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Arts NT News

Arts NT Alice Springs Office has moved and 2008 RAA Conference Hub is in Place

The Arts NT Regional Office has moved into the 'Mess House', formerly the NT Film Office, with the 2008 RAA Conference Hub now located in the former Arts NT Regional Office adjacent to Central Craft at the Araluen Arts Centre. Contact details for the Arts NT Regional Office will remain the same, that is T 08 8951 1145 and F 08 8951 1161; postal address is Alice Springs Cultural Precinct PO Box 3521, Alice Springs NT 0871.

The 2008 RAA Conference Hub has now been established with Kieren Sanderson, **art at the heart** Conference Co-ordinator, operating out of the Hub. To enhance coordination and centralise conference management activities in Alice Springs, Tim Rollason, Director of the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, has taken on overall responsibility for the delivery of the 2008 RAA Conference **art at the heart**. The Conference Hub can be contacted on T: 08 8951 1151 and F: 08 8951 1161.

Notes from Darwin Arts Exchange

Thanks to everyone who came and participated in last week's Darwin Arts Exchange. The meeting was a good opportunity to meet with Lyn and Michael and to discuss directions and roles of Arts NT and the arts sector. The outcome of the Arts Exchange was that Arts NT will hold regular Arts Exchanges in 2008 to continue the conversation and to consult with the arts sector. The complete notes can be read here www.arts.nt.gov.au

Celebration of One year Arts NT Gallery

Thank you to all artists for displaying their works at the Arts NT reception. Throughout the last year Malcom Mauchline, Richard Fischer, John Du Feu, Daphne Cazalet, Edward Janama Kitching, Cecily Bree, Janie Andrews, Catherine Paton, Ivor Cole, Dirk Lewis, Aly De Groot, David Cameron and currently Anna Reynolds have made the Arts NT reception a stimulating place to enter. Thanks also go to the Darwin Visual Arts Association (DVAA) for coordinating the Arts NT Gallery. Anyone interested in displaying their work for a month at Arts NT please contact Talitha Kennedy at DVAA on:

T: 08 8981 9351

E: info@dvaa.net.au

Additional Public Art Funding Closing 30 November

An extra funding round for Public Art Development and Small Works categories is now available and will this year be closing on 30 November 2007 and on 15 October every year thereafter.

Open to Individuals, Groups, Organisations and Businesses/ Companies

Up to \$6,000 for Development

Up to \$10,000 for Small Works

The next Public Art round for all categories including the Declan Aputimi / J Bird Public Art Fellowship will close on 15 March 2008. The Public Art category supports the development and creation of artistic work in public places. For guidelines and application forms visit www.arts.nt.gov.au

Arts NT Grants Calendar 2007/2008

Arts NT Quick Response Scheme	Ongoing
NT Register of Peers	Ongoing
Public Art Grants - Development and Small Works only	30th November
Remote Festivals Fund	28th February
March 2008 Project Round	15th March
Public Art Grants	15th March
Declan Aputimi / J Bird Public Art Grants Fellowship	15th March
Expressions of Interest for Key Arts Organisation Triennial Funding	31st May
Key Arts Organisation Triennial Funding 2008	31st July
October 2008 Project Round	15th October
Key Arts Organisation Annual Funding 2008	15th October

General News

3rd Regional Arts Australia (RAA) Newsletter highlighting NT

The most recent edition of the RAA Newsletter features Darwin Festival's production *We Women Sing Songs*, a collaboration of Sydney jazz musicians and Tiwi Islander women; Alice Desert Festival's colourful and innovative Wearable Arts Acquisition Awards; this year's Milpirri Festival and Darwin's Tracks Dance involvement; Desert Mob's triumph this year; Lucy Kenneth's, Director of Red Hot Arts Marketing, attendance at the Salzburg Global Seminars (Austria) and Kieren Sanderson's appointment to coordinate the 2008 RAA conference **art at the heart**. To read the full stories and more about what is happening Australia's regional areas www.regionalarts.com.au

Federal Labor Arts Launch

Federal Labor have announced that local communities will have greater opportunities to create and enjoy their own art in suburbs and towns across Australia under a Rudd Labor Government. A Rudd Labor Government will increase base funding for the Australia Council by \$10 million over four years in a *Creative Communities* program to improve opportunities for Australians to participate in arts and cultural activities in the places where they live. The full release including the accompanying fact sheets are available at www.alp.org.au

Other parties policy outlooks are available at www.liberal.org.au and <http://greens.org.au>.

Public Art to Make a Big Impression on Waterfront

Chief Minister Clare Martin said a group of Indigenous Territory artists would be returning tomorrow from Brisbane, where they had been to workshops to develop their skills in creating public art as part of the Darwin Waterfront project. Ms Martin said the Waterfront Project would feature works of public art and was also supporting local artists such as jewellery artist Katrina Tyler and internationally renowned artists Dadang Christanto. www.nt.gov.au

Asialink Grants connects Yilila with Watublapi Musicians in Indonesia

Yilila's lead singer Grant Nundhirribala and musician, producer and mentor Tony Gray traveled to Indonesia from Arnhem Land in January and again in July where they spent time collaborating with the Watublapi musicians from Flores, Indonesia. Tony and Grant are returning to Flores in November, where they will spend another three months collaborating with the local musicians. In a reciprocal exchange, the Watublapi musicians will travel to Darwin early next year as one of the final stages in the project. They will record a music CD and perform together at the Darwin Festival in May 2008. www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au

Community Partnership Funding from Australia Council for the Arts for the NT

Barkly Regional Arts has been successful as Key Producer and will receive \$200,000 for the next six years. Darwin's Browns Mart Community Arts and Arts Access Darwin both received \$20,000 for project support and Incite Youth Arts in Alice Springs received \$120,000 for a program grant.

New Artists Gallery Opens in Alice Springs

Studio 12 is a new type of art gallery, owned and run by a collective of local artists in Alice Springs and will exhibit a wide range of local arts practice. *Studio 12*, situated at Reg Harris Lane next to Leaping Lizards in Alice Springs, will be opened by ex-Administrator Ted Egan on Friday, 30th November, 4,30pm.

Ngapartji Ngapartji going to Sydney Festival

Big hART, Sydney Festival and Company B are thrilled to announce that Ngapartji Ngapartji is coming to Sydney in January 2008. After sell-out seasons right across Australia we're now bringing the full scale production to the Sydney Festival. www.ngapartji.org

Local Actress wins Acting Scholarship

Ciella Williams has been successful as one of three young actors nationally to be awarded the Bell Shakespeare Regional Performance Scholarship. Bell Shakespeare's Regional Performance Scholarship is designed specifically for secondary school students living in regions with limited access to live theatre. The Scholarship offers the opportunity for students to travel to Sydney to work with the director, creative team and cast of Bell Shakespeare's *As You Like It* production in early January 2008. www.bellshakespeare.com.au

Opportunities- NT Wide

Reminder: Last Week Submission for Great Arts Stories

Closing 23rd November

Regional Arts Australia and the Australia Council are working together to produce a high-quality coffee-table style book to highlight your arts stories. It will be the third in a series. The first two books *The Great Yarn Event* (1998) and *Heartwork* (2004) had print runs of 5,000 and were distributed nationally to arts and government leaders, artists, arts workers and the public. *Great Arts Stories* will be launched at the Art at the Heart 2008 National Regional Arts Australia conference in Alice Springs in October next year. To submit a story, visit the website to download more information and a submission form or contact Jo McDonald on:

E: info@regionalarts.com.au

W: www.regionalarts.com.au

Dance Expo in Darwin

Closing Friday 30 November

Ausdance NT is seeking expressions of interest from local dance organisations, companies and/or independent dance artists to be part of a new Darwin based Dance Expo in early 2008. Opportunities are available to offer mini workshops and performances or hold a stall. For more information please contact Ausdance NT on:

T: 08 8981 7002

E: nt@ausdance.org.au

Festival of Pacific Arts – Expression of Interest

Closing 19 December

The Australia Council in partnership with State and Territory Arts Agencies invite expressions of interest from Indigenous artists and groups to be a part of the Australian delegation attending the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts from 20 July - 2 August 2008 to be held in American Samoa. Expressions of interest are sought from established Indigenous artists and groups who have experience in the areas of traditional and contemporary dance, music, theatre, literature, visual arts, crafts and new media. Consideration will also be given to individuals/ groups who work with traditional healing and culinary arts. More information and application forms can be obtained from Stephanie Hawkins, Manager Indigenous Arts, Arts NT:

E: arts.office@nt.gov.au

Opportunities- Darwin

**Volunteers needed for Corrugated Iron's New Show
ASAP**

Corrugated Iron Youth Arts is looking for people who would like to be involved with Corrugated Iron's exciting new show 'Briefs' coming up on 27 November to 1 December at Brown's Mart Theatre. Sought are volunteers of all ages to man the door (taking money and giving tickets) and people 18+ to manage the bar. Volunteers will of course be able to watch the show for free. To make it happen or to find out more please contact:

T: 08 8948 3200

**Exhibit at Arts NT: New 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 3 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

**Central Craft Fabric Painting and Printing Workshop
Saturday 17 November, 10am-2pm, Central Craft, Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive**

Design your own fabrics using printing inks and objects in repeat patterns or mono prints. The workshop will be facilitated by Philomena Hali. No previous experience is required. Cost: \$55 members / \$65 non members. For more information contact Central Craft on:

T: 08 8952 4417

E: terrcraftasp@octa4.net.au

**Music NT presents Xpress Yourself -Songwriting Workshop
Wednesday 21 November, 6pm, Lecture Theatre - Higher Education Building, Charles Darwin University, Grevillea Dr, Alice Springs**

This workshop is suitable for people of all ages and levels of experience in song writing and will cover topics like: What comes first – the words or the music? How much do I need to know about music theory to write a great song? Trends in contemporary music and arranging songs. Workshops aim to inspire people to write their own music as a positive form of self-expression. Speakers include Buzz Bidstrup, founding member of Australian bands The Angels and GANGgajang and Paul Christie, a professional band manager and bass player with Mondo Rock. Cost: Free. For more information contact Rory Davis at Music NT:

T: 08 8952 0322

E: rorydavis@musicnt.com.au

**Making Contemporary Music a Viable Profession Workshop
Thursday 22 November, 6pm, Lecture Theatre - Higher Education Building, Charles Darwin University, Grevillea Dr, Alice Springs**

Music NT is conducting a workshop that aims to equip local musicians with an approach to pursuing a career in contemporary music. Topics covered include How do I launch a national and international career from Alice Springs? How to sign up for APRA/AMCOS and utilise other peak industry bodies and record deals - the independent path versus the major label path. Speakers include Buzz Bidstrup and Paul Christie. Cost: Free. For more information contact Rory Davis at Music NT:

T: 08 8952 0322

E: rorydavis@musicnt.com.au

**Central Craft Felting Workshop
Saturday 24 November, 9am - 4pm, Central Craft, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs**

A fun filled workshop aimed at those who want to try felting for the first time or want to enhance their felting skills. Learn how to lay out and felt fibres and investigate design techniques, including fringing and how to incorporate silk fibres, yarns and other materials to create texture and colour. There will also be advice on how to applique and patchwork during the felting process and dry felting with felting needles. Cost: \$70 members / \$80 non members - \$15 to tutor for a kit. For more information contact Central Craft on:

T: 08 8952 4417

E: terrcraftasp@octa4.net.au

Creative Volunteering Workshop: Good Governance

Saturday 1 December, 9.30 am–4.30 pm, Witchetty's, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs

Arts NT is inviting Central Australian organisations to participate in a one day workshop in Good Governance as part of the Creative Volunteering – No Limits Program. The workshop: *Contribute to Effective Organisation Governance* is designed specifically for arts organisations and looks at the identification of core business, compliance with legal responsibilities, understanding organisation structure, culture and operations, the roles and responsibilities of individuals and what you need to do as a Board about risk management. Cost: Free. For more information contact Sonja Maclean, Arts NT, on:

T: 08 89511190,

E: arts.office@nt.gov.au

Opportunities- National

Australian Wood Review Awards

Closing 28 November

Studio Furniture 2008 is an Australian Wood Review awards competition organised in conjunction with and sponsored by Bungendore Wood Works Gallery. The competition has significant cash prizes and the selected works will form part of a touring exhibition promoted by Craft Australia. For more information contact:

E: woodreview@ecn.net.au

W: www.woodreview.com.au

Wyndham City Council Calling for Public Art Commissions

Closing 30th November

Wyndham City Council is now calling for expressions of interest from artists/artist teams to undertake public art commissions for site-specific public artwork/s at the following three locations around Wyndham:

1. Werribee River between Shaws Rd and Cottrell St (budget \$21,000, incl GST)
2. Chirnside Park, Werribee (budget \$19,000, incl GST)
3. Point Cook Community Learning Centre (budget \$50,000, incl GST)

All artworks are to be installed by June 2008. A detailed project brief containing site information and details regarding the format of expressions of interest can be downloaded from the website.

Alternatively please contact Council's Arts and Cultural Development Officer:

T: 03 9742 0904

E: emma.techritz@wyndham.vic.gov.au.

W: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/leisure/arts/public

ComPeung Artist-in-Residence Thailand

Closing 30 November 2007

The residency is designed for local and international artists to live and work together with the local community. Interested artists are encouraged to apply by providing ComPeung with a preliminary proposal of her/his/their artwork or project. As a work-in-progress it is understood that the proposed project might change in the process. There is no fixed deadline, but please send your application 2 months in advance of your proposed residency. For more information email:

E: compeung@yahoo.com

W: <http://www.compeung.org>

Australia Council for the Arts - ArtLab08

Closing 14th December

The Inter-Arts Office of the Australia Council for the Arts is pleased to announce another funding round for its ArtLab initiative for projects commencing in 2008. ArtLab aims to foster experimentation and collaboration between artists from multiple disciplines to explore new artistic practice. It aims to establish an environment that encourages genre-crossing collaborations and the creation of original, cross-media arts projects with emphasis placed upon innovation, risk, artistic integrity and the creation of new ideas. For more information contact Inter-Arts staff Lia Kemp on:

T: 02 9215 9116 or Toll-free 1800 226 912

E: l.kemp@ozco.gov.au
W: www.ozco.gov.au/artlab08

Australia Council for the Arts - International Pathways

Closing 1st December

International pathways supports international touring by Australian musicians performing predominantly original Australian music. It assists with the development of markets and audiences through live performance where there is little likelihood of short or medium-term commercial success. Tours must include a minimum of three paid performance opportunities. For more information please contact:

T: 02 9215 9115 or toll-free 1800 226 912

E: a.rantzen@ozco.gov.au

W: www.ozco.gov.au

DCITA Playing Australia

Closing 17th December

Playing Australia, the National Performing Arts Touring Program, gives all Australians, wherever they live, better access to some of the country's best performing arts. The program provides Australian Government funding to companies, producers, venues, presenters and tour organisers to tour performing arts across state and territory boundaries where this is currently not commercially viable and there is demonstrated public demand. For more information contact the Senior Program Officer Playing Australia on:

T: 02 6271 1665 or 1800 819 461

E: playing.australia@dcita.gov.au

W: www.dcita.gov.au

Australia Council for the Arts - Flying Start

Closing 31st December

Flying start grants are to assist new artistic directors and general managers prepare themselves for their role. They are for any relevant professional development activities, and these could include a mentorship program, travel costs for meeting with peers and attending industry events, or skills training. Activities should be undertaken and completed within the first twelve months of your appointment as artistic director or general manager. The maximum amount available is \$3000 towards any professional development activities undertaken within the first 12 months of appointment. More information is available at:

Tel: 02 9215 9323 or 1800 226 912

E: c.jones@ozco.gov.au

W: www.ozco.gov.au

Australia Council for the Arts - Playing the World

Closing 31st December

Playing the world aims to assist Australian theatre artists to develop international markets and reach new audiences overseas. It does this by supporting international tours of highly innovative Australian theatre productions as well as other international market development opportunities. Playing the world is an initiative of the theatre board and the community partnerships and market development division of the Australia Council.

T: 02 9215 9105 or 1800 226 912

W: www.ozco.gov.au

ABC TV Arts and Science Documentary Pitching Competition at AIDC 2008

Closing 14th January

ABC TV Arts, Entertainment & Comedy and ABC TV Documentaries (Science) will finance the development of a Science and Arts documentary project to the value of AU\$10,000 in a pitching competition at the AIDC, February 20-22, 2008. The collaboration between these two highly divergent cultures is now a dynamic area of practice. Increasing numbers of artists and scientists are exploring each other's ideas, materials and working methods. Artists are inspired by science and technology as well as providing fresh critical viewpoints of the consequences of new knowledge. The artistic impulse is itself an area of research by scientists. Proposals from science and arts filmmakers that are interesting innovative formats are welcomed. Applications should demonstrate new thoughts or new concepts on how a convergence of arts and science could be expressed on television. For more information contact:

W: www.abc.net.au

DCITA Contemporary Music Touring Program

Closing 5th February

This program provides assistance to professional artists to tour within Australia performing original

Australian contemporary music. Tours that include mainly regional destinations or that are for performers from regional areas are considered a high priority for funding. The Contemporary Music Touring Program includes special assistance for tours to remote communities, through its Touring Remote Areas (TRAX) guidelines. For more information visit:

W: www.dcita.gov.au

The Million Puppet Project

Closing 21st March

The Million Puppet Project invites people from around the world to make and send a puppet to be a part of the World's Largest Puppet Display! On April 6th 2008 this dream will become a reality when the Perth Concert Hall comes alive with puppets from across the globe. The Million Puppet Project is an initiative of Spare Parts Puppet Theatre and is supported by Lotterywest. The Project seeks to embody the values UNIMA represents: bringing together people from around the world who are interested in using the art of puppetry to promote human values of peace and mutual understanding between peoples, regardless of race, political or religious convictions and differences in culture. For more information contact:

W: www.millionpuppets.com

Positions Vacant

Dynamic new literacy position with successful Central Desert arts project

Closing 18th November

Ngapartji Ngapartji is a long-term, inter-generational language and arts project based in Central Australia which is co-ordinated by award-winning social change arts company Big hART. In response to the community request for the future direction of Ngapartji Ngapartji to also incorporate a literacy and English language skills aspect in the project, Big hART secured funding to continue the project with a literacy focus. This exciting new role will require someone who is able to take an innovative approach to designing an arts and digital technology-based literacy and language training program. In addition the literacy worker will need to provide guidance to other project workers in how to embed literacy in the day to day work environment. For the position description please contact Alex Kelly on:

T: 08 8953 5463

Ernabella Arts Inc - Production Coordinator

Closing 23rd November

Based at Ernabella in the far North of South Australia, this position will suit a passionate and resourceful arts worker who can bring both practical knowledge and experience to the task. The Production Coordinator will have excellent interpersonal skills, be committed to facilitating Indigenous empowerment and cultural and economic development. A good eye for Indigenous art and expertise in areas of arts production will be essential for success in this position. The primary role of the Production Coordinator will be to provide guidance in professional development and production support to the artists in their art making activities. For more information contact: Debra Myers on:

T: 08 8956 2954

E: ernabellaarts@bigpond.com

Red Hot Arts Marketing - Graphic Designer

Closing 30th November

RedHOT Arts needs a graphic designer for the 2008 edition of *A Guide to Art & Craft in Central Australia*. For more information on the design brief contact Nicki on:

T: 08 8952 2392

E: nicki@redhotarts.com.au

Irrkerlantye Arts – Part Time Production Coordinator

Extended: Closing 30th November

Irrkerlantye Arts is seeking a highly motivated and resourceful person with practical knowledge and experience in the Aboriginal arts industry. The position involves a commitment to training and mentoring Eastern and Central Arrernte community members. Irrkerlantye Arts is part of the Irrkerlantye Learning Centre located in Alice Springs. For more information contact Debra Maidment on:

T: 08 8953 4004 or 8953 0778

Watch This Space - Gallery Administrator

Closing 7th December

Watch This Space is seeking a person with excellent office management and administrative skills to

manage the gallery program and artist studios, day to day operations and administration systems. The role is part time and based at the Gallery space on George Crescent, Alice Springs. For more information contact:

T : 08 8952 1949

E: wts@wts.org.au

Information Providers sought for Araluen Art Centre

ASAP

The Araluen Arts Centre is seeking expressions of interest from people who may be interested to work as information providers to visitors on a range of topics including the arts in Central Australia, local attractions and local history. This service will be undertaken on a casual basis, for 12 months, starting in January 2008. For more information contact Debb Clark, Customer Services Officer on:

T: 08 8951 1129

E: debb.clark@nt.gov.au

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Red HOT Arts bulletin – for Central Australia and the Barkly: www.redhotarts.com.au

Regional Arts NSW - www.regionalartsnsw.com.au

The Program - www.theprogram.net.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

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 Times, Tennant & District Times, Katherine Times, Koori Mail** and national newspapers

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