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Think about it...

"Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy." - Robert Half

EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

What unique and extraordinary people our intriguing city produces. In this issue alone we meet an exceptional range of Cantabrians from one who has opened a lodge to nurture women only, to a comedienne, stylists, restaurateurs and award-winning architectural designers.

While many of our most talented inevitably head overseas to pursue their dreams, a good many of them return, even if just for a short time, because another thing that Christchurch does is forge strong ties. Cal Wilson is one such talented performer who is returning to the city to perform in the Christchurch Arts Festival. Her ability to think quickly on her feet and her skill in describing everyday occurrences in a quirky new way has made this comedienne one we all love to laugh with (page 8).

It will also be a homecoming for former Canterbury Opera singer Angus Wood and Christchurch born Jared Holt when they perform in Puccini's emotionally charged *Madama Butterfly* - the first production in Christchurch since the earthquakes for New Zealand Opera (page 10).

In our fashion section you will have the opportunity to see the depth of skill from our local in-store stylists, models, hair stylists and makeup artists with Metropol's Stylists' Challenge - a fashion photo shoot that took place in the elegant and atmospheric Heritage Hotel (page 28-31).

Our famous restaurateurs are not missed out - catch up with news on the hospitality scene in the city in our cuisine section, including news of Tony Astle's plans for on The Terrace.

And finally, while Christchurch may have lost many beautiful homes and buildings, there is reason to celebrate as we witness many new and innovative ones now gracing our skyline with their inspiring lines. This year's ADNZ Architectural Design Awards for Canterbury and Westland were recently announced with nine regional awards being given to six winning local designers. Meet some of our city's finest designers and enjoy a browse of their inspirational work (pages 54-57).