



From the Director's Desk

SHIFT Tickets Now on Sale

Kia ora koutou

As 2022 draws to a close, I and many others here have been reflecting on what a uniquely exciting and challenging year it's been for the Museum. It really hit home recently during a morning event to bless the warehouse and office complex that will be home to our staff and collections for the next 5 years. Sarah Murray, our Head of Collections and Research, pointed out that when the Museum doors close early next year it will be the first time in over 150 years that the objects the Museum cares for have not been housed at Rolleston Avenue! A slightly daunting thought, but one balanced by the knowledge that the redevelopment will enable the buildings to keep our community's taonga (treasures) safe for another 150 years.

While work has continued shifting the collections off-site, we've also been preparing for another *SHIFT: the Urban Art Takeover*. As you'll remember if you got last month's update, *SHIFT* will see the empty Museum buildings handed over to a posse of urban artists from around the motu and overseas to use as the canvas for new work. Tickets went on sale today with all profits going towards new exhibitions in the redeveloped Museum. [Click here to purchase yours.](#) We'll announce the artist lineup early in the new year – it's going to be a long list!



Above: SHIFT curator Dr Reuben Woods with a work by Jacob Yikes painted inside the Museum in 2013 as part of RISE.

SHIFT will wind through over 35 spaces in the Museum's buildings, and all of these need to be clear by early January for the artists to get started. Over the past few weeks our decant team has been focusing its efforts in these areas, packing up objects, dismantling shelving and compactors, and painting the walls to present artists with a clean canvas. This week almost all of our office spaces were packed down, with staff moving to temporary workstations in other parts of the Museum. It's been great to see our kaimahi (staff), many of whom will move off-site in January, take this disruption in their stride.

A reminder that 3 January is the last day you'll be able to see the Museum's current exhibitions. If there are any favourites you still need to farewell, make sure you visit before then! We are open every day except Christmas Day during the holiday period. The Museum will look very different when we reopen on 28 January for *SHIFT*.

It hasn't been long since our last update so I'll keep this short and finish by saying a heartfelt thank you for your support of the Museum during this year of great change. Best wishes from all of us for a safe and happy holiday season. We can't wait to see what 2023 brings!

Ngā mihi o te wā and Meri Kirihimete
Anthony

Buy SHIFT tickets [➔](#)

Canterbury Museum will close on 3 January 2023 to get ready for a blockbuster farewell exhibition 'SHIFT: Urban Art Takeover' opening 28 January.

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