



## FESTIVAL FRIENDS – E-newsletter 14 Dec 2009

Hi Festival Friend!

Are you ready to have the time of your life this summer? The TSB Bank Festival of Lights is just around the corner and there are more than 100 events.

The festival will officially begin on Saturday 19 December – the same night as the first Fleetwood Mac concert at the TSB Bowl of Brooklands - and there will be a special light up for Christmas at the Bowl on Sunday 13 December.

With less than a fortnight to go, we're putting the finishing touches to this year's route and Pukekura Park is looking fantastic. Hidden gems and new features throughout the park means there is always something new to discover.

## on stage

As part of the free On Stage evening programme, performances will be held every night in the park from 26 December, on the Hatchery Lawn and every Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights on the Fred Parker Lawn. These performances range from opera, Aussie rock and Yiddish Klezmer songs to belly dancing and busking competitions. And sure to be a favourite from the twilight movie series is Dirty Dancing, which will screen in the park on Sunday 10 January.

## summer scene

The daytime Summer Scene programme includes interactive storytelling, a crazy kite day, a High School Musical roller disco, Dogs' Day Out, a children's market, the Frog Prince pantomime – and many more events for preschoolers through to early teens.



Cheeky Grimace the Gorilla will be around again, but this year he has decided to try something new! Grimace has joined Twitter so that he can keep you up-to-date with all the latest information – and he may even share some gossip from behind the scenes! You can follow him by going to <http://twitter.com/GrimaceGorilla>.

## Brochures

The festival brochure is out! You should have received one in your letterbox by now, but if not, you can pick one up from your local TSB Bank branch, i-SITE, library and the New Plymouth District Council. You can also visit the festival website, [www.festivaloflights.co.nz](http://www.festivaloflights.co.nz), for the latest programme information.

## Light Up Your Window!

This year, local retailers will be taking part in a 'Light Up Your Window' competition to support the TSB Bank Festival of Lights and bring some Christmas spirit to the city. A good opportunity to check out the window displays is at the late night shopping evening on Friday 18 December, where participating shops will be open until 8.00pm. Grimace and the Faeries will be around town, as well as some great local performers, adding to a fun Christmas atmosphere.

## Over 100 Events – how many will you go to?

There are more than 100 events in this year's TSB Bank Festival of Lights and always something different to experience throughout the festival – so get out and about with friends and family and make the most of it this summer!

Looking forward to seeing you at the festival!

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