PETITION: HELP SAVE OUR ARTS CENTRE

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There is a proposal to establish a University Music School on our heritage arts centre land, bordering Hereford Street and funded by way of a loan of $24.3 million from the Christchurch City Council.

There are serious concerns about this proposal, including that:

- the scale and bulk of the building is far too big for the small site
- the City Council should not act as the banker for the University which is already funded by the taxpayer for capital works
- possible UNESCO World Heritage Status for the Arts Centre's world class gothic revival building would be undermined by the proposal
- the Arts Centre Trust Board which is jointly (with the University) pushing this proposal, has never consulted on this and has made all decisions behind closed doors.

Yet the Arts Centre site – land and buildings – was gifted to the people of Christchurch in 1973.

We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the proposal by the University of Canterbury and the Arts Centre Trust Board jointly, to subdivide off a plot of land and build a University Music School on the car park area of the Arts Centre. We also oppose the loan (approved 7 votes to 6) by the City Council of $24.3m. We support Save Our Arts Centre's efforts to stop this proposal (See www.soac.org.nz). **NB Please do not sign if you have signed our earlier petition**.

Name (Please Print)	Address	Email	Signature