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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year and welcome to 2019. This year will continue to be a time of significant change for the Friends which gives us cause to reflect on where we have come from and where we are going.

Your Board is working hard to plan a meaningful and lasting future for the influence of the Friends on the arts scene on the Gold Coast.

In the meantime we are creating opportunities for you to enjoy productions at HOTA and to get together with like-minded supporters of the arts. Keep an eye out for more information shortly.

I ask that you be patient as we try to iron out some problems in the administration processes of the Friends which have arisen from the handover of the Friend's

administration from HOTA to us. We are working towards a more efficient and member friendly solution.

I look forward to meeting and chatting with you at future events.

Ian Kennedy, President



# OUR MISSION

## Friends of the Arts

FOTA will promote the Arts, enable and encourage the participation and enjoyment of our members, give financial support to the Gold Coast Arts in the delivery of a variety of cultural activities and events and foster the development of young talented visual and performing artists.

We will achieve our aims by:

- Providing an active Friends' organisation which offers a wide range of social, educational and fundraising activities for members.
- Promoting and encouraging community interest and participation in the events and activities provided by the Home of the Arts (HOTA).
- Granting scholarships to talented Gold Coast residents under the age of 30 years to pursue their studies across the visual and performing arts.
- Entering into partnership agreements with Gold Coast Arts stakeholders to broaden the scope of programs offered.
- Jointly funding events and programs with Gold Coast Arts Program Partners to broaden the scope and quality of programmes offered on the Gold Coast and thus widen the participation and involvement of the community.
- Supporting the HOTA Gallery in expanding its collection.

# FOTA 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Friends of the Arts finished 2018 with the Christmas Party held at HOTA in December. Guitarist, Daniel Cunnington played background music then everyone joined him in singing Christmas carols arranged by FOTA Board member Dorothy McCormac.

FOTA Board member, Robyn Clark was emcee for the evening, and Friends Gift Fund member, Tony Wilkins, gave an update on how young people were being assisted in their career development through the generosity of the Friends Gift Fund. Donations to the Gift Fund are always much appreciated and well used, so if you wish to donate please contact us on [friends@friendsofthearts.com.au](mailto:friends@friendsofthearts.com.au)

As always, this event was made special by our volunteers, and special thanks go to Patricia Pickup and Cassandra Bartlett for their help as well as the HOTA staff and the sponsors who donated wonderful gifts for the Christmas Raffle.



FOTA is about fun, fundraising and facilitating the Arts on the Gold Coast.

If you have a product or service that you can donate as a gift in our fundraising activities, we would love to hear from you and thank you to all that have donated in the past.

Please email: [friends@friendsofthearts.com.au](mailto:friends@friendsofthearts.com.au)

Recent donations have been receive from



Please support these Local businesses who help FOTA raise funds to achieve goals of funding the Arts on the Gold Coast.



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# Fame THE MUSICAL

FOTA supported The Musical Theatre Summer School Production of "Fame the Musical" presented by HOTA, Home of the Arts and Matt Ward Entertainment in January 2019.

If you were lucky enough to catch one of the performances, you would understand what a great pool of young talent there is here on the Gold Coast. The group was asked who had been involved with the Gold Coast Eisteddfod at any time, and most put up their hands!

## HOTA 2019 PROGRAM

HOTA have released even more fantastic events in the 2019 program with many offering a special "Friends of the Arts" discounted price. Show your FOTA member card to also receive discounts on food and beverages when you visit HOTA.

## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who continually help FOTA to run smoothly. We have a range of events coming up in 2019 which will require the assistance of our wonderful Friends of the Arts Volunteers. Please stay in touch with us – or contact us if you have time to assist: [friends@friendsofthearts.com.au](mailto:friends@friendsofthearts.com.au)



## WE ARE LISTENING ...

If you have an item you would like covered in the next Newsletter, or feedback from one of the great events you have attended, please contact us: [friends@friendsofthearts.com.au](mailto:friends@friendsofthearts.com.au)

## FROM GRASSROOTS TO GRADUATES

### CONTACT US /

We're a friendly arts-loving crew and are always welcoming new members. We value your feedback by email or on Facebook – have you "Liked" us yet?

#### FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

Mobile: 0487 491 991

Po Box 6611 Gold Coast Mail Centre Qld 9726

Membership payments and collections: McLaughlins Lawyers reception Level 1, 9 Ouyan St, Surfers Paradise. Open 9am to 5pm Mon-Fri

Email: [friends@friendsofthearts.com.au](mailto:friends@friendsofthearts.com.au)

Website: [www.friendsofthearts.com.au](http://www.friendsofthearts.com.au)

 [www.facebook.com/friendsoftheartscentre](https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheartscentre)

Rally your friends and book early  
as tickets are limited to these events

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The FOTA events committee are organising more great events for 2019 – mark these in your diary now with more information to follow as it comes to hand:

### MUSICAL THEATRE

**THE SAPPHIRES** March 15, at 7.30pm, at HOTA



Presented by HOTA and HIT Productions, The Sapphires is one of Australia's best-loved stories and an energetic, fun and engaging musical play. Thirty tickets are reserved for FOTA friends to attend on this evening, and we invite you to meet before the show to enjoy a drink and mingling with friends.

Tickets are \$42pp and include a welcome drink. Available ONLY from FOTA via **Eventbrite** – Search Sapphires at HOTA

Meet up at HOTA AT 6.45PM to the left of the Candy Bar/Kiosk to check in with us. Show your Eventbrite ticket (printed or on your phone) to the FOTA representative who will offer you a drink voucher to be used at the bar.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### BALLET



#### DAINGEROUS LIAISONS

Friday, June 14, 7.30pm, at HOTA  
A co-production between Queensland Ballet and Texas Ballet Theatre, this hedonistic tale of love, virtue and humanity, reimagined into a dramatic new ballet for mature audiences.

### THEATRE



#### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Wednesday September 4, 7.30pm, at HOTA

Sydney based Bell Shakespeare company presents this contemporary comedy where romance is thwarted by dastardly plots, misinformation, false accusations, broken promises, and bumbling cops. Or is it??  
*Further details on how you can purchase tickets to be advised.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON PREVIOUS GIFT FUND RECIPIENT

# Nina Fan



2016 FOTA Gift Fund recipient, pianist Nina Fan, won the 2018 National Fine Music Network Young Virtuoso of the Year Award. 4MBS Classic FM chose Nina to represent Queensland at these awards, and she progressed to the finals in November 2018. Nina's family emailed FOTA and said "It was an amazing experience for her to competed (sic) with other outstanding finalists from different state(s), we are very happy for her, once again, thank you for supporting her music studies, gift fund's help means a lot to us."

Nina has been offered a scholarship from the Royal Academy of Music in the United Kingdom as well as an offer to study at the Griffith Conservatorium of Music in Brisbane. Whichever option Nina chooses, we congratulate her and wish her well, and thank all the sponsors and supporters of the FOTA Gift Fund which has contributed to her musical education. You can Follow Nina's progress on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ninagirlnina>

Nina's brother, Ingram FAN (violinist) has been chosen to compete at the 2019 QLD Symphony Orchestra's Young Instrumental Competition after the preliminary selection. We wish Ingram well in this competition.



## FOTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**Discounted Memberships still available - valid until 30 June 2019. FOTA Memberships are half price and valid until June 2019: \$25/double or 17.50/single and includes these exciting benefits that can be enjoyed until June 2019:**

- One complimentary ticket (per person on membership) to a film of your choice at HOTA (excludes 'no free list')
- Discounted movie tickets at HOTA
- Discounts on selected theatre tickets at HOTA and only \$1.00 booking fee for online and phone bookings for Friends functions only
- 5% discount on food and beverages at the HOTA Cafe
- Other special offers throughout the year Compendium
- Invitations to exclusive Friends of The Arts social events
- Electronic newsletter, 'Focus on Friends', to keep you up to date
- Email or SMS message reminders and notification of events relevant to the Friends of The Arts
- A membership card (per person on membership) to be used as a name badge at Friends of The Arts' social events
- Meeting with like-minded people sharing an appreciation of the arts.

## UNCOLLECTED MEMBERSHIP CARDS!

**You NEED these for booking HOTA tickets** at FOTA discounted prices (where available) and to receive a discount on food and beverages.

These are **available for collection from McLaughlins Lawyers** reception – Level 1, 9 Ouyan St, Surfers Paradise.  
Open 9am to 5pm Mon-Fri

## We offer a few easy ways to join or renew

### Via email / By Post / In Person

Visit our "Membership" section on our website for all the details.

[www.friendsofthearts.com.au](http://www.friendsofthearts.com.au)  
(then choose the membership tab)

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