

Final Call!

The New HOTS Jazz Orchestra
Presents a unique fun-filled opportunity to tour

NEW ZEALAND

North and South Island

The New HOTS Jazz Orchestra is making a limited number of spaces available for individuals who would like to join the band on its 2007 tour of New Zealand. This will be a unique travel experience for any person who likes to have fun and has the stamina to keep with a very active, adventurous group. The tour will allow you to enjoy the beauty of New Zealand's North and South Islands as well as to participate with the New HOTS Jazz Orchestra as it plays for concerts and dancing in Auckland, Rotorua, Napier, Christchurch and Queenstown. You will also participate in Napier's exciting and world-famous Art Deco Festival. (The exact trip itinerary will, of course, depend upon the band's still developing performance schedule.)

18 days - A Musical Journey

February 8 - 25, 2007

\$3500 per person

(Meet us in LA for \$3000, in Auckland for \$2500)

Trip price includes round-trip air fare from Washington (IAD), lodging in hostel/motel quality double rooms with complete bath, transportation in 7-passenger self-drive rental vans and in-country location transfer flights. Price does not include insurance or personal expenses (e.g. tours, museum tickets, laundry, meals, etc.)

A \$500 per person refundable deposit is required to reserve your space for this trip. It is imperative that we receive your deposit so we have a firm head count for setting up group arrangements and transportation, even though we have not yet finalized all the details of our trip. Thanks for your understanding! Full trip payment will be due by January 2, 2007.

Please call (703) 264-9891 for more information

Your Travel Highlights:

NOTE: The precise performance schedule and itinerary is still under development and is and will remain subject to change. The New HOTS Jazz Orchestra has been invited to perform at several events during Napier's Art Deco Weekend. The band also has other concert and dance performances in the vicinities of Auckland, Rotorua, Napier, Christchurch, and Queenstown. Tour participants will be able to make optional day excursions and take sightseeing, wine and gastronomic tours throughout the region. We expect to engage in jet boating, bungee jumping, glacier walking, and other exciting outdoor activities. While the orchestra is rehearsing or performing, other tour members may participate in independent sightseeing activities. Except for performers, all activities are optional. Sleep in, relax, or do your own thing. (Ask someone who accompanied us to Provence in 1997, Paris-Normandy-Val du Loire in 1999, New Zealand in 2001, Southwestern France in 2002, or Northern Italy in 2004! Check out the photos on our website - www.newhotsjazz.com - and read our Letter to Participants.)

Proposed Itinerary:

Thursday, Feb 8 - Depart Washington, DC: Check in band's heavy baggage (sound system, drums, piano, footlockers, etc.) to Dulles' American Airlines group travel counter at 7:30 AM. Individuals must check in their personal bags and instruments not later than 8:30 AM. Check them all the way through to Auckland. Travel documents will be inspected. Give the agent any airlines mileage and pick up your boarding pass. Depart Dulles at 10:43 aboard American Airlines Flight 143 non-stop to Los Angeles (lunch aboard) arriving at 1:20 PM (flight time 5 hrs 35 minutes.) Exit terminal and walk or take shuttle to Terminal Two. (6 hours 15 minutes layover.) Check in at 7:30 PM. Documents will be inspected again. Give the agent any airlines miles and pick up your boarding pass. Enter the International Departure area. (Find Marcia Litt.) Change to Quantas Flight 26 and depart LA at 8:30 PM. (flight time 12 hrs 45 minutes) A meal will be served after take off. There are several movies aboard, but get some sleep! (It's 21 hours for the total trip.)

Friday, Feb 9 - En Route: Cross the International Date Line. Where did the time go?

Saturday, Feb 10 - Auckland: Early breakfast served aboard the plane. Arrive Auckland at 6:00 AM. Collect our baggage, clearing Customs and Immigration. Pick up our rental vans (4 Hertz 8-person vans plus 1 sedan and 1 cargo van), rent cell phones, buy phone cards, purchase local maps, and change currency. Purchase electrical adapters, coolers and other picnic supplies for the vans. Drive (on the left!) to a local high school (Selwyn College) to clean up and inventory our gear. (Possible joint rehearsal with Brett Lowe's New Internationals.) We'll have a second late breakfast or lunch at Mission Bay. (We must kill time until our hotel rooms become available at 2:00 PM.) Take an orientation drive around the city (on the left!) visiting Auckland Dominion and Mount Eden (One Tree Hill) for an overview. Visit Kelly Tarleton's Antarctic Centre and Underwater World. Climb the Sky Tower (best view in the southern hemisphere. Defy gravity walking over a clear glass panels in the floor.)

Lodging: We'll move into our hotel - the Kingsgate Hotel, 92-102 Gladstone Road, Parnell - phone 64 9 377-3619 (kingsgate.parnell@milleniumhotels.co.nz) between noon and 2:00 PM. This 3-star hotel overlooks Parnell's Rose Gardens and Waitemata Harbour and is located near the Parnell Village Shops and 2 km from Auckland's best shopping street near the Aotea Centre and Town Hall about a 15-minute walk from the waterfront. There is a swimming pool, restaurant and a bar in the hotel. TVs and refrigerators in the rooms. The afternoon is free for sightseeing.

No performance this evening? Shakedown rehearsal?

JACK TO DO: Reserve Hangi with Tamaki Tours, 1106 Pukai Street in Rotorua 7 346-2823 by 4PM.

Sunday, Feb 11 - Auckland: Sleep in to overcome jet lag? Attend church? Independent small group and individual sightseeing. Take a two-hour Harbor Explorer Coffee Cruise to see the 'City of Sails' from the water. Take a ten-minute ferry to shop on Devonport's waterfront. Visit the Auckland Museum and the America's Cup Village.

Option: Six-hour roundtrip drive to visit Whangerei in the Northlands via the Matakoho Kauri Museum, Dargaville, and the Bay of Islands (historic area, scenic islands, hole in the rock.) Possible afternoon joint concert with Whangerei's Ward's Music Big Band. Return to Auckland.

Performance possibilities in Auckland: (1) Three band (HOTS, New Internationals, Prohibition Big Band) swing tea dance 6-9 PM for Michelle Stroup's jitterbugs, Mount Rothskill Memorial Hall, May Road? (2) Perform for the Auckland Jazz & Blues Society 7:30-10:30 PM at the Gables Tavern, Jervois Road, Herne Bay? (3) Perform for dancing with supper at the Chevalier or New Lynn Returned Services Association (RSA - like a VFW or American Legion Hall) in Ponsonby. (1932 - now Tuxedo Swing Orchestra plays Chevalier RSA 1st Sunday, Barry Clewett and his Show Band perform there 2nd Sunday.)

Monday, Feb 12 - Rotorua: Early departure. Select your preferred route to Rotorua. Must arrive at hotel circa 5:00 PM to take tonight's optional Hangi tour. Very early departure - drive three hours south via State Highway 1 through farm and kiwi country to Hamilton. Option 1: In Hamilton try the Waikato River Paddleboat cruise. Continue south, take a short detour to visit Matamata (Hobbit Town - Lord of the Rings), continue south arriving in Rotorua for two nights. See Government Gardens, the Bathhouse, Hell's Gate, see the Waiotapu Thermal Reserve. Option 2: (to avoid Hamilton's traffic jams, take highway 31 through St Johns Anglican Church, Rose Town, Te Awamutu, and Otorohanga and return to State Highway 1), continue south to Te Kuiti and tour the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves (two-hour standard tour (07) 878-8227), drive two hours on to Tongariro National Park, drive the Rangipo Desert Road, see Mount Raupehu, take an all-terrain vehicle up to see Mount Tarawera's buried Whakapapa Village, scree down into the crater. Continue thru Taupo to Rotorua for two nights. Option 3: Drive south via SH2 though Paeroa, past the Coromandel Penninsula, gold mining town of Thames, the Karangahape Gorge, Waihi, Miranda Hot Springs, KatiKati (murals) Tauranga, Taupo (bungee jump), to Rotorua for two nights.

Lodging: Hotel Ibis, Lake End Rangiora (Tutanekai) Street, 64 7 346-3999/3888 (H1874-RE01@accor.com) This air-conditioned 3-star hotel is located on the shore of Lake Rotorua and has a guest laundry, bar and restaurant in the hotel.

Tonight! Optional tour (\$50.00): Bring a sweater. Meet our tour guide in the foyer at 6:00 PM to be taken to a Maori Marae (fortified village) for an outdoor hangi (Haka-war dance, poi balls, and luau) at the Tamaki Family Pa until 10:30 PM tonight.

Tuesday, Feb 13 - Rotorua: (Option: Morning - Optional tour: Be in the lobby at 7:30 AM for a half-day 'Discover Rotorua' Great Sights GS39, 9 303-1170 morning guided bus tour (\$26.00) of the Paradise Valley Springs (view wildlife in a trout springs and nature park, pat a pride of lions (depending upon the size and age of the lions), the New Zealand Farm and Sheep Show at the Agrodome (shearing, working dogs), the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve (boiling mud pools, steaming silica terraces, spouting geysers), Maori Cultural Center Arts and Crafts Institute. Bus will return you to the motel.) Afternoon free: soak in the Polynesian (thermal) pools, ride the Skyrides Gondola up a mountain peak and lug back down. Raft or kayak over the Kaituna Cascades, plunging over the waterfall. Horseback treks, 4-wheel drive off road vehicles, paint ball wars.

Performances possibilities near Rotorua: Dinner dance for the Rotorua Jazz Club, Joint performance with Taupo's Great Lake Big Band in Taupo? Drive to the East coast and play for the Tauranga Jazz Society, or at Mount Maunganui or at Whakatane? Rehearsal at the hotel?

JACK TO DO: Re-confirm New Zealand Huka Riverjet for 25 persons at noon 14 Feb with Melinda 7 333-7111

Wednesday, Feb 14 - Napier: Valentines Day! Depart NLT 9:00 AM to drive five hours south to Hawkes Bay. (Option 1: Bungee jump in Taupo.) (Option 2: Take alternate route, visit Tongariro National Park and Mount Rauphu, Waiouru Army Museum. (Possibility of an afternoon performance at the Grand Chateau in Tongariro National Park.) Return to Taupo.) Continue south on State Highway 5 (Option 3: 40 minutes jet boating on the Waikoto River at 11:00 AM. See the Aratiata Rapids, beautiful Huka Falls, and Maori Crafts Village. Have lunch at nearby Waireke Park at the prawn farm, with it's Volcanic Activity Center and Honey Hive.) Drive south through the Tarawera, Awahonui, and Esk Forests (Linden Estates Winery - very few towns along the way.) Arrive Napier circa 3:00 PM.

Lodging: For the next six nights is at the Quality Inn, 311 Marine Parade, Napier 64 6 835-3237 (sales@qualityinnapier.com), This air conditioned motel has TV in the rooms, a swimming pool, guest laundry and a restaurant on the premises.

During the afternoon, sightsee in Hastings - Festival of Flowers, Te Mata Peak, Cape Kidnappers Gannet seabird colonies, Pernel FruitWorld, Hawkes Bay Brewery, Wineries. This evening attend 'Hearts & Roses - Songs for Lovers' by the Hawkes Bay Opera Workshop in the PanPac foyer of the Napier Municipal Theatre, Tennyson St, . Napier at 8 PM Attend 'Songbirds in Swingtime' dinner concert at the Hawk's Bay Club, Browning St., Napier at 7:30 PM.

Cancelled Performance: Private Valentine's Dance (30's Tea Dance/Silver Slipper Club) for the Hastings Cosmopolitan Club from 8:00 - 12:00 PM (Old City Council Chambers Ballroom?) Uniform: Tuxedos/Vintage - red bow ties. Dinner in the dining room at 5:30 PM.

Thursday, Feb 15 - Napier: Sightsee and participate in Napier's famous Art Deco Weekend, including antique and collectibles fair, guided art deco walks, country house tour, bicycle tour, fancy hat and bathing belle contests, hang gliding, biplane rides. Visit Lombardi Winery, Bluff Hill Domain, Kiwi House, National Aquarium, Marineland (swim with dolphins), Fantasyland, Classic Sheepskins (tannery tour), Opossum World.

Option 1: Side trip 3 hours north to Gisborne for hang gliding from the cliffs, vineyard visits. Option 2: Side trip south (take the steam train?) through Dannevirke (visit Norsewood woolen mill and knitwear) through Eketahuna (take your photo by the big kiwi) to visit the Mount Bruce National Wildlife Center 10 kms further on. Try canoeing and jet skiing on the Whareama River. In the vicinity are opportunities for tandem skydiving, horse trekking, skeet shooting, quad motor biking, hot air ballooning or WWII fighter pilot training. Option 3: Stay overnight at Copthorne Solway Park in Masterton (06) 377-5129 (heated indoor pool, solarium, billiards, trampoline, 10 bay golf driving range, jogging track, cafe-bar, two restaurants and other amenities) and visit the Wairapa, Martinsborough wineries, Te Mata winery in Havelock North, historic Victorian Greytown, and the Fell Engine Museum in Featherstown. Option 4: Wellington, Palmerston North, Wanganui?

No performance tonight: Instead we'll enjoy a rijstafel at Restaurant Indonesia.

Friday, Feb 16-Napier: Enjoy the festival! (Late night jam sessions with Brett's New Internationals at the Youth Hostel are possible, even likely, starting tonight.)

Performance: HOTS plays a New Orleans Mardis Gras concert under a marquee tent

8:30-11:30 PM 'Brookfields on Bourbon Street' at the Brookfield Vineyards south of Napier (376 Brookfields Road, Meanee 06 834-4615. Uniform is tuxedos/vintage. Cajun Dinner at the Winery at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, Feb 17 - Napier: Enjoy the festival! Wear your art deco costumes this afternoon. Attend the Snap, Crackle and Pops Jazz Breakfast at the Acqua Bar at the Masonic Hotel at 8:30 AM.

Performance: At 12:00-2:30 PM HOTS marches as the 'New Reliance' New Orleans style Brass Band in the 'Automobilia - Vintage Car Parade' along Emerson Street in Napier's central business district. All trip members are invited to carry red and white umbrellas and march as our 'Second Line'. Uniform: Purple Trip Tee Shirts and White Baseball Caps.

Attend Classical music concert at the Pan Pac foyer of the Municipal Theatre at noon. Attend the Saturday Street Party on Emerson Street from 11:00 Am to 1:30 PM. Brett's New Internationals play the sound shell from 1:00-4:00 PM. Enter the Costume & Coiffure Contest at 2:00 PM. Attend the Bathing Belles & Blokes Contest at the Napier Sound Shell at 3:30 PM with music by Brett's New Internationals. Jitterbug Dance lessons 11 AM, 3:00 PM at the Napier City Dance Studio, Marine Parade, Napier. Attend Happy Hour at the Hawkes Bay Club, Browning St. 5-7 PM. Attend Learned Lecture on local geology at the Hawk's Bay Museum, Herschel St., Napier at 7:30 PM. Attend the Napier Cosmopolitan Club's Silver Slipper Club dance with Brett Lowe's New Internationals tonight at 7:30 PM. Seventh Battalion Army Band performs at the Sound Shell from 9:30 PM until midnight. Hawkes Bay Jazz Club Big Band and the 10th Avenue Band from California play the Soft Shoe Shuffle dance at the War Memorial from 8:00 PM until midnight.

Performance: At 6:30-10:30 PM HOTS plays for the 'Twilight Toe Tap' street dance and pub crawl on the corner of Emerson and Market Streets. Uniform is art deco or vintage - red bow ties and suspenders.

Sunday, Feb 18 - Napier: More festival, attend church services, or sleep in and do your laundry. Church services; 9:30 AM St. Columba's Presbyterian, 9:30 AM St. Patrick's Catholic, 10:00 AM St. Paul's Presbyterian, 10:00 AM St. John's Anglican Cathedral with the 7th Battalion Army Band. Attend the Veronica Bell Parade (installation of bell ceremony at Veronica Sun Bay 12:30 PM with the 7th Battalion Army Band and Sea Scouts.

Performance: HOTS plays a 1:00-4:30 PM concert under a marquee tent this afternoon in the lower lawn at the Great Gatsby Picnic and Antique Car Show along the Marine Parade. Uniform: Vintage: red bow ties. (Antique air show overhead at 2PM.)

Parade Veronica bell to St. John's Cathedral at 5:00 PM. Attend Maori 'Swing and a Prayer' service. Attend the 'Grand Ol' Country' music concert at the Century Theatre, Herschell St. at 7PM. Attend 'Warbirds dinner concert at Tabard Theatre, Coronation St. Ahuriri at 7PM. Pack equipment, go to bed early? Jam session with New Internationals?

Monday, Feb 19 - Return to Rotorua and fly to Christchurch: 8:00 AM departure to drive three hours north back to Rotorua (in order to find a plane big enough to carry our baggage) to the Rotorua airport to load equipment, and turn in rental vehicles. Depart Rotorua via Quantas 4183 at 1:30 PM. Arrive in Christchurch at 2:45 PM. Pick up new rental vehicles. Check into our hotel. (Option: Depart early, take alternate route north through Gisbourne.)

Lodging: For the next three nights is at the Scenic Circle Cotswold Hotel, 88-96 Papanui Road, Christchurch 64 3 355-3535 (cotswold@scenic-circle.co.nz) This air conditioned hotel has a swimming pool, fitness center, guest laundry, bar, restaurant, and TV and refrigerators in the rooms.

Afternoon free for sightseeing. Visit the Garden City's Cathedral Square, the neo-gothic Arts Center Complex, Art Gallery & Canterbury Museum, the International Antarctic Center. Punt the River Avon. Explore the tranquil Botanical Gardens. Stroll Summer Beach at sunset.

Performance: HOTS plays a concert tonight for the University of Canturbury School of Music's Jazz School, 200 person auditorium

Other Performance opportunities in Christchurch: Flower, or Food and Wine Festival? Casino? Hanmer Springs? Ranfurley? Ballroom Dancing at the Richmond Workingman's Club.

Tuesday, Feb 20 (Mardis Gras) Christchurch: Prepaid private tour: Tour bus pick up at hotel, drive thru the rolling Canterbury plains to Springfield. At 9:00 AM ride the Tranz-Alpine Express Train (sit on the right side) over tall viaducts and through tunnels up to Arthur's Pass National Park, descend to Otiro. Return via private bus stopping at the old village of Otira and the Otira Gorge, lunch at the Chalet Restaurant, go jet boating on the Waimakariri River, visit a farm for late afternoon tea, sheep shearing and sheep mustering demonstration. Return to our hotel.

Possible performance tonight?

Wednesday, Feb 21: - Christchurch: Independent small group and individual sightseeing in and around Christchurch. Ride the Cavendish Gondola and visit the Time Tunnel. See Mona Vale Gardens, Ferrymead Museum. Option 1: Drive 1.5 hours out the Banks Peninsula to the French whaling port of Akaroa, visit the old French cemetery, ride the Wild Cat launch to swim with Hector's dolphins, visit the salmon farm and Barrys Bay cheese factory. Option 2: Hot air ballooning, abseiling, and paragliding in nearby Methven. Option 3: Drive 1.5 hours south to Timaru, Oamaru, Ranfurley (2nd Art Deco Town)' Return to Christchurch, Option 4: drive 3 hours north to Kaikoura to watch the whales (allow 3 hours), return (1 hour) via Hanmer Springs alpine resort to enjoy the thermal pools. Return to Christchurch.

Performance tonight: At 9:30 PM for 'HepCatSwing' at 'The Loaded Hog', 178 Cashel Street, Christchurch 03-366-6674.

Thursday, Feb 22 - Queenstown: Early departure. Drive 6 hours through Geraldine, to Lake Tekapu (Church of the Good Shepherd), and Twizel (views of Mount Cook) and on to Queenstown. Check into our hotel.

Lodging: For the next three nights is at the Rydges Lakeland, 38-54 Lake Esplanade, Queenstown 64 3 442-7600. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool, laundry service, mini bars in the rooms, and a bar and restaurant on the premises.)

Performance tonight in the hotel bar?

Other performance opportunities near Queenstown: At Mount Cook's Hermitage Hotel, Hooker Valley. At Millbrook or Lake Wanaka Skyshow center, combat

aerobatics in moths?

JACK TO DO: Reconfirm our flights home with Quantas Airlines.

Friday, Feb 23- Queenstown: 6:55 AM departure. Prepaid bus tour through Fiordland (a World Heritage site.) Take the 11:00 AM-12:40 PM Milford Sound cruise. (4 hours) Bento box lunch - lobster?. Visit the Glow Worm Caves at 2:00 PM?, the Underwater Observatory in Harrison Cove, cruise under the waterfalls, walk the Milford Trek. Late return to Queenstown circa 7:30 PM.

No performance tonight:

Saturday, Feb 24 - Queenstown: Option 1: Do the 'Awesome Foursome' - take a helicopter ride to walk the Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers near Mount Cook, jet boat the Shotover River, then ride the Gondola up to the Skyline Restaurant on Bob's Peak and come drifting gently down to town in a tandem parapente (parachute). Try bungee jumping from the Kawaran Bridge. Option 2: Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the 85 year old steamship 'TSS Earnslaw' to Walter Peak High Country Farm (barbecue lunch, sheep shearing, 40 min horse trek?) (1.5 - 3.5 hours). Option 3: Drive to the frontier town of Glen Orchy and to the Chinese Village at Arrowtown. White water rafting, or kayak the Dart River Valley.

Performance tonight at the Rippon Vineyard in Wanaka. Dinner at the historic Cardrona Inn.

Sunday, Feb 25 - Fly home: Repack equipment. Drive to the airport at noon, turn in rental cars, and check bags through to Los Angeles. Depart Queenstown via Quantas 4190 at 1:35 PM. Arrive at the Christchurch International Airport at 3:25 PM. Change your money (Don't forget you'll need to pay \$22NZ departure tax), say goodbye to our hosts and check in at Air New Zealand counter. Travel documents will be checked, give them any airline mileage numbers. Luggage will be checked only to Los Angeles. Catch a snack at the airport. Depart for Los Angeles at 7:40 PM via Quantas 25. Cross the International Date Line and gain one day (get our day back!), arrive in LA at 10:30 AM. We must claim both our personal luggage and the band's equipment and pass through Customs. Let the airline transfer the baggage. Exit terminal and walk or take the shuttle to American Airlines in Terminal?. Depart Los Angeles on American Airlines Flight 144 at 2:15 PM (supper aboard.) Arrive Dulles at 10:00PM (flight time 4 hours 45 minutes) Collect luggage and go home.

Performance: Don't forget we have a rehearsal Monday night for our next gig. New music to learn!