

Folkworks

Folkworks of Christchurch, a quintet of musicians led by School of Music lecturer Dr Roger Buckton



The line up is Roger Buckton (flute, dudelsack), Jonathan Le Cocq (mandolin, guitar, lute), Michael Cwach (tuba, euphonium, serpent, dudelsack), Heather Gladstone (accordion, keyboard) and Claire Weyland (violin).

Folkworks features some unusual instruments. Michael Cwach plays the serpent. "It is an 18th century bass wind instrument in which the sound is produced by a mouthpiece like a brass instrument, yet it is fingered like a woodwind instrument" explains Roger. "It is thought that this is the only one in New Zealand." Roger and Michael play dudelsacks, a type of bagpipe, brought to New Zealand by Bohemian settlers in Puhoi.



Folkworks has been helping Bill run community contra dances for Lyttelton, and has developed a repertoire of interesting contra dance brackets. They will feature on the first contra dance of the Hokitika weekend.