

## Big show for Event Centre

A non-stop, variety musical show is lined up next month to celebrate 10 years of Ashburton Trust Event Centre. Called That's What Music's All About, the show will feature a wealth of local talent and includes singing, a bit of comedy and a brief tap routine.

A live band, led by veteran musician Alan McQuarters, will accompany performers in the fundraising concert for the Event Centre.

The show will be directed by Susan Spencer and Jenny Beach, with Penny Wilson in the role of musical director.

Penny Wilson said classics from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s were on the musical programme, including songs like My Guy, Sherry, Welcome Back to Happiness, Daydream Believer and Saturday Night At The Movies.

There would be songs from Elvis and also an a cappella piece from a female quartet.

The show would be split into two halves, with each half opening with a full company performance, said Mrs Wilson.

Performers involved include Brent Gray, Chris Woods, Bethany McNally, sisters Jenny Crouchley and Megan McAtamney, Gavin Templeton and Jason and Jude Klever.

Susan Spencer said all of the performers had been involved in other fundraising concerts over the years.

"The Event Centre is a superb community venue and we are very happy to be part of the 10 year celebrations."

Event Centre manager Roger Farr said thousands of dollars had been raised through similar concerts and the venue was very grateful for the generous support.

"While we receive a huge amount of support from the Ashburton District Council, Lion Foundation and Community Trust Mid-South Canterbury and our business partners, we rely heavily on our own fundraising efforts to support the continual repairs and maintenance and the upgrading of our sound, lighting and audio visual equipment.

"Those upgrades ensure we remain technically relevant with the latest technology as well as a quality venue for our audience to attend."

That's What Music's All About will be performed on November 23, November 24 (both 7pm) and November 25 (2pm). Tickets are available from the venue or [ticketdirect.co.nz](http://ticketdirect.co.nz).