

**14. CURTAIN RAISER - ENTERTAINMENT FOR CLASSICAL SPARKS**

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The purpose of this report is to support our Annual Plan bid for \$9,000 for the Curtain Raiser – Entertainment for Classical Sparks.

After an approach by a youth band to play before the Christchurch Symphony, as well as from three Councillors, Leisure has undertaken a thorough investigation into the costs and feasibility of having a curtain raiser entertainment prior to the Classical Sparks Concert in 2002. As any band will alter the stage setup and sound technical requirements of the Christchurch Symphony, a full hour of clear stage is needed between performances to return and reset the technical aspects, as well as to allow for standard preparations for Christchurch Symphony. The addition of another musical performance extends this event, which impacts on costs across a broad range of areas, including some less obvious such as parking, backstage areas and facilities, etc. Any pre-entertainment would need to be put to public notice for registration of interest from potential performing groups.

*Leisure Unit Ranking 2*