



Saturday, 26 May 7pm 2018
The Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

This will be a glamorous evening of entertainment, with 8 local personalities being partnered with a trained ballroom dancer and being taught a ballroom-style dance by our professional ballroom-dance teacher, Emma Silke-French over a period of 8 weeks prior to the event. They will then perform with their partner in front of a paying audience and a panel of judges in the Trafalgar Centre, in order to win the coveted title of Nelson's first DANCING FOR A CAUSE winner!

The Inspiring Youth Theatre Charitable Trust, which provides back-up and support to the Nelson Youth Theatre, is organising and developing this event as a major community fundraising event in co-operation with Nelson Hospice. This concept has been used throughout the world as a successful fundraiser. In New Zealand, we know of several organisations who have held such events, raising funds between \$40,000-\$150,000.

The Inspiring Youth Theatre Charitable Trust is registered with the Charities Commission, Registration Number CC54380 (details are publicly available on the Charities Register www.charities.govt.nz). As such it is subject to all the auditing processes required of a Charitable Trust. It also has Tax Exempt Donee status confirmed through Inland Revenue.

Our 8 local contestants confirmed for the event are:

Rachel Reese (Mayor of Nelson)
Pic Picot (Businessman-Pic's Peanut Butter)
Rachel Boyack (Community leader and recent Labour candidate for Nelson)
Ros Pochin (Breast surgeon, Nelson)
Paul Hampton (Victory Boxing)
Matt Bouterey (Restaurateur)
Matt Lawrey (Nelson City Councillor and recent Green Party candidate for Nelson)
Richard Carruthers (osteopath and Youth Theatre founder)

The professional judges are **Samantha Hitchcock, Peta Spooner, Derryn French and Laura Irish**, and the MC for the night will be local personality **Murray Leaning**.

What are we asking from you?

We would love you to be involved with the event by being a **table sponsor**. Up to 40 tables will be spaced around the central dance floor in the Trafalgar Centre, each with 8-10 seats close to the dance floor, making this an ideal place for your guests to watch the action while your company is very visible to the entire audience.

Diners at the fully catered tables will be served a 3 course meal, prepared by one of Nelson's finest restauranteurs, Nick Widley of the Cod and Lobster, and complemented by 4 bottles of quality wine per table.

Table sponsors will have a large banner advertising their company attached to the front of their table, a half page ad in the programme and displaying regularly on the foyer TV, and their logo on the Dancing for a Cause website with a link to their own website. They will also receive 8-10 complimentary programmes.

This will be a glamorous event featuring 8 local personalities and their dance partners competing to be the winners of Nelson's first "Dancing for a Cause" trophy, and supported by a couple of song and dance numbers from the Nelson Youth Theatre Company, so be prepared for a full evening of entertainment.

We are offering each fully catered 10 seat table around the dancefloor for a Charitable Donation of \$2500, or 8 seat tables on a raised platform behind these for \$2000. With 90% of all profits going to Nelson Hospice and 10% being retained by the Inspiring Youth Theatre Charitable Trust to support the work of Nelson's Youth Theatre Company, we hope to raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for Nelson Hospice through this event.

As an alternative to the fully catered tables, we can also offer **"No Frills" tables on a raised platform for a Charitable Donation of \$1500**, which do not include the dinner and wine service. For those simply requiring a seat at the event, we have prebooked individual seating in the stadium stands at **\$80 A Reserve, \$60 B Reserve and \$30 C Reserve**, allowing everyone to choose their preferred level of donation to Nelson Hospice.

Emma Silke-French, our Dancing for a Cause ballroom dance tutor:

Emma is a born and bred Nelsonian and competed in the sport of ballroom dancing from the age of 6. She has represented New Zealand on more than one occasion and holds many NZ titles in all styles and age levels, in both amateur and at professional level.

Emma and her husband turned professional in order to be able to give back to a sport they both love. They had the privilege of not only becoming NZ professional champions but also training some of Nelson's top competitive dancers. These dancers in turn have gone on to compete overseas and some to open their own dance studios.

Some career highlights for Emma include representing New Zealand at the age of 16 at the World Youth Dance Sport championships in Budapest; winning a professional title with her husband and watching her students reach their goals of competing on the international stage.

Contact details or need to know more?

Contact: Richard Carruthers email nelsonytc@gmail.com

What next?

If you would like to commit to this, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible at the email address above. We will follow up with you to gather the advertising and information we need to ensure you have the best available seats and visibility at the event. We also require the sponsorship amount to be paid within 2 weeks of making your booking to secure your table.

We look forward to having you on board!