

**Media Release**  
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## **MAKING CHARITY CHIC**

The Wayside Chapel is taking fashion, music and art to a whole new level on Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>, the street.

The Kings Cross-based charity that offers support for the homeless, victims of abuse and substance addiction and people with mental health issues is holding an event at the Gaelic Theatre in Surry Hills to raise much needed funds in the lead up to Christmas.

Legendary local designers & stylists Marnie Skillings, Fleur Wood and Imogene Barron (Fashion Editor – YEN) will be styling and customizing clothing from The Wayside's own Beatniks & Bohemians Op Shop. The Beatniks and Bohemians Op Shop began in 1996 and has in the last five years become one of the most significant contributors to the charity's overall revenue.

The event also aims to engage music and art lovers with sponsorship provided by Make Yourself Records, who have organised artists such as 'Fait Accompli', Ripping Dylans and Tokyo Blonde to create the sounds on the night plus a selection of 30 artists have donated one off canvasses that will be sold for \$150.

Tickets for the event are only \$22 and all money raised will assist the Wayside Chapel to continue its services for the lonely, homeless, abused and dispossessed.

Katrina Mathieson, Communications and Relationships Manager at Wayside, says "It's great to be able to connect with young people in the music, fashion and art worlds and ultimately use their talent to help those who need it most".

Beth James, the event manager, admits that fashion and charity may be an interesting mix, but it is definitely a step in the right direction. "I really do hope this event is proof of that. I hope the night will also show people that there are alternative ways to make a difference."

Tickets are available from [www.moshtix.com](http://www.moshtix.com) or [www.thewaysidechapel.com](http://www.thewaysidechapel.com)

Date: Nov 1  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: The Gaelic Theatre  
Where: 64 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

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*The Wayside Chapel is a well known Sydney Icon that provides unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross. It has a long history of being at the forefront of social justice issues. Wayside pioneered Australia's first 24 hour crisis centre, the first Drug Referral Centre, co-founded the Aboriginal Affairs Foundation and started Life Education Australia. In the 60's and 70's it was also considered a first-class arts establishment.*