

**NZ FILM *THE ART OF RECOVERY* RELEASING IN AUCKLAND AND WELLINGTON CINEMAS**

New Zealand Film *The Art of Recovery* opened to critical and audience acclaim when it debuted in Christchurch as part of the NZ International Film Festival. The film is now confirmed to release in Auckland on November 5 and Wellington on November 19.

Set during the demolition of post-quake Christchurch, *The Art of Recovery* follows a dynamic group of artists and entrepreneurs bringing life back to the streets of the central city and fighting for a place in its future. This lively and beautifully filmed documentary, tells an uplifting story of resilience and community spirit that informs a greater conversation about how we live together, and how we build our cities.

Director Peter Young (*The Last Ocean*) comments “initially I set out to capture the creativity in the city but in the process discovered a fascinating discussion about what cities are and what they can be. That discussion has relevance for people any city in any part of the world.”

Filmed over several years, the film offers a fresh perspective on Christchurch, documenting one of the most dynamic and contentious times in the city’s history. Projects like Gap Filler’s Dance-O-Mat, the think differently book exchange and Pallet Pavilion; Peter Mejendie’s 185 Empty chairs; and the Rise Street Art Festival have become iconic symbols of post-quake era and are just some examples of how the people of Christchurch responded creatively to the chaos – in many cases creating world leading transitional architectural solutions.

*The Art of Recovery* explores universal themes of creativity versus corporate structure, participatory urban design, innovation, community and ultimately a Do-It-Together approach.

Peter Young, who has won awards both in New Zealand and overseas as a director and cinematographer, will be hosting Q&A sessions at the Auckland premiere on November 5 at Bridgeway Cinema and the Wellington premiere on November 19 at the Penthouse Cinema. Tickets will be available from the cinemas next week.

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