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Arts NT News

Arts NT received 54 applications to the recent March Project Round. The Arts Grants Board will meet in Alice Springs in early June to assess the applications.

Arts NT is currently awaiting to finalise the agreement with the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA). The new categories offered through the Regional Arts Fund, managed by Arts NT, will then be published online with a closing date in early May. For more information contact Arts NT in Darwin on 8999 8981 and in Alice Springs on 8951 1190.

General News

The Territory Celebrates Our Young Achiever Award Winners

Alice Springs musician and performer Tashka Urban was awarded the Charles Darwin University Arts Award. Together with eight young Territorians Tashka Urban was recognised for outstanding achievements at the NT Young Achiever Awards. <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au> and <http://ext.cdu.edu.au>

Big hART wins 2008 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Group Award

Big hART has received the 2008 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Group Award. Big hART projects include the critically acclaimed *Ngapartji Ngapartji*, a theatre work and Pitjantjatjara language and cultural learning experience, shown in Alice Springs last year. Big hART works most often in small communities with people experiencing marginalisation in regional, rural, and geographically or socially isolated communities. www.myerfoundation.org.au

Breakthrough for Indigenous musicians

Three promising Indigenous musicians or groups are set to break into the commercial music industry with the help of a new pilot initiative known as Breakthrough. Arts Minister Peter Garrett said this new national Cultural Ministers Council project provides Indigenous musicians with an opportunity to make a high quality recording of the best tracks of their repertoire. Breakthrough provides each of the three artists or groups with up to \$25,000 to record a high-quality broadcast-standard EP which can be used to gain airplay on radio. www.environment.gov.au

\$3.6 million boost for community arts projects with heart

Federal Minister for the Arts, Peter Garrett, announced funding of more than \$3.6 million for 15 major community arts initiatives across the country. "I'm delighted to announce the Government's increased support for community arts projects which will provide greater opportunities for Australians to participate in cultural activities in the places where they live," Mr Garrett said. This new funding is part of the Government's Creative Communities election commitment of \$10 million over four years. In the Northern Territory, Darwin Community Arts receives \$180,000 over two years. www.environment.gov.au

Draft Framework for NT Screen Industry Released

A draft strategic framework for the future of the Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) has been developed and is open for public comment until Thursday 9 April 2009. NTFO Director Penelope McDonald said outcomes from this framework will clarify the vision of the Northern Territory screen

industry for the next five years, and the potential leadership role of the NTFO within this larger context. www.nt.gov.au

Darwin Amphitheatre Rocks

A stellar line-up will rock the Darwin Amphitheatre for this year's Savings and Loans BASSINTEGRASS festival. Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the national acts in 2009 are Melbourne punk rock band The Living End; Melbourne's jazz, ska and Latin fusionists The Cat Empire; The Sydney-based dance music group Sneaky Sound System; Vocal powerhouse Gabriella Cilmi who won six Aria Awards last year; Victorian indie/pop rock band Augie March; Bliss N Eso, who are known for their hip-hop rhymes and banging beats; Performer and rapper Seany B and Pop star Matt Roberts. "Supporting this great line-up will be our own home-grown talent," Mr Henderson said. "We have a great crop of artists and bands in the Territory, and I encourage them all to nominate to be part of this great festival. <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

Cultural exchange agreement with China

Australia and China have agreed to work more closely on cultural activities such as exhibitions, performing arts, film festivals, media and cultural heritage protection. Arts Minister Peter Garrett said the two governments are signing a three-year implementation program under the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation that builds on a long-standing cultural partnership with China and will strengthen relations between the two countries. "This program will provide the people of our countries with a deeper understanding of each of our unique cultures particularly in the lead up to the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai," Mr Garrett said. www.environment.gov.au

Quick News

The **Long Way to the Top End** documentation put together by Deb Hudson has captured the 12 bands on their journey to the Adelaide Fringe Festival - now on Youtube www.youtube.com

Hayley West has taken on the administrator position at 24HR Art

Barry Benning's latest album was featured on 2YOUFM in Tamworth

Tips for navigating through the global economic crises published from Australian Business Arts Foundation (AbAF) www.abaf.org.au

Opportunities - NT

Reminder: Entries open for Togart Contemporary Art Award 2009

Closing 13 April

Entries for the 2009 Togart Contemporary Art Award close soon. The annual Togart Award is open to artists who have based their practice in the NT for a substantial period of time or whose work demonstrates a strong connection with the NT. For more information visit:

W: www.darwincitywaterfront.com.au

24HR Art - Artists/Curators Call for Proposals 2010

Closing 1 June

24HR Art - the Northern Territory Centre for Contemporary Art, is currently seeking proposals from artists and curators interested in exhibiting work as part of the 2010 Annual Exhibition Program. Proposals should include a brief description (1 – 2 pages), a cv(s) for the artist(s) and visual support material. Please go to our web site for proposal guidelines. For more information contact Siying Zhou, Program Manager, on:

T: 08 89815368

E: siying@24hrart.org.au

W: www.24hrart.org.au

artpost

Ongoing

An interactive website and short video series for TV broadcast, which showcases artists living in regional and remote parts of the country. The centrepiece of www.abc.net.au/artpost, is a digital interactive arts map of Australia where you can watch artists at work in their studio. The site provides the tools for students, teachers, art lovers and artists to create short videos about who they are and their work, for inclusion on the digital map. In five easy steps, a video can be created and uploaded

directly to what will become a living art gallery of all corners of Australia. These videos will also be broadcast on ABC1 and ABC2. We want as many artists as possible to get on the job and submit a digital video or stills profile to the Artpost web-site. It is straightforward and there is a template provided on the web-site to guide them. For more information visit:

W: www.abc.net.au/artpost

Opportunities- Darwin

Calling for Entries

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). We are seeking contributions of art and poetry for an exhibition to increase awareness, challenge secrecy, promote justice, and condemn sexual abuse. All ages, skill levels and art forms welcome. The exhibition will be held from the 27th of April 2009. For further information contact Lisa at Ruby Gaea on:

T: (08) 89 45 01 55

E: info@rubygaea.net.au

Darwin Festival Song Competition

Music NT is now accepting entries for the Darwin Festival Song competition. If you're a songwriter with a great song that you think could be the sound of Darwin Festival 2009, submit now for your chance to win some great prizes. The winning entry will have their song selected to be used in a 30 sec television commercial for the 2009 Darwin Festival. They will also get their music critiqued by national music industry experts, receive some great media exposure, and will get to perform at the East Coasts Blues and Roots Fest in 2010, as well as the 2009 Darwin Festival. To download an entry form and for a sample of the vision to be used in the commercial, go to www.darwinfestival.org.au or www.abc.net.au/darwin. For more information, contact Mark at Music NT on:

T: (08) 89811995

Making Your Music Work For You, with Andrew Fuller

17 April, from 2:15pm to 4pm, Froghollow Conference Room

The Artslaw Centre of Australia, in conjunction with APRA and Music NT are excited to announce a copyright & music business session with presenter, Andrew Fuller. This is a must-attend event for bands and artists who are serious about their music. If you value your copyright, and are keen to learn more about Making Your Music Work for You, then don't delay. RSVP essential. RSVP by Tuesday 14 April to the Music NT online forum <http://musicnt.ning.com/> by clicking 'RSVP' and/or reply email to:

E: rcollins@apra.com.au

Free Tourism NT Workshops - Beyond 2009 Doing Online Business

Thursday 23 April & Friday 24 April

The second round of free workshops offering a further insight into online design and web marketing. Fabienne Rabbiosi, will be returning to the NT, to build on the knowledge of her very popular and beneficial workshops in February. This round of workshops will give you more in-depth knowledge of Online Design and Marketing, and be tailored to the specific needs of your industry segment wherever possible. Numbers will be strictly limited. To register your interest complete the [Expression of Interest](#), marking your preferred session and returning it by email to nigel.elliott@nt.gov.au. For more information visit:

W: www.tourismnt.com.au

Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival 2009 - Dance Stage

Each year Ausdance NT manage the dance stage for the Sea Breeze Festival. The week following the Sea Breeze Festival Dance Stage Event will be Dance Week (Sunday 3rd May – Saturday 9th May). Ausdance NT is calling all dance groups, schools and individuals who are interested in performing a piece at the Dance Stage on Saturday 2nd May. For more information contact:

E: nt@ausdance.org.au

Exhibit at Arts NT: Gallery Space

Ongoing

The wall behind the reception desk at the Arts NT office has shown artists' work for the last year, presenting fantastic art works that brightens up the days of Arts NT staff and Arts NT visitors locally and from interstate. The wall is approximately 2 metres high by 3 metres wide with a hanging rail.

Works of emerging and/or established artists can be hung on a monthly basis, free of charge. For more information contact:

T: 08 8981 9351
E: info@dvaa.net.au

Opportunities- Alice Springs

Volunteers needed for Eye of the Storm 2009 - Alice Springs Writers Festival

The NT Writers Eye of the Storm 2009 Alice Springs Writers Festival is on 1-4 May and is looking for volunteers. The Festival features 4 days of panels, workshops, book launches, at Olive Pink Botanic Garden and other venues around town. For more information on the Eye of the Storm program, visit the website. To register interest in volunteering contact Michael on:

T: (08) 8952 3810
E: alice@ntwriters.com.au
W: www.ntwriters.com.au

InCite Youth Arts Board Positions Vacant

AGM 29 April, 6pm, Andy McNeill Room, Alice Springs Town Council

InCite Youth Arts delivers community arts and culture programs for youth in Central Australia. InCite currently has 5 voluntary positions available on their Board and are seeking nominations from NT residents of any age who are passionate about youth arts and have enough time to actively participate in Board activities (currently 6 meetings per year). For more information contact Virginia Heydon on:

T (08) 8952 6338
E: virginia@inciteya.org.au
W: www.inciteya.org.au

Olive Pink Botanic Garden calls all artists

Olive Pink Botanic Garden is calling for entries to its annual *Up the Garden Path* sculpture competition/exhibition. The generic theme for sculptural works is Desert Plants or Desert Places. Currently there are three prize categories, but this is likely to grow as prize sponsorship rolls in. For more information & entry forms contact Mark Carter on:

T: (08) 8952 2154
E: curatoropbg@internode.on.net

Red Dust Performance Lab Workshops

Directing: begins 6 April. Come and learn how to direct actors and discover new and different ways to work with texts. Explore text tension and rhythm, character dynamics and be introduced to different directing styles. Learn about structuring a theatre space through actor placement, lighting and mise-en-scene.

Sound Operation: begins 7 April. Come and learn how to create and operate sound for performing arts gigs.

Workshops cost \$5 each. For more info contact Red Dust Theatre on:
T: (08) 89533305
E: mail@reddusttheatre.com
W: www.reddusttheatre.com

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W: www.tourismnt.com.au

Creative Industry Innovation in Desert Australia DKA Forum

Tue 5 May, 1pm, Desert Knowledge Business and Innovation Centre Conference Room, South Stuart Hwy

The Desert Knowledge Business and Innovation Centre will hold a networking forum to highlight innovation by businesses in the Creative Industries across desert Australia. The forum will be a virtual meeting linked by audio-conference and website, coordinated out of Alice Springs with various

locations across Desert Australia. For more information contact Joy Taylor, Manager, Network Development, on:

T: (08) 08 8959 6016

E: joy.taylor@desertknowledge.com.au

World IP Day Forum - Alice Springs & Tennant

Fri 8 May, 5pm – 8.30pm, Desert Knowledge Business and Innovation Centre, South Stuart Hwy

Businesses and individuals are invited to attend a free workshop providing practical advice from experts on how to move your innovative idea from concept to commercialisation. The evening include presentations and a Q&A session, followed by networking and refreshments. In addition, free 10-15 minute one-on-one sessions with an NT-based patent and trademark attorney are available during the networking session, if booked in advance. For more information contact Joy Taylor, Manager, Network Development, on:

T: (08) 08 8959 6016

E: joy.taylor@desertknowledge.com.au

Watch This Space - Call for 2010 Exhibition Proposals

Closing 31 July

Proposals are invited from emerging and established artists, groups and /or curators to present new and original work. Experimental work is encouraged. For more information contact Karlee, WTS, on:

T: (08) 8952 1949

E: wts@wts.org.au

Opportunities- National

The Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award

Closing 17 April

The Wangaratta exhibitions Gallery has developed a biennial Award for Contemporary Textile Art. Artists working in any style of textile media are invited to make an entry for consideration. A Judging Panel of industry professionals will select a shortlist of finalists who will be invited to submit artworks for display in an exhibition at the Gallery. The winning artwork will be selected from this exhibition. The prize is acquisitive, with the single winning work becoming part of the Wangaratta exhibitions Gallery Collection, owned by the Rural City of Wangaratta. The value of the Award is \$4,000 including GST and this includes the acquisition of the work. Entry forms can be downloaded online. For more information contact:

T: (03) 5722 0865

W: www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au

APRA Music Grants

Closing 30 April

Funding Opportunity for Songwriters and Composers. Each year, the APRA Board sets aside 1.5% of distributable revenue to fund projects and organisations promoting the use and recognition of music by APRA members. For more information visit:

W: www.apra-amcos.com.au

Splendid: Call for Artists

Closing 4 May

Splendid is an ideas laboratory for hot new talent to expand their playing field and help set the agenda for thinking critically into the future. Splendid 2009 is seeking agents of creative change for 3 weeks of bending art forms and collaboration to create new works for 2010 Splendour in the Grass festival.

Splendid is a residential arts laboratory for those interested in cross-artform practice, designed to allow for a diverse range of artists to intersect, exchange and unfold ideas. Splendid is open to young and emerging artists (under 30 years or in the first 5 years of their practice) who work in the visual arts, theatre, dance, design, installation, architecture, digital media, sound, text, community arts and other creative pursuits. For more information visit:

W: www.splendid.org.au

Call for Proposals for Firstdraft Gallery

Closing 15 May

Firstdraft is a non-profit gallery in Surry Hills, NSW, run on a voluntary basis by a group of practising artists and curators. It is one of the longest running and most successful artist-run spaces in Australia.

Firstdraft asserts the importance of contemporary art production, dissemination and discussion in society, providing a stimulating exhibition space that is professional and accessible for a diverse range of artistic practices and projects. Exhibition proposals are invited from individuals and groups, artists and curators. For more information visit:

W: www.firstdraftgallery.com

Harold White Fellowships Closing 30 April

The fellowships scheme aims to promote the Library as a centre of scholarly activity and research, encourage scholarly and literary use of the Library's collections and production of publications arising from that scholarship, and to promote the Library's rich and varied collections. Fellowships are open to established Australian and international researchers and creative writers in any discipline in which the Library has strong collections. Successful applicants are generally senior scholars or writers with a strong publication track record, including publication of full length monographs. For more information contact:

W: www.nla.gov.au

PPCA Performer's Trust Foundation Ongoing

The PPCA Performer's Trust Foundation is made up of funds set aside by PPCA to promote and encourage music and the performing arts. Grants are awarded for purposes like theatrical education, performer aid and charitable performances. A grant under the PPCA Performers' Trust Foundation can be used for costs associated with the above, including tuition fees, travel costs (hire, airfares, petrol), accommodation and venue hire/ PA hire. For more information visit:

W: www.pcca.com.au

Soundcheck.com.au 2009 has been launched!

Soundcheck.com.au is not your ordinary Music Competition. Tired of the traditional music competitions, which restrict the artist's creativity and the audience's ability to interact and express their opinion, we developed Soundcheck.com.au. The Soundcheck.com.au Music Competition gives contestants the opportunity to build their audience while being exposed to music industry professionals. The competition is open to both groups and individuals, young and old regardless of genre.

Apart from all the great prizes and opportunities available to bands and individuals that enter the competition, the Soundcheck.com.au Music Competition will offer \$10,000 to a winning school. To have a school to be eligible for the \$10,000 prize, you must nominate your school when entering the competition; be registered and attend that school in 2009; the school must be either 'primary' or 'secondary'. To enter and for more information contact:

T: (03) 9993 7000

E: info09ATSoundcheck.com.au

W: www.soundcheck.com.au

Position Vacant

ANKAAA - 3 positions Closing 9 April

ANKAAA (Association Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists) is the peak advocacy and support agency for Indigenous artists and 42 Indigenous owned Art Centres located in the Top End. ANKAAA services members across four regions: Arnhem Land, Darwin/Katherine, the Kimberley and the Tiwi Islands. ANKAAA is a non-profit incorporated Aboriginal Association. Currently three positions are available:

Resource and Development Manager

(Full time \$60,000 to \$65,000 depending on relevant qualifications and experience)

Resource and Development Officer

(Full time \$53,000 to \$60,000 depending on relevant qualifications and experience)

Administration Officer

(Full time \$38,000 - \$40,000 depending on relevant qualifications and experience)

For further details about the positions contact:

E: info@ankaaa.org.au

W: www.ankaaa.org.au

Red Hot Arts Central Australia - 5 positions

Closing 17 April

Red Hot Arts Central Australia, an exciting new arts organisation based in Central Australia is seeking dynamic arts professionals to fill a range of positions and be part of a multi-skilled team that will present the Alice Desert Festival and deliver a range of arts support services.

Executive Officer - Salary Range \$65,000-\$70,000 (full time)

Festival and Events Manager - Salary Range \$55,000-\$60,000(full time)

Regional Arts Development Officer - Salary Range \$49,400-\$53,352 (full-time)

Marketing Officer - Salary Range \$39,000-\$42,120 (30hrs per week)

Administration Officer - Salary Range \$37,440- \$39,000 (30hrs per week)

For position descriptions and selection criteria please contact Lucy Kenneth Director, Red HOT Arts, on:

T: (08) 8952 2392

E: director@redhotarts.com.au

W: www.redhotarts.com.au

Ernabella Arts Centre - Arts & Business Manager

Closing 17 April

Ernabella Arts, Australia's oldest Aboriginal Art Centre, is currently seeking an Arts and Business Manager. This challenging position will support the professional development of artists across a range of media, and manage the business of the art centre including staff supervision, grant submissions, financial management and sales and marketing. Please contact Kirsten for a copy of the position description and submit your confidential application, addressing the selection criteria, in writing to Kirsten Grace at Ananguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation at :

E: kuarts@internode.on.net

Julalikari Arts - Manager

A Local Aboriginal Organisation in Tennant Creek requires a dynamic and motivated person with experience in the Art Industry to fill the role of Manager. Responsibilities include marketing, Promotion, arrange new exhibits, general office administration management, and maintain records on all Financial transactions generate and maintain sales of work through exhibits. Knowledge of CDEP programmes and working with Aboriginal people in remote areas essential. For a Full job Description and selection criteria contact Jessica at JRES on:

T: (08) 89 621 288

E: jresecs3@julalikari.com.au

Wakakirri Outback Festival - Director/Editor and Camera Operator/Editor

Closing 8 May

The Wakakirri Outback program gives young Australians in regional and remote communities the opportunity to take part in a national arts festival. Facilitators run filmmaking workshops with students to produce a 7 minute film about their community. The film will be screened on the fifth day at a festival day held in the central location. Facilitators also conduct professional development workshops for young adults and teachers. The Wakakirri Outback Program is seeking talented and experienced film workshop facilitators to join our team on the 2009 Wakakirri Outback tour.

Festivals include New South Wales (Broken Hill, Menindee & Wilcannia) 18th June - 26th June; Northern Territory (Katherine, Barunga and Jilkminggan) 30th July - 7th August; South Australia (Ceduna, Koonibba, and Yalata) 3rd Sep - 11th September. Applications can be made for any or all of the above festival locations. Successful applicants must be available for a comprehensive induction workshop and pre production phone conferences. For more information and selection criteria contact Anna Bowring, Event Manager:

T: (02) 9557 8807 and 1800 650 979

E: anna@wakakirri.com

W: www.wakakirri.com

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Regional Arts NSW - www.regionalartsnsw.com.au

Regional Arts Victoria – www.rav.net.au

Arts Victoria - www.arts.vic.gov.au

Craft Australia - www.craftaustralia.com.au

ANAT Plug In - www.anat.org.au

NT Film Office - www.nt.gov.au

Arts Queensland - www.arts.qld.gov.au

Arts Northern Rivers - www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au

Art Monthly - www.artmonthly.org.au

Local arts industry newsletters including: **Desart, ANKAAA, Northern Territory Writers' Centre, 24HR Art, DVAA, Watch This Space, Music NT, Skinnyfish Music** and **Tiwi Art Network Aboriginal Corporation**

Local newspapers including: **NT News, Centralian Advocate, Alice Springs News, Tennant & District Times, Katherine Times, Koori Mail** and national newspapers

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That's it for this issue until next time!

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