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Arts NT News

Darwin Arts Exchange coming up on 2 April

Arts NT invites Darwin arts workers, artists and professionals with their minds towards the arts to come along to an Arts Exchange on:

Wednesday, 2 April, 2-4pm
Arts NT Conference Room
Level 1, 9-11 Cavenagh Street, Darwin CBD.

Arts Exchanges are an opportunity for local arts workers, artists and for people interested in the arts and its benefits (such as tourism industry and academics) to come together with Arts NT, the Territory arts funding body to investigate set topics relevant to the local NT arts sector. The first of 4 Arts Exchanges planned for 2008 will follow on from conversations held at the last exchange, outlining Government processes and clarifying role of Arts NT for the arts sector. A detailed agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting next week. To RSVP your attendance please email Anja Bretfeld at arts.office@nt.gov.au or call 8999 8921.

October 2007 Project Round Assessment Report

The [Assessment Report for the October 2007 Project Round](#) (219Kb) is now available online. The report offers comments from the Arts Grants Board; statistics on the applications received and funded since 2005; and a list of the successful applicants from the last round.

New PO Box for Arts NT Darwin office

The new postal address for Arts NT's Darwin office as part of the division Environment, Heritage and the Arts is now PO BOX 496, Palmerston NT 0831. All mail addressed to the old post box will be redirected to Palmerston.

Arts NT Grants Calendar 2008/2009

Arts NT Quick Response Scheme	Ongoing
NT Register of Peers	Ongoing
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 (tbc)
Public Art Grants - Development and Small Works only	15th October
Arts Scholarship Scheme	31 January

Remote Festivals Fund	28th February
March 2009 Project Round	15th March
Public Art Grants	15th March
Declan Apuatimi / J Bird Public Art Fellowship	15th March

General News

Second art at the heart conference e-bulletin

The second e-postcard from Alice Springs has gone out to give an update on the 2008 Regional Arts Australia national conference **art at the heart** held from 3-5 October. Lots of expressions of interests have been received and the short listing is currently being finalised. The e-bulletin also gives an update on the Desert Mob Events prior the conference and includes facts about Alice Springs. Read the complete e-bulletin here: www.artattheheart.com.au

Earth's creation to visit Territory Parliament

The painting Earth's Creation by Central Australian artist Emily Kame Kngwarreye could be hung in the NT Parliament House later this year. Chief Minister Paul Henderson made the announcement after viewing the painting at the Osaka National Museum of Art in Japan. "This is an iconic painting – by one of the Territory's and Australia's iconic artists – it would be a great privilege to have it on display in Darwin," Mr Henderson said. "Earth's Creation was sold at auction for a world record \$1.056 million – it's a large painting, consisting of four panels." <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

Territory Students Tell their Stories on the Silver Screen

Education Minister Marion Scrymgour encouraged students to tell their stories on the big screen – as she launched the Northern Territory's first schools film festival. Ms Scrymgour said the *Connecting through Film 2008* Schools Film Festival would involve Territory students making short films that created connections between students and their communities. "The festival is aimed at giving Territory students the chance to celebrate their achievements with each other and the wider world," Ms Scrymgour said. <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

New film agencies herald exciting era for the Australian film industry

Legislation to establish Screen Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive as separate statutory authorities has today been passed by both Houses of the Australian Parliament. The Government made these election commitments a high priority and the bills are among the first passed by the new Parliament. Screen Australia will be a strong central funding body, bringing together the Australian Film Commission, the Film Finance Corporation and Film Australia. The National Film and Sound Archive will be separated from the Australian Film Commission and become a national collecting institution in its own right. www.environment.gov.au

Brown's Mart Community Arts is taking on Territory projects for Indigenous youth

Brown's Mart Community Arts (BMCA) will auspice funding from a new initiative announced by The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, that will deliver \$2.6 million for 30 youth activity projects aimed at young people living in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. Included in this major initiative are: Art and Culture Programs - Bagot Community Youth Gathering; Nyinyikay Arts and Culture Program - Dance Coaching Clinics and traditional Residencies and Timber Creek Arts and Culture Program - Timber Creek Youth Gathering. www.brownsmart.com.au

Major performing arts sector consolidates steady growth

The Australia Council for the Arts issued the Securing the Futures report shows that Australia's 29 major performing arts companies continue to steady growth across key financial and artistic indicators. The Securing the Future report states that in 2006 the companies achieved 2.1 million capital city mainstage attendances, mounted 68 new mainstage works, raised approximately \$152.2 million at the box office and presented 4400 education performances to 708,000 students. www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Digital publishing research - call for industry feedback

A new research project from the Australia Council for the Arts and Copyright Agency Ltd requires input from Australian publishers. The project focuses on the needs of Australian publishers to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by new technologies. This includes the impact of e-

books and e-readers, print on demand technology, e-commerce, online marketing and new forms of business planning. A questionnaire will be circulated to publishers over the coming weeks.

www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Australia Copyright Council Book: Special case exception: education, libraries, collections

This is a practical guide for educators, libraries, galleries, museums and people with a disability to the new 'special case' ('flexible dealing') exception introduced in December 2006. It gives some background to the new exception, but principally focuses on how to apply the exception in practice. The guide was written in consultation with key peak organisations, including Copyright Advisory Group of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs (CAG), Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), Australian Libraries Copyright Committee (ALCC) and National Film & Sound Archive (NFSA). www.copyright.org.au

Opportunities- NT Wide

Schools Program at Wordstorm 2008: the Northern Territory Writers' Festival ASAP

Wordstorm 2008: the Northern Territory Writers' Festival are pleased to announce that many of these writers are available for school workshops. We invite your students and teachers to come along to Wordstorm and make the most of our dedicated schools sessions on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th May. These sessions have been set aside for children and young adults to meet their favourite authors and learn about all aspects of writing, whether for book, theatre, screen, or just for fun! In order to meet the costs of visiting writers, we charge a small fee per student: \$3.30 for primary students and \$5.50 for secondary students. Download the Wordstorm 2008 Schools Program here: www.ntwriters.com.au

For further info please contact:

E: festival@ntwriters.com.au

W: www.ntwriters.com.au

Mindil Beach Markets - Call for entertainers

Closing 31st March

Darwin's Mindil Beach Markets invite musicians and performers who would like to perform at the 2008 markets (24 April - 30 October) to submit an application. The form is available from the Mindil Beach Markets Office:

T: 08 8981 3454

E: info@mindil.com.au

W: www.mindil.com.au

NT Art Notes Contribution for May

Closing 4th April

Art Monthly Australia- Artnotes NT is a section in Australia Art Monthly magazine, which profile the visual arts state by state. Please forward information regarding exhibitions and other visual arts events to Hayley West, this years Artnotes NT Contributor, by email:

E: hayley_west@yahoo.com

Local Musicians sought for BassintheGrass

Closing Friday 18th April

Submissions for local acts to perform at 2008 BassintheGrass, scheduled for the 24th May in Darwin, are invited now, next to headlining act Powderfinger. Application forms for NT bands are available from www.bassinthegrass.com.au

NT Government's Trade Support Scheme (TSS)

Anytime

The TSS provides small and medium-sized Territory companies with financial support to market their products or services overseas. A TSS grant can cover up to 50% of the cost towards a range of international marketing activities, such as expos and trade shows; promotional products; accommodation; freight costs and internationalising of the company website. The TSS can help to investigate overseas market opportunities, build business relationships and develop new trade routes from the Territory. A TSS grant will generally be offered on a dollar-for-dollar basis. A formal business plan which demonstrates the benefits of the planned trade activities is required. To apply, read the full set of eligibility criteria and guidelines, then fill out the Funding Application Form available in the Trade Support Scheme brochure on the website. For further information contact:

T: 08 8946 9550

W: www.dcm.nt.gov.au

2008 Portrait of a Senior Territorian Award

Closing 25th June

The exhibition highlights the achievements of older Territorians and encourages excellence in artistic expression. An Acquisition Award of \$5,000 is being offered for the winning original portrait of one or more senior Territorians. A People's Choice Award of \$1,000 is also being offered for the artwork that receives the highest number of votes from the public. Entries are invited from a broad cross section of the Territory community, including senior Territorians. The Awards will be held with a public exhibition from 25th to the 31st August. For more information or the entry form contact:

T: 08 8901 4159

W: www.nt.gov.au/lant

Opportunities- Darwin

AMI Seminar - How to communicate to the Indigenous Market

Wednesday 26th March, 5.15 - 7.00pm, Novotel Atrium Darwin

The Australian Marketing Institute (AMI) is holding a communications seminar as a result of the drive for Indigenous economic development and the need to improve indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, the ability to communicate clearly to the Indigenous market in the NT is increasingly important. Damian Amamoo is CEO of the Australian brand and communications business Inception Strategies. Inception Strategies specialises in the development of communication solutions for indigenous and non-English speaking background communities. Damian will present on Culture based communications Vs one size fits all; Aboriginal Australia culture and people; Black Facts and demographics; Blaxpertise developing a communications approach; Evaluating Success; and Social Marketing and Inception Strategies. Registrations close 21st March with the following fees: AMI Members: \$45 INC GST | Non-Members: \$55 INC GST | Students: \$30 INC GST. For more information contact:

T: 08 8941 0388

E: nt@ami.org.au

Corrugated Iron Youth Arts Workshop - Babao Fan [8 Treasure Rice]

Saturday 29th March, 1-3pm at Nightcliff Community Centre

Cultural performance and contemporary theatre fused in a project for young people who identify as Asian Australian. Participants will work on a group devised work driven by Kin Leong and go on a cultural journey of exploration before presenting a piece of theatre in a week long season at Brown's Mart in July. Participants must be 16 or older [or have performance experience] and be members - \$10 for the project or \$20 the year. The workshops are free. For more information contact:

T: 08 8948 3200

E: info@corrugatediron.org.au

NT Literary Awards Masterclasses with Bronwyn Lea

Saturday 29th March Poetry: 9-12noon at NT Library, Parliament House, Darwin

Saturday 29th March Short Story: 1-4pm at NT Library, Parliament House, Darwin

Bronwyn Lea is Poetry Editor at the University of Queensland Press and lectures in Poetics and Narrative at the University of Queensland. The masterclasses involve participants sending their work beforehand. Participants choose poems or short stories that will be examined beforehand by the tutor, and then in the masterclass with the other participants (subject to numbers and time constraints). Costs: Waged Members \$40, Waged Non-Members \$50 Concession Members \$25, Concession Non-members \$30 Bookings are essential. Please contact:

T: 08 89412651

E: executive@ntwriters.com.au

W: www.ntwriters.com.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

Olive Pink Botanic Garden Competition Closing 16th May

Artists and craftspeople are invited to enter works into the exhibition Up the Garden Path from Friday May 30th until Sunday June 29th. The inaugural Up the Garden Path sculptural competition and exhibition will be held amongst the plantings at Olive Pink Botanic Garden. The theme of the exhibition is Desert Plants and Desert Places, and we are anticipating a diverse range of entries into the competition's five categories: Overall Winner; People's Choice; Youth; Desert Materials; and, Recycled or Found Objects. Application forms are available from the website. For more information contact:

T: 08 8952 2154
E: garden@opbg.com.au
W: www.opbg.com.au

Opportunities- Katherine

NT Literary Awards Masterclasses with Bronwyn Lea Sunday 30th March, 1-4pm at Katherine Regional Arts, Second Street

Bronwyn Lea is Poetry Editor at the University of Queensland Press and lectures in Poetics and Narrative at the University of Queensland. The masterclasses involve participants sending their work beforehand. Participants choose poems or short stories that will be examined beforehand by the tutor, and then in the masterclass with the other participants (subject to numbers and time constraints). Costs: Waged Members \$40, Waged Non-Members \$50 Concession Members \$25, Concession Non-members \$30 Bookings are essential. Please contact:

T: 08 89412651
E: info@ntwriters.com.au
W: www.ntwriters.com.au

Young Photographer Opportunity Closing 31st March

"Share the lens" is a Katherine Youth Group project run by Katherine Regional Arts with support from Somerville, Katherine Youth Group, Rivers Region Youth Development Services and the Office of Youth Affairs. The project is free, but participants must apply in writing. Application forms are available from Katherine Regional Arts or by emailing:

E: projects2@kathregionalarts.org.au

Territory Craft Pottery Classes Tuesday 1st April, Territory Craft Katherine

Territory Craft Katherine will be running a hand pottery class for four weeks. For more information contact Project Officer Adrienne Kneebone on:

T: 8971 0740

Opportunities- National

Early Career Artists Grants Ian Potter Cultural Trust Closing 27th March

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust seeks to encourage the diversity and excellence of emerging artists in Australia. The grants are for early career artists practising in a wide range of disciplines within the arts, including the performing and visual arts, crafts, music, film, television, radio, literature, Indigenous art, design, community arts and other areas. For more information contact:

E: admin@ianpotter.org.au
W: <http://culturaltrust.ianpotter.org.au>

Spark national young artists mentoring program Closing 28th March

Spark is a national mentoring program open to young and emerging artists aged 18 to 26 from all

over Australia. Spark gives young and emerging artists working in theatre, dance and communities the opportunity to be mentored by a professional artist, and to profile their work to the national arts industry. The program offers support, training, advice and funding for young and emerging artists to focus on their creative ideas and take their career to the next level. Partnering with an established artist of their choice, they share knowledge, experiences and networks, as well as gaining critical feedback from the industry. Spark is funded by the Australia Council for the Arts and managed by Youth Arts Queensland. For further information contact:

T: (07) 3252 5115

E: spark@yaq.org.au

W: www.yaq.org.au/spark

Landerer UK Arts Scholarship

Closing 28th March

The objective of the scholarship is to strengthen the relationship between the UK and Australia by supporting an outstanding postgraduate student in the arts and creative industries to study in the UK. The Scholarship will contribute to the costs of tuition fees and stipend for a Masters course in the arts and design lasting up to 12 months' duration at any UK institution. For further information contact:

W: www.britishcouncil.org/au

Australia Council for the Arts - Music: International pathways

Closing 31st March

International pathways supports international touring by Australian musicians performing predominantly original Australian music. Full details and application forms online on.

T: 1800 226 912

W: www.australiacouncil.gov.au

The Foundation of Young Australians - Partnership Grants 2008

Closing 1st April

Partnership Grants is a two-Stage grant that supports young peoples' participation in decision-making. The aim of the partnership is to work together in a youth-led process. In Stage 1, priorities for young people in the community are identified and a proposal for addressing those priorities developed. In Stage 2, The Foundation will invest financial and other resources for up to three years to implement the initiative proposal. The aim of the partnership is to work together to develop and implement a creative idea that results in meaningful change with young people aged 12 to 25 years of age. For more information contact:

T: 1800 252 316

W: www.youngaustralians.org

DEWHA - Visions of Australia

Closing 1st April

The Visions of Australia Grant, under the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, provides funding for appropriate individuals and galleries to create and then tour exhibitions of Australian cultural significance. Funding is flexible and can range anywhere between \$5,000 and \$400,000 depending upon the needs of the project. It is important for prospective applicants to remember exhibitions should have a predominantly Australian theme or foundation. More information is available at:

T: 02 6271 1832 or 1800 819 461

E: visions.australia@environment.gov.au

W: www.arts.gov.au

Fremantle Arts Centre Residency

Closing 12th April

The Residency Studios are a support program designed to give opportunities to individuals and groups engaged in all forms of artistic practice to work on short to mid-term projects that need studio space to realise their potential. For more information contact:

E: bevanh@fremantle.wa.gov.au

W: www.fac.org.au/residencies.php

Australia Council for the Arts - Visual Arts

Closing 15th April

New work: New work grants support the creation of new work by emerging and established craftspeople, designers, media artists, visual artists and arts writers.

Fellowships: Fellowship grants provide extended support to craftspeople, designers, media artists

and visual artists of outstanding ability to enable them to realise ambitious projects and develop their practice to new levels of achievement.

T: 02 9215 9000 or Toll-free 1800 226 912

E: mail@australiacouncil.gov.au

W: www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Compact Prints 2008 - Umbrella Studio

Wednesday 30 April

Umbrella Studio, Townsville invites artists working in digital and traditional print media to participate in its biennial international print exhibition and exchange, *Compact Prints 2008*. Participants need to submit two prints from the same edition and a brief artist statement (approx 50 words). One print will be exchanged with a participating artist and the second will be displayed in a CD jewel case as a part of the exhibition. Providing a third print is optional and would be considered a donation to Umbrella Studio that would be auctioned on opening night to help fundraise. Other than size, 12 x 12 cm, there is no set theme or other restrictions. The aim of the project is to provide artists with a forum to exchange work and ideas, as well as provide the opportunity to exhibit in a contemporary art space. To express your interest in participating in the exhibition, please complete the form attached or email umbrella at:

E: info@umbrella.org.au

W: <http://umbrella.org.au>

Creative Vibe Design Competition

Closing 30th April

Creative Vibe is all about growing and nurturing local design talent and taking concepts into successful commercial production. Australian designer are welcome to submit entries and finalists will be given the opportunity to prototype their designs and have them included in the 2008-2009 Vibe Furniture Portfolio. For more information contact:

T: 1300 698 423

W: www.vibefurniture.com.au

Australia Council for the Arts- Inter-arts Residencies

Closing 1 May

Invited are artist-initiated residency proposals from artists creating work through interdisciplinary and hybrid arts for this opportunity. Artists may propose residencies of three months or more, with a host of their choice, to the value of \$20,000 per residency. Residencies longer than three months may be negotiated at the discretion of the artist and host within the funding constraints of the program. Applications must demonstrate: the calibre of the artist (primarily assessed on the basis of examples of previous work and artist CV); the potential for the residency to contribute to the applicant's professional development and their work in interdisciplinary and hybrid arts; the ability to participate in consultative and collaborative situations; evidence that the project proposed for the residency period is well planned and achievable. For more information contact:

T: 02 9215 9000 or Toll-free 1800 226 912

E: mail@australiacouncil.gov.au

W: www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Positions Vacant

Arts NT - Grants Manager and Indigenous Arts Project Officer

Closing 21 March

Arts NT is currently advertising for the two positions below. Details are available at

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

- **Grants Manager** (Job Number 2955), who manages the financial and operational administration of the Arts Grants Program and other Department grants programs; for more information please contact Christine Silvester, Assistant Director Arts Development on 8999 6053 or email arts.office@nt.gov.au;
- **Indigenous Arts Project Officer** (Job Number 23021) based in Darwin, who under the supervision of the Manager, Indigenous Arts Development, will develop and implement policy initiatives and projects consistent with the Indigenous Arts Strategy, Building Strong Arts Business, to grow the Indigenous arts sector in the Northern Territory; for more information please contact Stephanie Hawkins, Manager Indigenous Arts Development on 8999 6053 or email arts.office@nt.gov.au

**Desart - Indigenous Development Officer
Readvertised: Closing 25th March**

Desart is the Association of Central Australian Art & Craft Centres representing 43 community-based Art Centres across a wide area of Central Australia. Based in Alice Springs, the position of Development Officer is responsible for development of strategic resources such as training, marketing and business development supporting community based Art Centres. Remote area travel will be required. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal arts industry generally and Art Centres in particular. A high level of communication and project management skills are required. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. Job description and selection criteria can be obtained by contacting :

T: 08 8953 4736

E: admin@desart.com.au

W: www.desart.com.au

**NAVA - Indigenous Art Code Manager
Closing 14th April**

This position will manage the continued development and implementation of the Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct, a national industry code of standards for the commercial relationships between Indigenous visual artists and the marketplace. The position is funded as a designated Indigenous position. The position is located at the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) office in Sydney. The national Indigenous visual arts industry regulation project is supported by the Australia Council, the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body, through its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

For more information download the position description at www.visualarts.net.au or contact Recruitment on:

T: 02 9368 1900

E: recruitment@visualarts.net.au

W: www.visualarts.net.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 News, Tennant & District Times, Katherine Times, Koori Mail** and national newspapers

For even more up to date news in your chosen art form, or to receive the regular arts hub bulletins, including the jobs bulletin – we recommend you subscribe direct.

That's it for this issue until next time!

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