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Arts NT News

Website launched for 2008 Regional Arts Australia Conference

Regional Arts Australia's sixth national biennial conference **art at the heart** will be staged in the Northern Territory in Alice Springs from 3-5 October 2008. It is being hosted by the Northern Territory Government through Arts NT in collaboration with the Alice Springs Town Council. Alice Springs is the second largest centre in the Northern Territory and is popularly known as "the Alice" or simply "Alice". The town is 200 kilometres south of the absolute centre of Australia, 1200 kilometres from the nearest ocean and 1500 kilometres from the nearest major cities, Darwin and Adelaide.

art at the heart will provide an opportunity for performers, curators, musicians, artists, writers, actors, volunteers, artworkers, students, academics, government representatives and the wider community to gather in Alice Springs to discuss, celebrate and experience the arts and cultural achievements of regional Australia. The website www.artattheheart.com.au provides you with regularly updated information about the conference. You can register on-line and sign up for conference e-bulletins. The site also includes a short promotional video made by Alice Springs film makers Craig Mathewson and David Nixon.

Seeking Expressions of Interest for Regional Arts Australia Conference 2008 Closing 31 January

Submissions are now being sought from artists and those who work in the arts, including volunteers, to submit ideas for presentations, exhibitions, displays or performances. While traditional presentation formats will certainly be considered, we are particularly interested in ideas that are receptive to audience participation or involve new ways of sharing ideas and information. Those considering submitting an expression of interest are invited to be as bold and imaginative as they like with their proposal. Further information on the themes of the conference and the expression of interest is available at www.artattheheart.com.au

Building Strong Arts Business (BSAB) – Indigenous Arts update

Recently Arts NT was incorporated within the NRETA division of Environment, Heritage and the Arts. As part of this reshuffle internal reviews are being undertaken to identify the needs within Arts NT including the two project officer positions with the Indigenous Arts. Both positions have been vacant and are currently being reviewed and notification of the outcomes is expected in early 2008.

In the interim Arts NT is currently finalising a short term contract appointment to undertake research into several specific projects relating to BSAB with the contract completed by the end of February 2008. As part of this review consultation will be undertaken in Alice Springs in relation to the currently vacant project officer position for Indigenous Arts in the central desert region. This will ensure that the needs of the Indigenous artists are identified and to ensure the best structure is in place for the service delivery of that position within the central desert region. If you are interested

in taking part in the consultations or would like to contribute please contact Stephanie Hawkins at arts.office@nt.gov.au or phone 8999 6303.

Arts NT Grants Calendar 2007/2008

Arts NT Quick Response Scheme	Ongoing
NT Register of Peers	Ongoing
Remote Festivals Fund	28th February
March 2008 Project Round	15th March
Public Art Grants	15th March
Declan Apuatimi / 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
Public Art Grants - Development and Small Works only	30th November

General News

New Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister for Northern Territory Government

The Member for Wanguri, Paul Henderson, has been elected as the Northern Territory's new Chief Minister. Mr Henderson was voted into the position by his Parliamentary colleagues after the Member for Fannie Bay, Clare Martin resigned from the post. Mr Henderson has been the Member for Wanguri since 1999 and a senior Cabinet Minister since Labor took office in 2001. The Member for Arafura, Marion Scrymgour, has been elected as the Deputy Chief Minister, and the Member for Karama, Delia Lawrie, is the new Leader of Government Business. <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

Details on the new cabinet for the Northern Territory Government are available at <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

Peter Garrett confirmed Federal Arts Minister

Peter Garrett has been confirmed as Minister for the Environment, Heritage and The Arts. Federal Labor had announced prior the election that local communities will have greater opportunities to create and enjoy their own art in suburbs and towns across Australia and that base funding for the Australia Council will increase 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. Fact sheets accompanying the Labor arts policy announcement are available at www.alp.org.au

Northern Territory artists are profiled in Resident

The current Nov-April edition of Resident - the Lifestyle Magazine for the Northern Territory features Darwin artist Jasmine Jan; an introduction to the vibrant creative community in Alice Springs; Darwin artist Caroline Rannersberger; the Togart Award; the Wearable Arts Acquisition Awards and more.

Alice Springs designer nominated in Vogue

Alice Springs-based Elliat Rich was recently named in the Vogue Living magazine as one of Australia's top 12 "designers to watch out for". The unassuming designer was also recently named one of the top five finalists in the national Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award. Her seven-piece tea set, the Urban Billy, propelled her into the national spotlight. www.centralianadvocate.com.au

Delve Deep exhibition in Second Life reviewed in The Program

Darwin multi-media artist Judith Trezise is delving deep with her latest exhibition in Second Life. "The World Wide Web and Second Life has delivered a pathway for artists to collaborate and work together to reach audiences from around the globe," explains Judith. Having developed a body of

digital works over the last five months as part of her Masters Degree, Judith hopes her exhibition *Delve Deep in Second Life* will encourage people to push past their current existence and open their minds to the new world of digital art and 3D spaces. www.theprogram.net.au

Papunya Tula art show a near sell-out

Over 200 Buyers from across the country flew into Alice Springs for the Aboriginal-owned gallery's November Exhibition, spending a total of \$450 000 over two days. Makinti Napanangka's 19 works on offer were all sold, with George Tjungurrayi's work, *Tingarri Men Travelling to the site of Mamultjulkulnga*, fetching the highest individual price of \$80 000. Papunya Tula assistant manager Luke Scholes said profits will go to the artists and their communities. www.dcm.nt.gov.au

Warlpiri Media nominated for the 2007 Human Rights Award

Yuendumu-based Warlpiri Media Association, which interviews the locals, has been nominated for the 2007 Human Rights Award in the print media category -- in partnership with Reconciliation Australia and News Limited, publisher of *The Australian* -- by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. www.theaustralian.news.com.au

Free speech being whittled away

Free speech in Australia is being whittled away by legal restrictions and a secretive culture among public officials, according to a new report on press freedom. Author of the report, former NSW ombudsman Irene Moss, says there are grounds for concern about the state of free speech in Australia. Her audit, commissioned by a coalition of major media groups, says there are 500 pieces of legislation and at least 1,000 court suppression orders still in force that restrict media reporting in Australia. www.theage.com.au. The report can be found at www.news.com.au

Opportunities- NT Wide

Exhibition Opportunity at the Happy Yess

ASAP

The Happy Yess is calling out to visual artists to exhibit at the Happy Yess, located at Bennett Street in Darwin CBD in 2008, starting in February. For \$100 hiring fee and 10% commission on sales the Happy Yess offers artists the opportunity to transform the Happy Yess for 4 weeks including an opening usually held on the first Thursday of the month. For further information contact Zeb Olsen at:

T: 0413 725 620

E: zeb_olsen@yahoo.com.au

24HR Art - The Box Set

ASAP

The Box Set (currently showing *Shiny, Happy, Busy* by Katie Saunders) is comprised of a window space at the front of the gallery and viewed by the public 24 hours a day and is a great opportunity for Artists to Exhibit at 24HR Art. Artists receive promotion via exhibition invites, media releases and the 24HR Art website. Please send proposals to Siying Zhou - Program Manager at 24HR Art at:

E: siying@24hrart.org.au

W: www.24hrart.org.au

Reminder: 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

Charles See Kee Awards

Closing 21st December

The Charles See Kee Awards provide an opportunity to showcase and recognise achievements

and contributions in promoting our harmonious and multicultural society. The Awards were established by the Northern Territory Government in 2004 and recognise and celebrate people, organisations and initiatives that have made a valuable contribution towards the advancement of multiculturalism in the Northern Territory. The criteria for these awards are deliberately broad because the advancement of multiculturalism in the Northern Territory can be achieved in many ways by individuals, organisations or through specific initiatives. For more information contact:

T: 08 8999 3880

E: multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au

W: www.dcm.nt.gov.au

Harmony Day Sponsorship Program

Closing 21st December

Grants are available for projects that promote multiculturalism and 'say no to racism' in the Northern Territory during Harmony Month in March 2008 culminating with national Harmony Day on 21 March. A maximum of \$1,000 per project is available under this sponsorship program. For more information contact:

T: 08 8999 3880

E: multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au

W: www.dcm.nt.gov.au

24HR Art - Residency Program 2008

Closing 31st December

The 24HR Art Residency Program is one of the few residency opportunities in northern Australia. The program has been devised to allow artists the opportunity to experience, participate and contribute to the Northern Territory's art community, facilitating the exchange of information and ideas between artists. The studio residencies program is open to Australian and international artists for a period of up to six weeks, there are four periods each year: April - May; June - July; August - September; October - November. For full details please visit the 24HR Art website or contact:

T: 08 89815368

E: 24hrart@24hrart.org.au

W: www.24hrart.org.au

24HR Art - Artists/Curators Call for Proposals 2009

Closing 31st March

24HR Art – Northern Territory Centre for Contemporary Art is currently seeking proposals from artists and curators interested in exhibiting work as part of the 2009 Annual Exhibition Program. Proposals should include a brief description (1 – 2 pages), a cv(s) for the artist(s) and visual support material. For more information visit the website or contact:

T: 08 89815368

E: 24hrart@24hrart.org.au

W: www.24hrart.org.au

NT Indigenous Writing Anthology

No deadline

Submissions are invited for an anthology of NT Indigenous writing to be published in 2008 by the NT Writers' Centre in association with IAD Press. All genres will be considered, and submissions in Indigenous Australian languages are welcome; the project will allow for translations into English and also for English-language submissions to be translated into various Indigenous languages. For more information from NT Writer's Centre contact Marie Munkara on:

T: 08 8941 2651

E: mmunkara@bigpond.net.au

W: www.ntwriters.com.au

Opportunities- Darwin

Volunteers needed for Focus Groups

ASAP

Top End Arts Marketing is looking for volunteers to take part in discussion groups about how people in Darwin find out what's on in arts and entertainment. The discussions will take place in Darwin next Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. You will receive a payment to cover your expenses and light refreshments will be provided. If you'd like to take part

please telephone Janice McEwen on:
T: 08 8924 4418
E: director@topendarts.com.au

**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- Katherine

**Playwright Workshop with Mary Anne Butler
Sunday 16 December at Katherine Regional Arts**

Darwin playwright Mary Anne Butler will conduct a full day workshop on the craft of writing for the stage. This workshop will comprise an intense morning session on techniques including content, plot, structure, character, subtext and symbolism. In the afternoon the first draft of Alana Valentine's new play about the 1998 Australia Day Katherine flood will be used as a tool for the workshop and will provide an opportunity to give the writer feedback ahead of the play's world premiere public reading in Katherine next January on the flood's 10th anniversary. The full workshop costs \$60/\$50 concession. Lunch will be provided and numbers are limited. For enquiries and bookings please contact Katherine Regional Arts on:
T: 08 8971 0928

Opportunities- Alice Springs

**Perform at the Alice Plaza
ASAP**

The Alice Plaza are looking for entertainers to perform for free during their late night trading on 14 December from 5-9pm. Jugglers, face painters and all manner of performers are invited to contact the centre to be part of the event alongside father Christmas, a fashion parade and other local talent on stage. In return, performers will receive free advertising on our Alice Plaza television commercial, in house flyers, newspaper and radio. More information contact Kate Freestone on:
T: 08 8952 9666 or 0407 601 586

**Alice Springs Town Council Community Assistance Grant
Closing 3rd December**

Community Assistance Grants are intended to support local projects which demonstrate broad-based benefit to residents of Alice Springs. The maximum amount available in a Community Assistance Grant is \$1,500.00 (exclusive of GST). Funding is available for the running of specific projects and for capital items. For more information visit:
W: www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au

**African Drumming Workshop with Shontal Klose
10am-3pm Saturday 8 December, RedHOT Arts Space, 67 Bath St, Alice Springs**

Shontal is a dynamic percussionist and facilitator who has recently moved to Alice Springs from Melbourne where she has performed for many years with leading African and Latin musicians. Cost: \$60 own drum / \$70 drum supplied. For more information contact Shontal:
T: 0421 748 098 or Patrick on 0439455922
E: shontalklose@yahoo.com.au
W: www.hit-it.com.au

**Central Craft Twining Workshops
10am - 2pm Saturday 9 December, Central Craft, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs**

Twining is a traditional basket making technique used to create 3D or flat work with natural or

found materials. The workshop will be conducted by tutor Philomena Hali and requires no previous experience. Cost: \$60 members / \$75 non members
T: 08 8952 4417

**River Inspiration: Calling all Writers!
Closing 10th December**

On Thursday 13th November, ABC Alice Springs will dedicate its broadcasts to the Todd River - its history, its mystery and its meaning. If you've written a short story or poem that either features or is inspired by the mighty river, the Drive Program (on air from 4-6pm weekdays) wants to hear from you! This is a chance to read your piece live on air, have a chat with Barry and see your work up on the ABC website. Published and not-yet-published works welcome. For more information contact Sarah Aitken, Drive Producer on:
T: 08 8950 4741 or 0403 250 140
E: aitken.sarah.e@abc.net.au

Opportunities- National

**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

**Mobile States: Touring Contemporary Performance Australia
Closing 7th December**

Mobile States seeks proposals for performance, theatre & dance productions to tour nationally in 2009. Mobile States, a consortium of Australia's major independent contemporary performance presenters, was established to address this situation. It provides touring opportunities for small companies and independent artists in contemporary practice, enabling audiences across the country to experience performance from outside their hometowns. More broadly, touring facilitates a national dialogue and debate about performance and culture, and fosters creative exchange among practitioners. More information is available at:
W: www.performinglines.org.au

**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

**Ignition! @ Fuse 2008 :: Call For Registrations
Closing 15th December**

The Fuse Festival is an annual three day event, taking place during the busiest time in Adelaide's cultural calendar with the Adelaide Fringe, Adelaide Festival and WOMADelaide, showcasing the work of Australian musicians, and providing networking and promotional opportunities. Ignition! is a showcase event taking place on the Friday night of the Fuse Festival. Performers who register for Ignition! will have the opportunity to network with national and international Fuse conference delegates, as well as having gigs included in the Fuse program. For further information about booking a venue or registering to be a part of Fuse, contact Megan at the Adelaide Fringe office on:

T: 08 8100 2011
E: megan@adelaidefringe.com.au
W: www.fusefestival.com

**Sound Travellers - New Music Touring Program
Closing 17th December**

Sound Travellers - is a two year new music touring project to facilitate and promote the national touring of sound art/electonica, improvised jazz and contemporary classical music. Initial seed money is being provided by the Australia Council. The intention of Sound Travellers is to bring these genres to a larger audience nationwide at the same time as securing assistance for existing artists across the country to further develop their practice. More information and application forms are available from the website or from Joanne Kee on:

T: 0414 973 095 or
E: jkee-at-soundtravellers.com.au
W: <http://soundtravellers.wordpress.com/>

**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. 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:

T: 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

**TROP JR: The World's Largest Short Film Festival for Kids! By Kids!
Closing 10th January**

TROP JR will be held for the first time next year. TROP JR has been created by the team behind Tropfest. TROP JR is open to kids 15 years and younger and aims to develop filmmaking skills and interest in our youth. For further information on TROP JR visit:

W: www.tropjr.com

**2008 Swan Hill Print and Drawing Acquisitive Awards of \$10 000
Closing 8th February**

Artists from around Australia are invited to submit a print and /or drawing created after January 2006. For Entry forms and details contact:

T: 03 5036 2430

E: artgal@swanhill.vic.gov.au
W: www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/gallery

**DCITA- Festivals Australia Funding Rounds
Closing 15th February**

Festivals Australia funds new arts projects at community festivals. Festivals Australia Regional Residencies funds communities to engage artists to help them develop new locally-themed projects for community festivals or celebrations. For more information contact:

T: 1800 819 461 (freecall) or 02 6271 1661 or 02 6271 1931

E: festivals.australia@dcita.gov.au

W: www.dcita.gov.au/festivals

Positions Vacant

**Curator position at Araluen
Closing 7 December**

Araluen Arts Centre is looking for a Curator to develop and coordinate their Visual Arts program which includes exhibitions, community arts projects, educational programs, and be responsible for managing the Araluen Art Collection. For more information visit:

W: <http://notes.nt.gov.au>

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T: 08 8947 3535

W: www.simonsaystv.com

**Darwin Festival - Marketing Manager
Closing 11th December**

The Darwin Festival is searching for a skilled and motivated person to fill the role of Marketing Manager. This is an opportunity to work on an exciting, growing multi arts festival staged across 18 nights in August each year. The position is full time and forms part of a small core team which expands as each Festival approaches. The right person will be energetic, flexible and thrive on the challenge of staging the largest annual arts event in the Northern Territory. For more information and the job description please contact General Manager Anne Dunn on:

T: 08 8943 420

E: anne@darwinfestival.org.au

W: www.darwinfestival.org.au

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Artscene - for the Top End and Katherine: www.topendarts.com.au

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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That's it for this issue until next time!

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