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## GREAT COROMANDEL ARTS TOUR KICKS THE 2009 HOMEGROWN FESTIVAL OFF WITH A BANG!

For the fourth year running, and the third year as part of the Homegrown Festival, the Great Coromandel Arts Tour is almost upon us. Over 25 artists from Coromandel and the northern peninsula will be again opening their studios to the public.

Matt Sephton, Great Coromandel Arts Tour coordinator points out that 'This is a great chance to come and visit some of our finest artists in their creative spaces, view new work before it goes to galleries and meet the artists behind some of New Zealand's most exciting art'.

Works on show include glasswork, ceramics, painting, jewellery, sculpture, wood, and textile art and is a great opportunity to interact directly with some of the Coromandel's finest artists and crafts people.

'We are extremely pleased to have the Great Coromandel Arts Tour as part of the HOMEGROWN Festival. It's a perfect fit and helps us showcase just what the Coromandel has to offer within the arts community', Says Megan Etherington, Events Manager for Tourism Coromandel.

Tickets for the Great Coromandel Arts Tour can be purchased from Bounty in Thames, The Source in Coromandel Town , and online at [iticket.co.nz](http://iticket.co.nz).

Some of the other events in this years HOMEGROWN Festival include: A cooking demonstration by an international chef, live music, cooking schools, Art Maynia, Orchid Tours, food trails, homegrown menus, as well as the ever popular Thames and Coroglen Farmers Market, the new Coromandel Homegrown Community Market and for the first time, the "Hahei Tractor Bash".

For further information on the Great Coromandel Arts Tour check out the website [www.coromandelartstour.org.nz](http://www.coromandelartstour.org.nz) A full HOMEGROWN FESTIVAL calendar of events can be viewed on the website [www.homegrownfestival.co.nz](http://www.homegrownfestival.co.nz)

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