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A pick of hot happenings on the horizon.

WILD DUNEDIN

There's no better place for a wild festival than the wildlife capital of New Zealand. This year's Wild Dunedin embraces the huarere (weather) theme. Highlights include the Wild Night at Larnach Castle, a nature-themed masquerade gala benefitting wildlife charities, and a Wild Evening dinner with restaurateur Fleur Sullivan at Glenfalloch Garden. Visitors can enjoy wildlife excursion discounts, food markets, gardening events and garden tours, panels on weather phenomena and more throughout the festival.

April 19-28, Dunedin. wilddunedin.nz





Mansfield Park

NZ Opera opens the 2024 season with a Jane Austen classic. *Mansfield Park* follows the journey of Fanny, her cousin Edmund, and their new neighbours Mary and Henry, through a web of romantic entanglements and familial expectations. Austen's timeless wit combined with Jonathon Dove's score and historical settings make this a must-see.

April 17, 18, 21, Public Trust Hall, Wellington; Settlers Country Manor, Auckland. nzopera.com



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