

**Media Release**

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## Get Your Frock Out, Pop On Some Lippy and Bring Your Man! Ali Harper Is In Town.....

Actress and singer Ali Harper is bringing her popular cabaret show back to Christchurch, Akaroa and Rangiora in November.

Three concerts will see Harper weave her way through a selection of well-known songs from leading ladies of stage and screen including Doris Day, Edith Piaf and Shirley Bassey.

Although the audience is usually more female than male, Ali says couples do come, which is lovely, and essential as she needs a male knee to sit on at one point of the performance.

“A bit of fun is had by all,” she says.

It's been a busy year for Harper who most recently appeared in Tim Beveridge's *The Music is Bond, James Bond* at the CBS Arena; these three concerts see her return to more intimate venues - Heaton Intermediate Performance Centre, the Northbrook Chapel in Rangiora and St Peter's Church in Akaroa. Tickets are expected to sell quickly.

Internationally recognised vocalist and musician Matthew Pike is well known to audiences across the country (Miss Saigon, Jesus Christ Superstar, Cabaret, CATS) and joins Ali for these shows, accompanied by talented pianist Max Tocker.

### **DETAILS:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 730pm

Northbrook Chapel at Rossburn Receptions  
Spark Lane  
**Rangiora**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 730pm

Heaton Intermediate Performance Centre  
Heaton Street  
**Merivale, ChCh**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 230pm

St Peter's Church  
30 Rue Balguerie  
**Akaroa**

**All tickets \$30, door sales available. Go to [www.aliharper.com](http://www.aliharper.com) to book.**

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For more information contact Ali Jones on 0272473112.

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## Ali Harper

*"Ali Harper's incredible versatility.....amazing vocal range and skilful modulation is complemented by her great stage presence."*

**Roger Childs, Wellington Reviewer**

Ali has been performing professionally since 1991 and her versatility and ability has seen her in great demand as an artist, appearing around New Zealand in theatre, cabaret and television.

Since graduating from Toi Whakaari - The NZ Drama School, Ali has worked at many of New Zealand's professional theatre companies and performed in a number of the world's great musicals. Her leading lady performances include; *My Fair Lady*; *The Sound of Music*; *South Pacific*; *Guys and Dolls*; *Sweeney Todd* and *Tell Me On a Sunday*.

Other career highlights include; *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*; *Jerry's Girls*; *On the Rocks*; *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*; *The Country Wife*; *The Jungle Book*; *Dirty Weekends* and *Eros* as well as the more recent Court Theatre productions *A Shortcut to Happiness*; *Side by Side by Sondheim* and *Calendar Girls*. New Zealand National Tours include *Chess* and playing the alternate Eva Peron in *Evita*.

Ali toured New Zealand in Joanna Murray Smith's one woman play *Bombshells* and was awarded Actress of the Year at The Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards in 2008. She has also appeared in *Christmas in the Park*, and with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra in *Broadway Babes*, *A Rodgers and Hammerstein tribute* and *From Bernstein to Sondheim* in 2010.

In 2005 Ali travelled to New York to perform at The Yale Cabaret Conference and has an open invitation to return to perform in New York City.

Ali's television credits include *Paradise*, *The Strip* and *Market Forces*. She has recorded commercials for T.V and Radio, has appeared on *Good Morning* as a guest entertainer and panelist, and co-hosted Wellington's Classic Hits Breakfast Show in 2006.

Ali was the resident singer with the Carl Doy Band on TV One's *Dancing with the Stars* for five seasons.

Ali's production company, *Ali-Cat Productions* produces many of her cabaret shows around New Zealand, and she currently balances her time performing, as well as teaching singing, speech and drama, and enjoying time with her young family.

Ali's debut album '*Something So Right*' is a celebration of songs of the 1970s and was released in 2004.

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*"MAGNIFICENT. You made the concert fabulous. The audience adored you. What an incredible entertainer you are."* **Helen Lord: Organiser of a charity World Vision concert.**