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The Court Theatre Announces Its Move to the City

The Court Theatre is pleased to announce that The Trust Board earlier this month signed off the Development Agreement with the Christchurch City Council, to begin the concept design of The New Court Theatre in the Performing Arts Precinct of the City of Christchurch.

Since the earthquakes of 2011, The Court Theatre has made a home for itself at an old grain storehouse in Addington. While everyone who visits loves “The Shed”, it was only ever intended to be a temporary solution and a new home would be necessary for New Zealand’s largest professional theatre company.

The Court Theatre team has worked alongside the Council for more than seven years to realise this amazing dream, of a new home on the corner of Gloucester and Colombo Streets, opposite Tūranga and Te Pae.

The Trust Chair, Steven van der Pol acknowledged the contribution of so many in the lead up to this momentous signing occasion. “We have enjoyed working alongside the project teams at the Council, and extend our sincere thanks to Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Chief Executive Dawn Baxendale, and General Manager Citizens and Community Mary Richardson, for ensuring that this partnership is the best it can be.”

“We look forward to now working on the concepts and functionality of The New Court Theatre in the City.”

Chief Executive Barbara George thanked members of The Trust Board for their due diligence in making this decision, and for all of those who have worked so hard to get us to signing. “So many people have worked tirelessly for this day. Particularly Ross Gumbley who is taking a lead role in ensuring the theatre will be world class and fit for purpose.”

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