SWAMP SOUL 37 SOUTH

Do you like good music? That sweet soul music? Arthur Conley asked that question back in 1967. We do, Arthur. We like it a lot. Aretha, Otis, Sly and Ray. Their voices span the years. The Soul they brought to music still has the power to affect and touch us. Theirs was a talent that set the musical world alight... And then there's us. A bunch of Waikato Swamp-dwelling soul fans brought together by a shared love of this music. Let Nick Clothier, Trevor Fewell and the rest of Swamp Soul 37 South take you back to the '60s and '70s for a night of our own brand of sweet soul music.

NB This is not a BVO food and beverages event. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

WHEN
Sunday 26 Feb, 8.00 pm. Doors open 7.45 pm

WHERE
Pacific Crystal Palace, Governors' Lawn

ADMISSION
$20.00 General Admission
$10.00 Early Bird (Before 21 Dec)

THE QUEST

Don't miss the concert version of the latest musical by State Highway 48 composer, Chris Williams. With State Highway 48 getting rave reviews as it tours the country, Williams has been working on his next show, The Quest – a funny, insightful and irreverent parody of reality talent shows. Fifteen songs are ready to share with the public, so don't miss your chance to be among the first in the world to hear them. A group of the finest local singers will be assembled to entertain and delight you with locally made original music.

WHEN
Wednesday 22 Feb, 8.00 pm

WHERE
Victorian Garden Conservatory

ADMISSION
$12.00 General Admission
$10.00 Early Bird (Before 21 Dec)

THE LYON SISTERS

ENJOY AN EVENING OF SWEET SISTERLY SONG IN THE VICTORIAN GARDEN CONSERVATORY

One is an opera singer, the other an actor. Together they're the Lyon Sisters, and they're bringing their talents to the Festival for an evening of song. Accompanied by the incomparable David Sidwell, Gwen and Ruby Lyon will be spreading their lyrical love across the genres, from musical theatre to classical to pop.

WHEN
Thursday 23 Feb, 8.00 pm

WHERE
Victorian Garden Conservatory

ADMISSION
$20.00 General Admission

Opera at Twilight

A PERENNIAL FESTIVAL FAVOURITE, WITH EACH YEAR A NEW AND GENEROUS EXPERIENCE

One of the Festival's most popular events returns this year with Opera Brava's Opera at Twilight. This year's soloists include Sarah Court, Pamela Wallace, Stan Wogran and T'inton Fung, accompanied by David Woodcock. The new programme features works by Bellini, Bizet, Massenet, Moore, Mozart, Puccini, Rossini, Saint-Saëns, Sondheim and Richard Strauss.

Music lovers can look forward to well known gems from Carmen, Madame Butterfly, La Boheme, Barber of Seville, Le Cenicientola, Marriage of Figaro, Der Rosenkavalier, Samson and Delilah, Sweeney Todd, Thais, La Sonnambula and La Rondine and other popular operatic repertoire.

Staged in the gorgeous confines of the Medici Court, this is certain to be sold out. Please book early.

"Opera the way it was written to be performed, full of theatrics and humour, fun and frivolity"
- Angela Cuming, Waikato Times

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