## **TAURANGA MUSICA**

## **Press Release – for immediate release**

5 July 2011

Alexa Still, flute, is returning to Tauranga to play for Tauranga Musica on Sunday 24 July, 7pm at Mills Reef.

She is a firm favourite of Tauranga audiences having played for Tauranga Musica several times over the past 10 years both solo and accompanied. This time she is unaccompanied and says "I'd like to say something along the lines of a startling exploration of the possibilities on flute".

She does this by playing a diverse range of compositions by Ian Clarke, Robert Dick, Henri Tomasi, Gergely Ittzes, Marin-Marais, Niccolo Paganini, Claude Debussy, Rhonda Larsen and Shaun Barlow.

A New Zealander presently living in Sydney Australia where she is head of flute at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Alexa is kept busy with her teaching, recitals, concertos and master classes in many countries of the world.

She gained her masters and a doctorate in flute studies in the USA and returned to NZ to take up the post of principal flute with the NZ Symphony Orchestra where she stayed 11 years.

"On track: still on top of her game". William Dart, NZ Herald.

Alexa has recorded an extensive number of CDs which have won international acclaim mostly under the Koch International label. "With all respect to Galway, and appreciation for his commission, Ms. Still outflutes him". Archive Review.

Alexa has just finished a term as the elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the 5000 member National Flute Association.

Tickets are available from Baycourt /TicketDirect with door sales on the night.

Sunday 24 July, Mills Reef, 7pm

Ends

See her website, <u>www.alexastill.com</u>
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