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## **David Bremner**

*Trombonist New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and TV2's Dancing with the Stars Band.*

David's fulltime job is playing with the NZSO, but he also enjoys getting out and experiencing other types of music. The chance to play as part of television's Dancing with the Stars band was an opportunity he couldn't miss. The 2007 season was his third with the show which he describes as a lot of fun - the band is "amazing" and "everyone from the dancers to crew get along so well".

David loves how you can walk to everything in Wellington, from cafes to theatres and museums to the stadium – "it's all just a stone's throw away."

### **David's favourite haunts:**

**For brunch...** Vista Café on Oriental Parade. The food is fantastic and it's a great spot to sit outside and see the world go by.

**For a great coffee...** Felix Café on Wakefield Street. The coffee is superb and it has an inviting, relaxing atmosphere.

**For cheap eats...** Satay Kingdom, Left Bank on Cuba Street. Cheap Malaysian food which is quick and tastes fantastic.

**For shopping...** The Vault on Willis Street – it's a saviour when last minute shopping for weddings and birthdays. Funky designs at great prices.

**For a night out...** Dinner at Nicolini's Italian Bistro on Courtenay Place. Try the salmon risotto - the salmon is always fresh and the flavour divine. Then head off to the relocated Malthouse on Courtenay Place for the best range of beers in Wellington. Finish with a cocktail at Matterhorn on Cuba Street where the vibe is so relaxed and everyone is chilled.

**For relaxation...** Catch a movie at the Embassy Theatre, Courtenay Place. It's the best cinema in town, with great movies, seats and you can take your beer inside - brilliant!

**For indulgence...** The Ambeli on Majoribanks Street. There's great food, wine, and the nicest people you will ever meet running the place.

**For free...** City Gallery Wellington, Civic Square. It's not technically free as some exhibitions cost, but it's such a cool place where you can lose yourself for hours.

**For a bargain...** Any live music gig in the city. We are so lucky to have live music by world class musicians every night at bargain prices (or often free!!)

**With visitors...** A game at the Westpac Stadium. There's always an amazing atmosphere and plenty of entertainment. It doesn't matter what sport it is "I even saw Aussie Rules there and it was good!"

**Other favourite places...** For someone who travels often, relies on a computer for communication and enjoys amateur photography, MagnumMac and Wellington Photographic Supplies on Vivian Street have all the essentials.

"Downtown Wellington is an intensely compact and vibrant mix of great food, music, shopping and partying. If you don't know this, you have been missing out." David Bremner.

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