

CITY CENTRE ART



Skipping sculpture: British sculptor Mackenzie Thorpe peels protective wrapping from one of his bronze pieces, *Skipping*. Photo: David Alexander

Children feature in bronze art

A skipping child and a youngster needing a little love will be joining visitors at Christchurch's Arts Centre this weekend.

The two are among an exhibition of four sculptures by English artist Mackenzie Thorpe which are on display in New Zealand for the first time.

The large bronze pieces — *Skip- ping*, *Lean on Love* and *On the Bench* — will be on show outside the Arts Centre.

They will be unveiled at 1pm

tomorrow. Another piece — *Falling in Love* — was unveiled at the Dyslexia Discovery Centre, opposite the Arts Centre, last week.

Thorpe, who is himself dyslexic, is helping to raise awareness for the Dyslexia Foundation of New Zealand, which estimates 70,000 children in this country have the condition.

An exhibition of Thorpe's paintings and drawings will be on display at Fisher Gallery in Victoria Street at the same time.