Matt Conlan
Minister for Arts and Museums

**Funding for Territory arts projects**

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The Northern Territory Government has provided $165,000 in funding to support 14 upcoming arts projects by Territorians.

Minister for Arts and Museums, Matt Conlan said the Northern Territory Arts Grants Program aims to increase participation in the arts.

“This $165,000 in funding will allow our talented artists to develop their skills and promote their work to a much wider audience,” Mr Conlan said.

“It will provide the successful applicants with new opportunities they might not have otherwise had while showcasing some of our great Northern Territory stories through arts and culture.

“It’s also great to see Territorians will have the opportunity to see many of the successful creative projects first-hand, through upcoming performances and festivals.

“This project round has seen 14 successful applicants from a diverse range of arts backgrounds including dance, literature, visual arts and music. I congratulate the grant recipients and I know this financial support will help assist the terrific work they are doing.”

Funding highlights from the 2014 Project Round 1 includes:

- **$15 000 for Knock-em-Down Theatre**: to produce NT playwright Mary Anne Butler’s latest play ‘Broken’, a local piece that wrestles with matters of chance, choice, hope and fate. The production will employ over thirteen cast and crew from across the Territory;

- **$9 901 for Darwin musician Requiem (Clayton Bennett)**: to help produce his first album Louvres. The album will capture the Northern Territory’s unique identity and promote the Territory’s vibrant Hip Hop music culture;

- **$10 693 for Watch this Space**: to bring together member artists to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Watch this Space in Alice Springs. As part of the celebration an artist camp will create opportunities for past and present members to reconnect and take the organisation into the future;
- **$14 630 for CAAMA Music:** to support Central Australia’s Tjintu Desert Band to perform at the Boomerang Festival, a new Indigenous culture festival in Byron Bay. The tour will also incorporate two cultural exchange visits; and

- **$15 000 for the Aboriginal Resource and Development Service Nhulunbuy:** to help conduct a music creation workshop at its recording studio. The workshop brings musicians from both Gove Peninsula Festival and Garma Festival together to share their skills with local musicians.

For more information on the 2014 Project Round 1 funding recipients visit [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

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