Crighton Stone Great Art Debate

May 15, 2010

"That Art Puts the Sparkle in Life's Bottle"



Affirmative

Keith Thorsen

Passionate advocate for the arts, Keith leads the defence of the pre-eminent position of the arts in providing the sparkle in life's bottle. Having looked inside a few bottles in his time, Keith should know.

Yvonne Marie Lorkin

Of course Keith's knowledge of the inside of a bottle pales into insignificance when ranked beside Yvonne, who has wangled a career that pays her to drink. She drinks on behalf of Dish Magazine, nine newspapers plus National Radio and Classic Hits. She is keen to hear of any others who want her to drink for them.

Mary Kippenberger

Mary Kippenberger is married to a musician, which has completely failed to drive her to drink, but has reinforced her commitment to the arts including that of telling big whoppers which she does professionally to anyone who will listen.

Chairman: Peter Gough

Winemaker - Ngatarawa Wines

With an introduction to the evening by Cynthia Bowers Chairperson of Creative Hastings

Followed by some words on behalf of Crighton Stone from Frank Spenser

Negative

Brendan Webb

A career of journalism drove Brendan to a depth of cynicism about human nature that has led him to get a small dog. He can't see the point of art and doesn't think that life after Kafka has any sparkle at all.

Ken Keys

Growing up in Northern Ireland, Ken's early view of art were threats to kill painted on brick walls. He escaped real life into the wonder world of drama where the tinsel and the greasepaint protected him from a world of threat and torment, where the swords are all rubber tipped and the bottles are full of coloured water.

Wyn Drabble

Wyn doesn't understand art nor the need to understand art. Faced with the choice of writing cook books on the vast panoply of the world's food, he chose feijoas. Lately he has turned to songwriting to disguise the emptiness within.

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Thank you for supporting this event.

Money raised by this evening will go towards supporting the activities of Creative Hastings, which has as its aim the support and promotion of the arts in our community.

Creative Hastings runs the Hastings Community Arts Centre in Russell Street, which has now been showing art for 19 years. The centre showcases the talent of artists living in Hawke's Bay. It also serves as an information centre on the arts in our area.

Creative Hastings over the years has been responsible for many arts projects including the HBS Summer in the Parks concerts, the Hastings Festival of Writers, Live After Five, the Live Poets' Society, public art in the Hastings District and the deVineart sculpture event.

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