



Lockdown isolation in focus for festival

The annual Auckland Festival of Photography is back for June with exhibitions in galleries and public spaces dotted around the Isthmus for the whole month. This year's overriding theme explores isolation based around artists' experiences of lockdown under the cloud of Covid-19. Highlights include Julia Fullerton-Batten's series of portraits of lockdown while in London and Cameron McLaren's *Washington Post*-commissioned view of Auckland during the New Zealand response to the pandemic. A must-see, but off-message, exhibition is Harvey Bengt at the Melanie Roger Gallery on K Rd with a study of central Auckland in the 1970s and 80s. Go to <https://www.photographyfestival.org.nz/> for more information.

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