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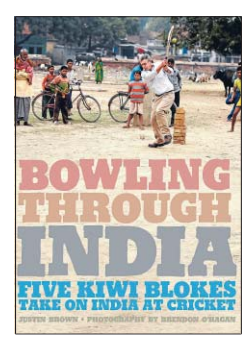
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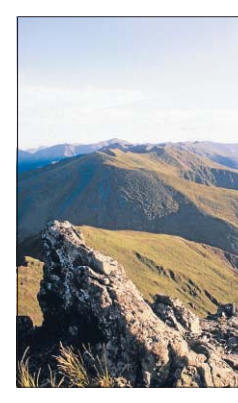
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# Quirky Dunedin

If you like experimentation, head for the Dunedin Fringe Festival, running from March 17 to 27.

**B**lindfolds, country music, comedians, rockabilly, gypsy punk and tape artists... Dunedin showcases art, innovation and experimentation in the South Island's only fringe festival.

The 2011 Dunedin Fringe Festival's quirky new branding campaign, Find Your Fringe – featuring a lady in a blindfold – conveys what the festival is about: getting outside your comfort zone, and experimenting with art and culture.

Dunedin has long had a reputation for innovation in the arts, and in this festival, the city is literally taken over by the artists and fringe celebrations.

The Octagon – in the heart of the city – is transformed into a stage for the Pick of the Fringe free lunchtime performance series, and cheeky performers will be regularly seen out and about causing havoc in the city. Event venues have been chosen to showcase the abundance of heritage buildings and hot spots. A non-curated festival, the Fringe has an open-access artist policy. Many acts and exhibitions hold their world premieres at the Dunedin Fringe.

For the first time, the percentage of touring artists – 55 per cent – in the Fringe Festival has outstripped local acts.

In keeping with Dunedin's rich history as a music hub, the festival presents a bi-annual music event, Lines of Flight, that will be held in Port Chalmers for three days.



**Big Muffin Serious Band:** Long-serving New Zealand ukulele band; the musical instrument at right is a mazheet, commonly known as a Balkan kulele.

Dunedin will also be the first place to host several comedy acts that are in New Zealand for the International Comedy Festival in Wellington and Auckland in April.

In addition to the plethora of visual arts, theatre, music, comedy and outdoor events, some top acts not to miss include: Wilson Dixon, cowboy comedian from Cripple Creek, Colorado; the Barons of Tang, Melbourne-based seven-piece band that mesh traditional gypsy and tango feels with circus, rockabilly and jazz into high-energy music; and well-known New Zealand comedians Ben Hurley, Steve Wrigley and Vaughan King, who have combined to present The Real New Zealand Tour.

The 2011 Dunedin Fringe Festival will be held from March 17 to March 27, February 17 being the date for release of the programme.

□ See [dunedinfringe.org.nz](http://dunedinfringe.org.nz) for full programme information and artist profiles.



**Together:** Hullapolloi is a new work from Kate McIntosh and Jo Randerson for Footnote Dance, involving a group of odd creatures that move together; whether shuffling, grunting or falling, they follow complicated rules.

## WEEKEND STARTER

Tips for visitors to kick off the opening weekend of the Dunedin Fringe Festival which coincides with Otago Anniversary Weekend:

□ Friday, March 18: Noon, launch of the Dunedin Fringe Festival at Otago University, with some handy-work from Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull) and live music from Barons of Tang.

□ Saturday, March 19: Dunedin Railway Station – in Still Life at the Station, on which over 20 human statues from around New Zealand will descend. Check out the Statues and then duck next door to the Dunedin Farmers Market for local produce and the best coffee and breakfast in town. Also see the various visual art exhibitions scattered around the city. Full details on the website: [dunedinheritagefestival.co.nz](http://dunedinheritagefestival.co.nz)

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