

**Good Evening**....isn't it nice to have the winter fire blazing....slippers on and the jandals stashed....May is New Zealand Music month and I hope we can tempt you along to Lembas to enjoy the musical genius that will be here performing.....

## **Garage Sale of Art – on until the 13th May**

Ihibiting artists are Robyn Kahukiwa....Bodhi Vincent...Rita Shrieken...Gayle O'Connell...Gail Lewis...Eric and an assortment of not wants anymore

## **Friday 4th – Nice Verdes – 7:30pm – \$10**

Nice Verdes are Sally Miller and Jesse Hamilton who have been performing together since first meeting at a peace march in Vancouver 2003.

Nice Verdes have toured and performed over the last 8 years, continually honing their craft relentlessly both in Australia and Canada, having made many festival appearances. Some of these including in Canada, Edge of the World Music Festival, Discovery Coast Music Festival and many more. Nice Verdes released their first album 'Succulence' in 2008 and are in the midst of recording their newest full-length offering. The music of Nice Verdes is uplifting, sunny and has a fresh approach to original world folk music. Inspired by the music's of the world, Cuba, Africa, Europe and Latin America, Nice Verdes plays combinations of Cuban tres, piano accordion, harmonium, dolak, guitar, shuti box, stomp box and vocals.

They have always been drawn to collaborating with artists from all countries and they enjoy most of all the parties and festivals that celebrate a strong sense of community and equality in diversity.

## **Friday 11th – Hobnail Boots – 7:30pm – \$10**

**“An explosive mixture of folk and pop. Don't miss them.”**

*SEE Magazine, Edmonton, Ab. Canada.*

**The Hobnail Boots** have shortened their name. That's not all that's changed. There is a new member, Bonnie Riley. Originally hailing from The Canadian Maritimes, Bonnie brings an outstanding country flavoured voice, her guitar, and a bucket load of personality to the band. There is also a new cd titled Baggage to be released in July with an accompanying tour. The CD featured 9 originals plus a stunning cover of The Warratahs Classic “Hands Of My Heart.” Hobnail will be showcasing songs from the new CD, as well as highlights from their previous 4 CD's at their upcoming shows in may at Lembas Cafe Raumati (friday May 11) and The Bent Horseshoe Cafe (saturday May 12).

**Hobnail** have journeyed far and wide in their 18 years of performing - trips which have seen them take their Kiwi flavoured songs and stories not only all over New Zealand, but also to the United states, Canada, Ireland and Europe.

Festival favourites around New Zealand, their live performances have been variously described as “spellbinding”, “captivating”, “incendiary”, “rousing” and “highly spirited and entertaining”. In recent times they have performed at Sounds'n'Nature at Raumati, Tauranga's Blues, Brews and BBQ's Festival, the

Hokonui Moonshine Festival in Gore, Taranaki's Festival of Lights, The Wellington International Festival of the Arts, Masterton's Golden Shears, the Foxton Easter Festival, The Festival of the Elements in Porirua, The Huntaway Festival at Hunterville, and the Nelson School of Music Winter Festival. The

Hobnail Boots have also made appearances on T.V.'s *Good Morning* and National Radios Friday afternoon *Live* show with Wayne Mowatt. Featuring "Jo Moir's barnstorming fiddle", the award winning songwriting of Rob Joass, spectacular harmonies, and over 100 years of collective performance experience, The Hobnail Boots live show is one not to be missed.

**"when The Hobnail Boots take the stage, they tear into their set with mucho gusto, injecting volume and energy into the evening with their illustrious blend of bluegrass, Celtic folk, pop, and rock'n'roll".**

-Nelson Mail

## **Monday 14th – New Exhibition – Kim Hunter**

The talented and gorgeous painter and photographer ...don't miss this one...

## **Friday 25th – Hard Candy – 7:30pm – \$10**

### **HARD CANDY ... seriously hot picked country rock and blues**

This hot little outfit returns to Lembas playing a searing blend of country rock and blues with elements of boogie and swing in the mix.

Finger picking blues exponent, **Bob Cooper-Grundy**, is one of New Zealand's foremost acoustic guitarist in Americana styles. Stand back – he's hot. Bob's a real deal blues man whose fingers do the talking on guitar, slide guitar, mandolin and banjo. Our very own **Karen Clarke's** gutsy, smoky vocals and driving rhythm guitar make her a compelling front gal. She has an onstage presence that critics describe as anything from raw to sassy in shades of blue. Completing the front line is multi-instrumentalist **Kate Marshall** who brings exceptional interpretive magic and finesse. Kate fires up the mix with commanding leads on violin, flute and accordion. On drums is **Wayne "Swampy" Morris** who joins the band from home base in Taranaki. Mr Rhythm! Bassist **Warwick Hill** is the energetic guy driving hard way down deep. He brings funk/rock sensibilities and cuts it up ... no clichés here! **Expect a big sound with a whole lot of punch that'll take you up country, down the river and back home again.**

This band play on and off the beaten track all over the place. Last weekend you would have found them stoking up the party on a high country sheep station in East Taranaki getting some yehah on for 300 bikers. Long story short, they really are a travelling band coming together as often as the day jobs allow from Hastings, New Plymouth, Wairarapa and Kapiti. "We do a lot of driving but the upside is we have a really interesting touring circuit around the north island with a wide range of audiences. It's a blast." says Karen.

Hard Candy recently released their debut album "100 Cups of Coffee".

## **Sunday 27th – Poets to the people – \$5**

**Have a lovely May...and keep warm...cheers**