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## What's new at the show

There's plenty of new entertainment on offer at this year's Royal New Zealand Show in Christchurch.

### Gareth Morgan – Seminars

Gareth Morgan will be presenting a seminar titled 'Up Close with Gareth Morgan: the dairy opportunity in Brazil' to Show visitors on Friday 13 November. Low cost pastoral dairy farming in the savannah of Brazil offers a substantial opportunity for New Zealand dairy farmers to diversify their risk but stay within the business sector in which they are expert. Gareth is personally involved in a dairy farm in Brazil, along with his NZ dairy farming partners. Gareth and his team will also be on site all three days at the GMI booth in the Trade and Feature Pavilion.

### Flippin' Circus

Performing on the Village Green daily, Flippin' Circus will be presenting 'Flip Flop, Truck Stop'. The show is a collaboration of four performers including New Zealand's number one globe walker, Mac Islas. The show will include double trapeze, globe walking, adagio and the finale with performer Shelley Dingwall suspended from a crane while others launch off a trampoline mounted on the back of a truck.

### 8 Seconds Bullriding

8 seconds, the amount of time needed for glory, but not all rides end in glory. The 8 Seconds Bullriding Company, founded by Duncan and Tina Mackintosh, and Lachlan and Sonya Mackintosh, will present bullriding demonstrations daily at the Show. The husband and wife teams decided it was time to bring the highly charged, adrenalin packed sport of bullriding to New Zealand.

### Canterbury Contractors Federation

The Canterbury Contractors Federation site will have daily entertainment including Doug the Digger (daily), Digger Demonstrations (Wednesday/Thursday) and an Excavator Operator Competition on Friday. Doug the Digger is a travelling roadshow that promotes safety to New Zealanders of all ages. Creator Alistair McIntyre (aka Mr Mac), was formerly a heavy machinery operator for 20 years. After crushing his right arm between a building and a truck in a workplace accident in 1986, Alistair had no choice but to change careers. Alastair is now a motivational speaker and author.

### Punk the Clown – Circus Spectacular

If you thought clowns weren't cool then you haven't met Punk. Combine studs, fake tattoos and crazy hair with a red nose and funny shoes and you've got the coolest clown in town. Show visitors will roll with laughter as they watch this chaotic clown blunder her way through a series of misadventures. Punk will be performing daily on the Tip Top Stage alongside Show favourite the Tip Top Popsicle Band.

The Royal New Zealand Show runs from 11-13 November at Canterbury Agricultural Park Christchurch. Attracting 120,000 people, over 7000 livestock and feature competition entries and close to 600 trade exhibitors, plus three full days of entertainment, it is the premier agricultural and pastoral event in the country.

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