



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **From the Edge to the Heart Special Initiative Grant**

Talented Territory artistic directors or producers are being given the chance to devise a production celebrating NT arts and culture on the national stage.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts, Arts NT's Policy and Support Assistant Director Fiona Stuchbery said the production would be the climatic finale to September's "Pacific Edge" Regional Arts Australia Conference in Mackay, Queensland.

"Development and Presentation funds of \$25,000 are available to support this one-off ceremony that is essentially a handover from this year's conference to the 2008 conference being held in Alice Springs," Ms Stuchbery said.

"The Alice Springs conference, called "Art at the Heart", will be held in the Territory and is the sixth in the conference's history.

"The distinctive theatrical event will capture and convey the sense of journey from Mackay's tropical coast-line to the semi-arid centre of Australia as well as showcasing key elements of the Territory's artistic practice.

"The aim of the ceremony, which some 750 national arts delegates will be attending, is for all to leave with a feeling the Alice Springs conference is not to be missed."

Ms Stuchbery said the ceremony would occur in the Mackay Entertainment Centre's main auditorium.

She urged individuals, companies and art organisations to apply for the funding before the May 5 closing date.

More information is available by contacting Ms Stuchbery on 8999 8931 or going to [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

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