Year Plan we recommend the DCC commits to create and adopt an **Ōtepoti Theatre Action Plan** - (as they have done for our colleagues in the music scene).

Ideally this action plan would include the following mid-term actions on infrastructure development, as recommended by the Performing Arts group (Stage South, the Playhouse, the Athenaeum, the Regent) [statement of intent](#).

- Support for the **Playhouse** renovations and refurbishment
- Support for the public/private partnership of **Athenaeum** development to improve the 90 seat fringe theatre and create a significant new music venue
- Support for a **new build, community performing arts centre**. This will require DCC land or partnerships with landowners to secure suitable land.
- If a memorandum of understanding for a new build is not secured within 18 months, or in the event that DCC will not support a new build, consideration of the support for new infrastructure for the Regent Theatre.

The Friends of the Globe Committee believe that the Dunedin City Council MUST invest in the City's performing arts infrastructure as they have a responsibility to ensure the ongoing health and vitality of all its' citizens.