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Niche Tasmanian Makers' Bazaar Albert Hall 9am till 3pm Saturday, March 28

Ceramicists Trix and John Diprose are among the stallholders supporting StGiles at this Saturday's Niche Tasmanian Makers' Bazaar at the Albert Hall.

Autumn Niche attracted 200 quality applications; with just 50 accepted. The majority of makers travel from around Tasmania – Ross, Wynyard and Hobart – to be part of one of Tasmania's most successful events.

Only high quality items designed and made in Tasmania are chosen and Niche Manager Liz Strange confirmed 30 of the stallholders have never been seen in Launceston before. Niche regularly attracts upwards of 3000 visitors during just six hours.

“It can be frantic. Best to arrive early, when we open at 9am,” Mrs Strange said.

Since it started seven years ago, Niche has launched some young Tasmanian entrepreneurial success stories like seamstress Isis St Pierre and paper maker Joanna Gair.

“The quality and integrity of the market is the key to its success. And, people like to know that 20 per cent of every dollar they spend at Niche is donated to StGiles to help in children's early intervention therapies,” Mrs Strange said.

“The average donation from a Niche stallholder to StGiles is \$200 – some lots more some less,” she said.

For the first time, art students from Scotch Oakburn College have created a centrepiece for the Albert Hall themed on Easter and Autumn.



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“And we have free apples, from Lees Orchard Brendan Morrison, will be available for a healthy munch while browsing the Albert Hall,” Mrs Strange said.

Niche began in 2009 and is held three times annually. The next market will be Friday night in August followed by the Christmas- at the Albert Hall.

StGiles employs 250 staff state wide and in Launceston supports 3000 Northern families with children’s physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology as well as behaviour support, respite and support services located at Amy Road.

“Donations are always welcome and can be made safely online at www.stgiles.org.au,” Mrs Strange said.