

LEARNING TO LOVE **V**INFREQUENT ATTENDERS





Audience Atlas New Zealand 2014

- The 2014 survey builds on the 2011 edition and measures trends in how New Zealanders engage with arts and cultural activities, including:
 - Arts attendance (43 artforms surveyed)
 - Expenditure
 - Volunteering, membership and donation behaviour
 - Media consumption
 - Engaging with the arts online





What the Audience Atlas Tells Us

- We have a growing, shallow mass market: more people are attending fewer events and they're less committed to any organisation
 - We see this not only in attendance, but lower expenditure, membership, donation and volunteering behaviour
- We need to pay attention to this audience: infrequent attenders are just as important as that small, committed cohort
- An organisation's digital presence is key to growing an audience, and doesn't replace the real-life experience



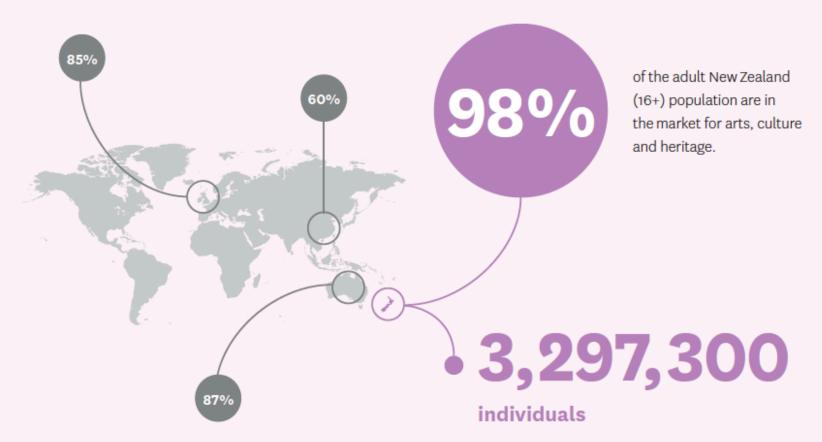


They're dipping their toes in the water









This figure compares favourably with 87% of Australian adults who are in the market for arts, culture and heritage, 85% of adults in the United Kingdom and 60% of adults in China³.

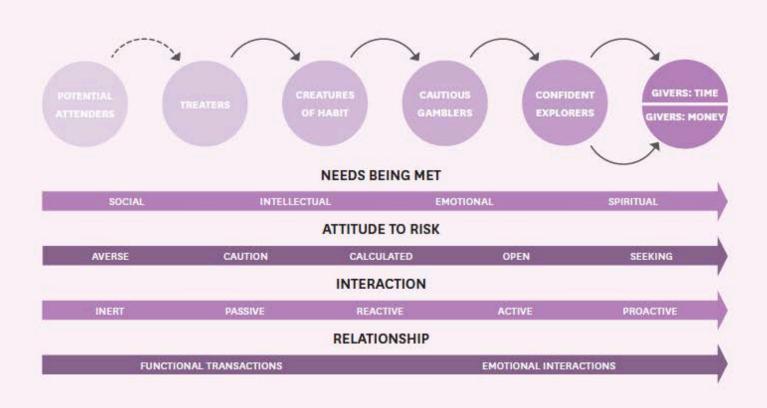
² For a full list of all artforms surveyed, please see page 118.

³ As measured in Audience Atlas Australia 2011, United Kingdom 2010 and China 2014.

Percentage of culture market in current market 2014



Levels of Engagement



The Emergence of the Shallow Market

- Fewer Givers
- Far more Treaters arts are seen as an 'event', and just one option of many

Levels of Engagement	2011	2014
Giver (time)	6%	4%
Giver (\$)	6%	2%
Confident Explorers	12%	14%
Cautious Gamblers	17%	15%
Creatures of Habit	25%	24%
Treaters	31%	38%
Potential attenders	4%	2%





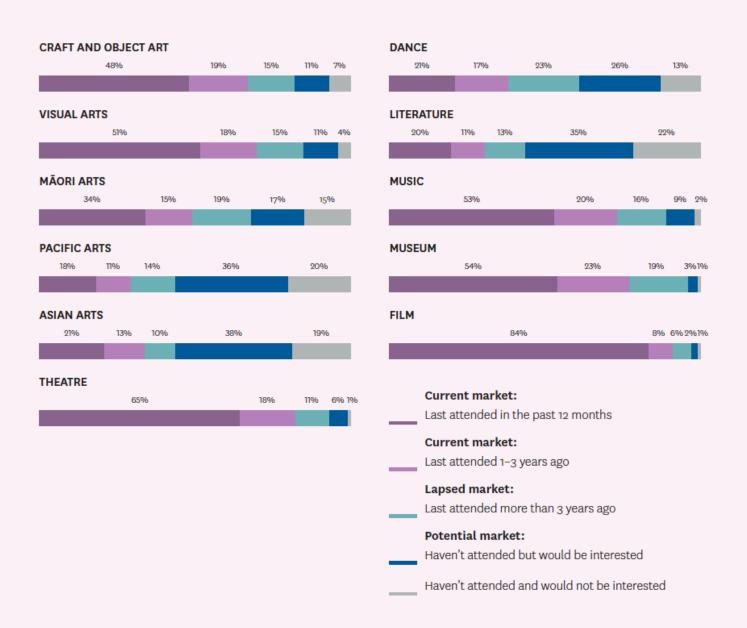


How can we use the Audience Atlas?

- Organisations can use the Audience Atlas to:
 - Understand their current market.
 - Reactivate their lapsed market
 - Reach their potential market
 - Evaluate touring potential
 - Grow their member, volunteer and donor base







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Jazz or blues concert Dance
Country or folk music concert Contemporary Dance
Hip hop concert
Ballet Another kind of live music event Another kind of dance event

- A way to understand our audiences in ways that are deeper than demographics: why people attend, what their expectations are and their core values and needs
- Allows us to customise our communication and create hooks that appeal to our audiences at a deep level







Essence

Discerning, Spontaneous, Independent, Sophisticated

Key marketing messages

The programming team has credentials
It has depth
Seriously high quality
Not mainstream entertainment



Expression

Receptive, Confident, Community, Expressive

Key marketing messages

It will be immersive, emotional escapism Everyone will enjoy a shared experience It will be something to discuss

You'll appreciate artistic expression



Affirmation

Self-identity, Aspirational, Quality time, Improvement

Key marketing messages

It's had good reviews – best of the crop You'll get something out of it

It is modern and relevant (but not 'out there')

It will be something to tell others I did



Enrichment

Mature, Traditional, Heritage, Nostalgia

Key marketing messages

Familiar or classic themes or features
It will be well done and enjoyable
The evening out will be a success
It offers good value







Stimulation

Active, Experimental, Discovery, Contemporary

Key marketing messages

New, unusual, different Like nothing you've seen before Best kept secret – see before they catch on

It offers new perspectives and

shows you're in the know



Release

Busy, Ambitious, Prioritising, Wistful

Key marketing messages

It will be a relaxing trip

If you only do one thing this month
it's this – guaranteed pleasure

The venue has everything needed

Online booking is quick,
easy and free



Perspective

Settled, Self-sufficient, Focused, Contented

Key marketing messages

It will be personally rewarding
It's nice to do something
special occasionally

It will be interesting, engaging and spark the imagination



Entertainment

Consumers, Popularist, Leisure, Mainstream

Key marketing messages

It's popular

It's a great night out and 'easy sell' to others

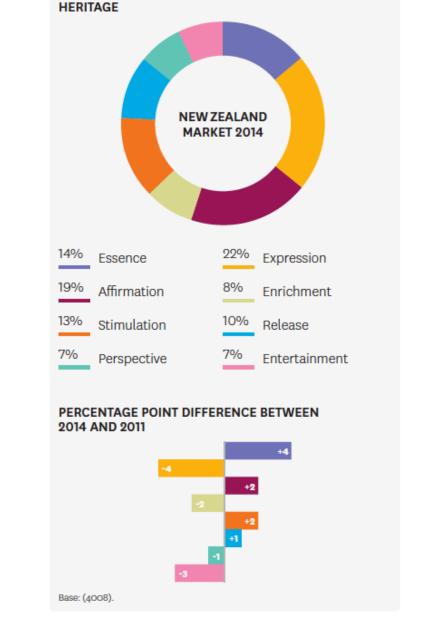
It's got a celebrity in it

It will be fun





- New Zealand:
 - 22% Expression
 - 19% Affirmation

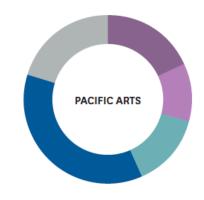


CULTURE SEGMENTS PROFILE OF NEW ZEALAND ADULTS IN THE MARKET FOR ARTS, CULTURAL AND

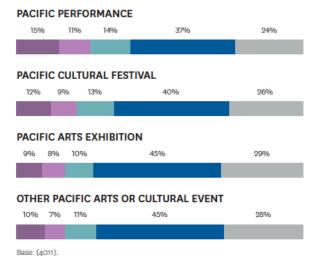


Pacific Arts

- Pacific Arts have seen the lowest growth over the past three years
- This is not for want of interest: it also has the greatest potential market (1218.6k). So what's stopping people from attending?



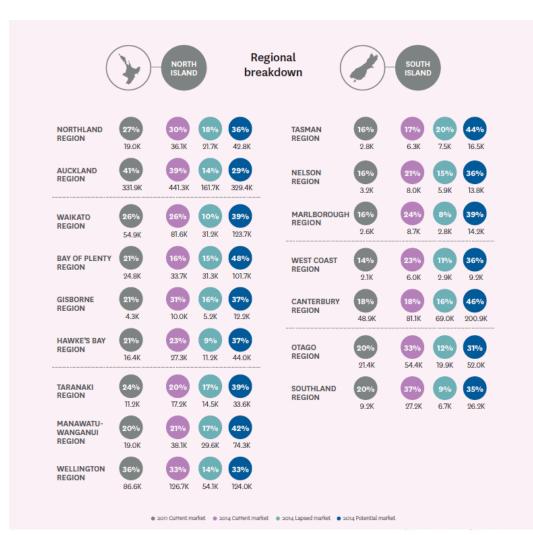






Pacific Arts

- Auckland has the largest current market (39%) followed by Southland (37%)
- Largest potential market in Bay of Plenty (48%), Canterbury (46%) and Tasman (44%)



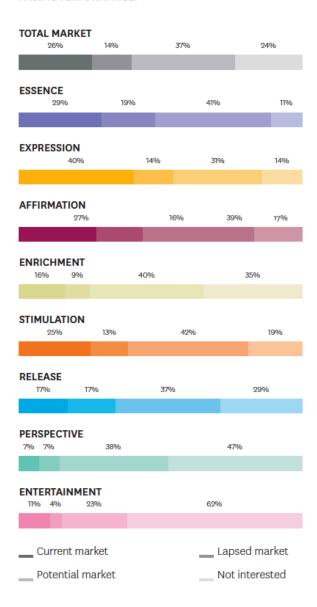


Pacific Performance

- Pacific Performance appeals most to Expression, with 40% attending one in the past year
- Between 39-41% of Essence,
 Affirmation, Enrichment,
 Stimulation and Perspective are interested in attending for the first time



PACIFIC PERFORMANCE:



Support for the Arts

- People are spending less on arts and cultural activities
 - \$41 every four weeks, compared to \$53 in 2011
- Fewer people are volunteering their time to help an arts, cultural or heritage organisation
 - 9% of the culture market volunteered in the last 12 months compared to 12% in 2011
- Fewer people are donating to an arts, cultural or heritage organisation or cultural venue
 - 23% donated in the last 12 months, compared to 50% in 2011





The Way Forward

- We have to learn to love our infrequent attenders: they're the cats of the arts world, but ultimately they are a serious chunk of the market
- We need to reach them: Orthodox communication strategies aren't working on the infrequent, noncommitted market: we need to revisit how we're reaching these audiences
- Focus on developing an online presence: use it as a platform to showcase work in a way that's true to the art







Unlocking Potential

- In groups of five, develop two different marketing strategies for the situation you're assigned
- You have 15 minutes to plan and 5 minutes to write-up and rehearse – and then 1 minute to present
- You need to assign people in your group to present each of your ideas





And your Challenges are...

- 1. Come up with 2 different ways to entice **Affirmation infrequents** to become a member of a theatre company.
- 2. Come up with 2 strategies to deepen engagement of **Expression infrequents** (one using digital and one without) for a classical music concert.
- 3. Come up with 2 strategies to encourage **Stimulation infrequents** (one using digital and one without) to attend a museum for the first time.





