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OVER \$2 MILLION FOR TERRITORY ARTS ORGANISATIONS

The Territory Government has awarded \$1.185 million in annual funding to 12 of the Territory’s key arts organisations today.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour said the funding was in recognition of the vital part the arts play in the Territory’s lifestyle.

“Cultural activity is very much part of the Territory lifestyle—indeed we have among the highest participation rates in the arts in the nation,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Our arts organisations are the nuts and bolts of that cultural activity, particularly in our regional areas.”

An additional \$616,520 of funding was allocated to five other key organisations which have succeeded in obtaining triennial funding, along with strategic investments of over \$350,000 to three further groups.

“These organisations compete with each other to obtain funding, so it’s particularly impressive to see strong successes amongst arts organisations in Alice Springs this year—with funding boosts to InCite Youth Arts; Red Dust Theatre, RedHOT Arts Marketing and Watch This SPACE,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“The solid achievements of groups such as Ausdance, who will be able to employ a full time executive officer, is also encouraging.”

Music NT and Corrugated Iron Youth Arts have also been included for the first time in the Triennial Funding scheme, joining Tracks and the Barkly and Katherine Regional Arts groups.

“Music NT has demonstrated tremendous leadership in the music industry, and it now has three years of certainty in funding, including provision for its pioneering work with the Indigenous Music Awards,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“The strong engagement by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts across the spectrum of performance work with younger Territorians has also been recognised through triennial funding.”

Music NT will be funded \$260,000 annually and Corrugated Iron Youth Arts will receive \$108,710.

KEY ORGANISATIONS ANNUAL FUNDING 2007

Artback NT	276,000	Ausdance NT	65,500
Browns Mart Community	130,000	Territory Craft	160,000
Darwin Theatre Company	170,000	Darwin Visual Arts	17,000
InCite Youth Arts	50,000	Writer’s Centre	120,000
Red Dust Theatre	50,000	RedHot Arts Mkting	40,000
Top End Arts Mkting	50,000	Watch this SPACE	57,000

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