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Court Theatre and Wider Arts Sector Key Component of New CBD

Today's announcement by the Central City Development Unit (CCDU) is clear recognition of the importance of the role the arts sector will play in the future of the city.

That from The Court Theatre Chief Executive, Philip Aldridge who says,

"The CCDU blueprint endorses the key role The Court and other arts organisations will play in reinvigorating the city. Cities need life, cities need people, cities need energy and creativity and the arts can offer this".

Mr Aldridge says the blueprint is an exciting plan for audiences and for the people of Christchurch who need the central city back, full of energy and operating again – sooner rather than later.

"The plan to have these key institutions operational as soon as possible is ambitious and exciting for the people of Christchurch and visitors alike," he says.

"The re-establishment of performance venues will also see the re-instatement of restaurants and bars which is greatly to be welcomed", he says.

Philip Aldridge acknowledges the huge support from donors, sponsors, supporters, subscribers and The Court staff themselves that allowed the company to survive 2012 and to be reborn in Addington.

"The Court Theatre would not be in the position to play its part in the rebuild without the huge effort and support of so many," he says. "This not only saved the theatre but has ensured it will play a key role in the future of Christchurch."

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