



ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

As New Zealanders enjoy and recognise their cultural diversity; the celebration of those cultures, their histories and the arts associated with them has risen to be of great importance. United**Future** is committed to promoting an environment where the cultural identities of a diverse people are recognised and actively upheld.

United**Future**'s position is to:

- Recognise the special place of Maori culture in New Zealand society.
- Review the funding of Creative New Zealand with a view to increasing accountability, and require 'simple English' explanations of all public monies allocated for cultural purposes.
- Require Creative New Zealand to "bring art to the people" through increased community involvement.
- Strengthen community participation at all levels in the Historic Places Trust and provide adequate resourcing for its work.
- Encourage government and community involvement in the preservation of historic places.
- Support the work of the New Zealand Film Commission.
- Encourage all television and radio channels to raise the profile of local content in programming and productions through NZ On Air.
- Acknowledge the contribution of artistic and cultural activities to the economy through funding assistance.