

UNIQUE CHARITY BALL STRIKES A CHORD FOR A CAUSE CLOSE TO KIWIS' HEARTS

The dynamic young charity Sustainable Coastlines has put together an all-star cast for their fundraising ball on Saturday, 8 September, which is shaping up to be must-see on the event calendar this Spring.

Hosted right on the water at the Hilton Auckland, New Zealand's top concert pianist, the world renowned Michael Houstoun will stun guests on the grand piano, while the sensational singer/songwriter Hollie Smith will fill the room with her deeply emotive soulful voice in a breath-taking acoustic set. As if this wasn't enough, Aotearoa's top Jazz ensemble, The Nairobi Trio, will be playing the strings and the critically acclaimed up-and-comer Bella Kalolo who is in the running for the Pacific Female Vocalist of the Year at the Pacific Music Awards will be topping the evening off with her 8-piece band The Soul Symphony.

All funds raised are going towards a huge series of coastal clean-up events that the charity is planning for December- called "Love Your Coast". The project kicks off with 1800 people cleaning up Rangitoto Island on 6 December, which is heavily affected by rubbish that comes from the storm drains, waterways and streets of Auckland City.

They will then go on to organise huge clean-ups in Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and the West Coast of the South Island all in one week. "The December series of events is going to raise awareness on a massive scale" says charity co founder Sam Judd, "thousands of school kids, tonnes of rubbish and an education programme is our way of getting the message across to the masses that they need to look after their coastlines."

Over the past year Sustainable Coastlines have co-ordinated a string of highly successful large-scale coastal clean-up events. They have motivated more than 6,000 people to remove many tonnes of rubbish from coastlines and continue to run educational projects for communities about coastline protection. For tickets and more information. www.sustainablecoastlines.org **PN**



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