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Matt Conlan
Minister for Arts and Museums

Applications now open for arts funding

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Minister for Arts and Museums Matt Conlan has invited Northern Territory artists to apply for a share of $135,000 to fund future projects.

“The second round of the Northern Territory Arts Grants Program is now open and I encourage all Territory artists, non-profit organisations and community members to apply for funding to help see their ideas become a reality,” said Mr Conlan.

“Grants of up to $15,000 are available to support arts activities in all regions of the Northern Territory for research, development, promotion and presentation.

“This total pool of $135,000 in funding will allow our talented artists to develop their skills and promote their work to a much wider audience or tour to remote areas in the Territory and other places in Australia.

“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.

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

Round 1 of the 2014 program saw $165,000 shared between 14 successful applicants from a diverse range of arts backgrounds including dance, literature, visual arts and music.

Funding highlights from the 2014 Project Round 1 included:

- $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;

• **$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.

Applications for Round 2 of the Northern Territory Arts Grants Program are now open and close on 20 October 2014.

For more information and to apply visit: [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

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