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University of Waikato expands music and arts opportunities through Orchestras Central Trust partnership

The University of Waikato has partnered with the [Orchestras Central Trust](#) to expand music and arts opportunities for staff, students and the wider community.

Through the partnership, the Trust will host concerts and performances for the wider community at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts (GAPA) on the University's Hamilton campus, where the Orchestras Central team has been based since late last year.

University of Waikato Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alister Jones, says the partnership presents further opportunities for the University to strengthen its relationship with the wider community, while expanding the opportunities for staff and students.

"The University is well placed to raise the profile of music and arts opportunities coming to Hamilton, and ensure GAPA is a venue that the whole community can enjoy," he says.

Katie Mayes, Chair of Orchestras Central Trust, says "Our musicians love being able to practice and perform in the best facilities in Hamilton."

"Being located at the University also makes it easier to continue to partner and tap into the expertise of staff and students. This includes those who are part of Te Kura Toi - School of Arts but also those involved in marketing, management and so on," she said.

Orchestras Central's next event hosted in the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, the Rusty Solstice, is on 20 June from 1-5pm, followed by their Youth Orchestra Waikato - Kaleidoscope event on 26 June from 7.30-8.45pm. To learn more about their upcoming events, [click here](#). ENDS

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About the Orchestras Central Trust

Orchestras Central Trust is a non-profit organisation established in 2015 that promotes the enjoyment and development of orchestral music for the benefit of the general public in the Waikato.