

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### School Holiday Theatre Art Workshop Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery



Gifted drama students will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to spend a week working with internationally renowned American performance artist and teacher Charlie Oates, who will be leading an integrated theatre and visual art workshop at the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery, Napier.

During the six-day workshop, to be held during the April school holidays, students will explore ways of expressing their interpretations of visual works of art through performance. They will develop and rehearse an original piece of theatre of their own devising, inspired by a work, or works of art, on display at Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery. At the end of the workshop, they will perform for family and friends.

Charlie Oates is a professional performing artist and movement coach who collaborates with museums, art galleries and theatre companies to create ensemble theatre pieces and site-specific performances. He has been a guest artist and teacher in many leading actor training programmes and universities in the U.S., Australia, Ireland, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Senegal, Sweden, China and New Zealand (including Toi Whakaari – New Zealand's national drama school). He has performed his original solo works at theatres and festivals around the world. Charlie is currently teaching theatre at the University of California, San Diego.

<b>Dates:</b>	Wednesday 15 April – Wednesday 22 April 2009 (excl. weekend)		
<b>Junior Session Times:</b>	9.30am – 12.00	<b>Senior Session Times:</b>	1.30pm – 4pm
<b>Junior Age Range:</b>	8 – 12 years	<b>Senior Age Range:</b>	13 – 18 years
<b>Theatre Performance:</b>	Wednesday 22 April, 6pm (both groups) gold coin donation all welcome		
<b>Location:</b>	Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery, Herschell St, Napier Performance to take place in the Century Theatre		

Charlie Oates will be available for interview on Tuesday 14 April 2007

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