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Arts NT News

Arts Scholarship Scheme Closing 31 January

The scheme aims to assist talented Territorians by providing study assistance to young emerging artists under 26, commencing post secondary training in arts-related disciplines such as visual arts, dance, theatre, new media, film, literature, music and more.

The Arts Scholarship supports full time post secondary arts training in either an undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate level III (3) or IV (4).

Applicants from a regional or remote area of the Northern Territory, students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and students who have a disability or impairment are encouraged to apply. Application forms and more details are available at www.arts.nt.gov.au [*Anja Bretfeld*]

Arts NT Grants Calendar 2009

Arts NT Quick Response Scheme	Ongoing
NT Register of Peers	Ongoing
Arts Scholarship Scheme	31 January
Remote Festivals Fund	28 February
March 2009 Project Round	15 March
Public Art Grants	15 March
Declan Aputimi / J Bird Public Art Fellowship	15 March
Expressions of Interest for Key Arts Organisation Triennial Funding	30 March
Key Arts Organisation Triennial Funding	31 July
Key Arts Organisation Annual Funding	1 September
October 2009 Project Round	15 October
Public Art Grants - Development and Small Works only	15 October

General News

National Protocols For Working With Children in Art

The Northern Territory Government will support the protocols for working with children in art which were adopted by the Australia Council under the direction of the Federal Government. Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour said the Protocols will apply to all Arts NT grant recipients from 1 January 2009. "Rapidly changing and expanding developments in the media have

altered the ways in which art is seen and it's important the arts industry adapts to these changes," Ms Scyrmgour said. <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

The protocols for working with children released by the Australia Council for the Arts can be downloaded at www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Legal information sheets with information for artists and arts organisations in the Northern Territory provided from the Arts Law Centre of Australia are available here www.artslaw.com.au

New Vehicles For Community Groups

The Northern Territory Government is providing vehicles worth nearly \$200,000 to community groups that provide important services to Territorians. The vehicle has been made available under the Northern Territory Government's Community Benefit Fund, which exists through levies imposed on the operation of electronic gaming machines in Territory hotels. Since 2006 the Northern Territory Government has provided community groups with more than \$620,000 in vehicle gifts and loans through the Community Benefit Fund. "The second round of vehicle gifts this financial year opens on 1 January and closes on 27 February," Mr Knight said. <http://newsroom.nt.gov.au>

Togart People's Choice Award

Chief Minister Paul Henderson, announced Marina Murdilinga as the winner of the \$5,000 Togart People's Choice Award 2008. Mr Henderson also announced that entries are now open for the 2009 Togart Contemporary Art Award. "This annual award program is now receiving national acclaim and is raising the profile of contemporary Territory art nationally and internationally, I urge all Territory artists to consider entering their work." "The 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."

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

Arts group hits out at curriculum

A new coalition of arts organisations is calling on the Federal Government to include visual art, dance, drama and music on the national curriculum or risk depriving students of their cultural heritage. The Government is producing a national curriculum from kindergarten to year 12 for English, maths, history, science, geography and languages to be implemented by the end of 2010. But the newly formed National Advocates for Arts Education says the Government should include the arts in the work of the National Curriculum Board.

www.theage.com.au

5th Annual Ticketing Professionals Conference

Participants have the opportunity to hear from national and international experts and to network with peers from around Australia from 11-13 February, held in Brisbane. As part of the conference, the trade show offers system vendors and you the opportunity to share, discuss and demonstrate recent advances in ticketing systems and the analysis of box office data. To find out more visit www.ticketingprofessionals.com.au

New artists' marketing manual available

NAVA, the National Association for Visual Arts, has released a new edition of Getting Art There: An Artist's Marketing Manual. Written from the perspective of visual and craft artists, this comprehensive guide is packed with practical information about understanding your market, making an impact, and getting your work out there. It includes useful case studies, checklists, guide templates, worksheets, resources and contacts. The book costs \$45.

www.visualarts.net.au

Opportunities- NT

Community Benefit Fund - Vehicle Gift/ Long-term Loan Program

Closing 27th February

The vehicle gift program is managed out of the Northern Territory Government's light vehicle fleet vehicles are available for gifting surplus to Government requirements. The applicant bears responsibility for vehicle running, maintenance and insurance costs of the gifted vehicle. Vehicles gifted will generally be a 2WD vehicle. 4WD vehicles will only be provided where a 2WD is inappropriate for the intended use. More info at:

T: 08 8935 7432 or 1300 650 153 (toll free)

E: cbf.doj@nt.gov.au

W: www.nt.gov.au

Community Benefit Fund - Community Organisation Grants

Closing 27th February

Grants, generally for amounts up to \$5,000, are available from the Fund to approved non-profit Territory-based organisations to help them in the provisions of services that benefit the community. Funds are distributed on a biannual basis and may be applied to approved activities which do not fit within other government funding programs, but have the potential to improve the well being and lifestyle of Territorians. More information is available at:

T: 89 8999 1803 or 1300 650 153 (toll free)

E: cbf.doj@nt.gov.au

W: www.nt.gov.au

Opportunities- Darwin

Palmerston City Council - Community Grants

Closing 13 February

The City of Palmerston allocates small grants for sports, recreation, cultural and other community initiatives in Palmerston through its Community Grants Scheme. The objective of this scheme is to provide small grants to enable and encourage local not-for-profit activities of high community benefit where assistance means that initiatives that are planned for or currently being conducted in Palmerston. Applications will be assessed solely according to how well they address the Strategies and Outcomes of the Palmerston 2015 Plan. For further information please contact the Community Services Team on:

T: 08 8935 9976

E: palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au

"Beyond 2009 – the new marketplace, doing business online" Forum and Workshops 13 February, Darwin Convention Centre

Registrations close 2 February

Do you need to improve your existing online marketing presence? Would you like to take bookings for your product direct through your website? Do you want to improve the effectiveness of your website? The tourism industry has proven to be resilient to external shocks and responsive to changes in the market. But in the coming year it could face one of the rockiest roads ever with the global financial crisis affecting many of our key international source markets. The global marketplace is evolving rapidly and the industry needs to keep pace. To register or find more about contact:

E: nigel.elliott@nt.gov.au

W: www.tourismnt.com.au

Darwin Theatre Company - Dramaturge Workshops with Peter Matheson

23 - 28 March, 10am- 4pm, Brown's Mart, 12 Smith St

The aim of this workshop is to give on-going support to a number of Territorian playwrights and help solve potential problems in the creation of new work. Last year he travelled here to look at playwrights that were of potential interest to the professional theatre company and he is excited about the prospects of coming back to look at the work that has been developing over the time he's been away. These are one on one work shops. New participants are

invited to take part in this workshop. Call Karen at DTC to make a booking at:

T: 08 8942 0166

E: info@darwintheatrecompany.com.au

W: www.darwintheatrecompany.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

“Beyond 2009 – the new marketplace, doing business online” Forum and Workshops 11 & 12 February, Alice Springs Convention Centre

Registrations close 2 February

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E: nigel.elliott@nt.gov.au

W: www.tourismnt.com.au

Alice Springs Town Council - Araluen Access Grants

Closing 13 February

The Araluen Community Access Grants of up to \$ 2,000 will support local community initiatives that require access to the Araluen Arts Centre and Circus lawns. Applications for the Araluen Community Access Grants are open to all individuals, community groups and service clubs of Central Australia. Priority will be given to help seed new projects rather than to provide continuing support for existing projects. For more information contact the Community Projects Officer on:

T: 08 8950 0505

W: www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Opportunities- National

Australia Council for the Arts - National mentoring scheme for young and emerging artists

Closing 20 January

The Australia Council for the Arts extends an open invitation submit an expression of interest in running a national mentoring scheme for young and emerging artists. Mentoring for young and emerging artists is a cross-arts initiative – to be successful in your expression of interest you must address delivering mentorships across theatre, dance, music, visual arts, literature and interdisciplinary arts practice. You may submit an expression of interest as a single organisation or in partnership with other organisations. Click here for more information and to download the [expression of interest document](#). Otherwise contact:

T: 02 9215 9164 Michelle Silby, program manager dance or 02 9215 9124 Andrew Donovan

acting executive director arts funding

W: www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Ballarat International Foto Biennale

Closing 23 January

Entries are invited for photographic images based around the theme 'DIVERSITY'. Short-listed works will hang in exhibition at the Novotel Forest Resort, Creswick from March 1st to March 15th 2009, and the show will reprise as part of the Ballarat International Foto Biennale Fringe Exhibition Program from September 4th to October 4th 2009. Prize money for 2009 has been increased to \$3000. For more information contact:

W: www.ballaratfoto.org

Australia Council for the Arts - Music Theatre Initiative

Closing 28 January

This initiative will assist the creation and presentation of engaging, high quality contemporary Australian music theatre. It is aimed at creative and technical practitioners, working in direction, production, music and sound to collaborate on the production of new works that excite, challenge and engage audiences. Partnership proposals are encouraged. Please contact Vanessa Chalker at the Music Board of the Australia Council to discuss your proposal on:

T: 02 9215 9310 or T: 1800 226 912

E: v.chalker@australiacouncil.gov.au

W: www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Call for Submission - Avant Card

Closing 30 January

Avant Card is now open for 2009 Submissions for the WE LOVE 3D project. Your work could be the star of its own month long exhibition at the Sydney Opera House. Approximately 10,000 locals, interstate and international visitors pass through this space each week, giving you the opportunity for great exposure. This unique display houses a sculptural piece which is changed monthly and also features free postcards on each side. For submissions and information contact:

E: avantcard@avantcard.com.au

W: www.avantcard.com.au

Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grants

Closing 2 February

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust aims to nurture the growth of excellence and diversity in cultural activities in Australia by making small grants to outstandingly talented people in the early stages of their careers. The Ian Potter Cultural Trust has two major funding areas: the Cultural Trust, and Music Commissions. The Cultural Trust seeks to encourage the diversity and excellence of emerging artists in Australia with grants of \$7,000 to early career artists practising in a wide range of disciplines within the arts, including the performing and visual arts, crafts, music, the media, literature, Indigenous art, design, community arts and other areas. For more information contact:

T: 03 9650 3188

W: <http://culturaltrust.ianpotter.org.au>

DEHWA - Contemporary Music Touring Program

Closes 5 February for tours commencing after 1 July 2009

Contact the Contemporary Music Touring Program for information on funding for Australian musicians to tour their original music.

W: www.arts.gov.au/cmtp

DEHWA - Festivals Australia Funding

Closing 16 February for projects starting after 1 July 2009.

Are you an organisation running a regular community festival, located in the regions and needing funding to turn your dream arts project into reality? You may be eligible for funding from the Festivals Australia program to add an exciting new arts element to your festival. For further information, please call a program officer on:

T: (02) 6275 9554 or 1800 819 461 (freecall)

E: festivals.australia@environment.gov.au

W: www.arts.gov.au/festivals_australia

Off The Wall - The Emerging Artist Showcase

Closing 17 February

If you are unrepresented in Melbourne and would like the opportunity to have your work selected by a panel of experts to feature in "Off The Wall", apply now. Up to 20 artists will have their work professionally installed and featured in a full colour catalogue sponsored by Art Almanac. Additionally, freight assistance is available for W.A and N.T artists and assistance will be given to help interstate artists gain grants for travel and expenses. For more information contact:

T: 02 9331 7507

W: www.artoffthewall.com.au

DEWHA - Indigenous Cultural Support

Closing 20 February

The Indigenous Culture Support program (ICS—formerly the Regional Arts and Culture Support program) supports the maintenance of cultural practice within Indigenous communities and the promotion of Indigenous cultures as dynamic and integral elements of Australian culture and identity. ICS funds activities that encourage culturally vibrant Indigenous communities and contribute to the cultural identity and wellbeing of Indigenous individuals and communities. The program supports activities that: maintain Indigenous culture through community involvement; support new forms of Indigenous cultural expression; increase public awareness of Indigenous culture, including through the presentation and exchange of culture; and support the sustainable development of community organisations involved in cultural activities. Any person or body may apply for funding in accordance with program guidelines for the purpose of furthering the economic, social or cultural development of Indigenous peoples. For more information visit:

W: www.arts.gov.au/indigenous

DEWHA - Maintenance of Indigenous Languages & Records

Closing 20 February

The Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records (MILR) program addresses the steady erosion and loss of Australia's estimated 250 original Indigenous languages by providing support for the maintenance and revival of these languages. The MILR program supports a broad range of projects, including documentation and recording of Indigenous languages and the development of language resources and language databases to assist with the development and delivery of programs through language centres. It also supports greater coordination between language organisations, activities that promote Indigenous languages in the wider community and innovative projects using multimedia and new technologies. For more information visit:

W: www.arts.gov.au/indigenous

http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Indigenous_Culture_Support

Call for Poems - The Private Press

Closing 28 February

Writers are invited to send The Private Press up to three (3) poems responding to David Lynch's film, *Blue Velvet*. You will receive notification once we receive your work. If your poem is accepted, you will be asked to view a proof of your work for approval via email, prior to publication. For more information visit:

W: <http://zoo.f2s.com/privatepress>

Position Vacant

IAD Press - Publisher

Closing 12 January

IAD Press, the publishing arm of the Institute for Aboriginal Development (IAD), is seeking to appoint a self-motivated and highly capable person to the position of Publisher. IAD Press is a small but dynamic publishing house based in Alice Springs. It publishes both trade and language and cultural titles and is part of a vibrant Indigenous arts industry. This position is suited to a well-organised and versatile team player who has the ability to work with a diverse range of stakeholders, including the Board of IAD and other senior managers, Indigenous communities and individuals and the general book industry. The Publisher manages the day-to-day operations of IAD Press and is responsible for overseeing its publishing program and the financial management of all its activities; liaison with funding bodies; networking with other arts organisations and the publishing industry and attracting funding to IAD Press. Demonstrated financial management, exceptional communication skills and a thorough understanding of the publishing industry are essential. If you have the skills and experience and a willingness to live in Alice Springs, please contact Jill Walsh on:

T: (08) 8951 1335

E: publisher@iad.edu.au

W: www.iad.edu.au

NT Writers Centre - Project Officer

Closing 26 January

NT Writers' Centre (Darwin) is calling for Expressions of Interest from Indigenous people for a full-time Project Officer position commencing February 2009. The position will mostly involve managing a collaborative, young writers' project with the Fred Hollows Foundation. Applicants should have experience in arts administration, education or management and be able to work independently to achieve project outcomes. Position will require some travel. Please send Expression of Interest and CV to:

E: executive@ntwriters.com.au

T: 08 89412651

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Off The Leash - 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

Regional Arts Victoria – www.rav.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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