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Alexander Bisley

Dominion Post film reviewer, Lumiere Associate Editor, City Gallery Wellington publicist.

With all the different “hats” Alexander wears in the course of a week, he spends most of his time in downtown Wellington and thrives on it. “I love downtown because it is a lively, sociable place where there’s always plenty to do,” Alexander says.

Alexander’s favourite haunts:

For brunch... The Lido - outside on the pavement corner Wakefield and Victoria Streets, for a big, flavoursome brunch that sets you up for the day.

For a good coffee or hot chocolate... Sweet Mother’s Kitchen in Courtenay Place, cos it’s a sweet, homely place and the choc is damn good.

For shopping... Unity Books lower Willis Street for their diverse range of great books, from Fisk to Ford to Hedges, and welcoming, comfy seats where you can sit and read.

For a night out... Fidel’s Café Cuba Street and Havana Bar Wigan Street are fun places to drink and talk.

For relaxation... Mehmet Tuzel, Massage Therapist on Plimmer Steps, is a genius. A stress-busting must.

For indulgence... There’s a lot of fine restaurants in this city. However Café Bastille in Majoribanks Street serves a scrumptious bouillabaisse, toothsome steak and chips and sinfully good chocolate mousse. It stacks up with France’s best.

For a bargain... Trade Aid in Cuba Mall has good bargain stuff and you get to feel moral about it, go fair trade!

For free... A walkabout round Wellington’s beautiful, breezy, nuke-free harbour refreshes.

With visitors... City Gallery Wellington in Civic Square - of course, for some excellent, dynamic art and public programmes.

For a movie... Favourite movie theatre - the Paramount, home of the Wellington Film Society and some very interesting entertainment.

“So take advantage of our fair city. As the sage commentator Fred Dagg puts it - we don’t know how lucky we are”. Alexander Bisley.

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