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Arts grants help young performers

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Parliament House rocked to a different beat today.

Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins and Madam Speaker Kezia Purick were treated to a performance by break dancing crew the D*City Rockers on the Speaker’s Green in celebration of the crew’s recent trip to Cambodia for development of their skills.

“These keen and talented young men received almost $10,000 from the Government’s Arts Project funding towards their development with internationally renowned community dance organisation Tiny Toones,” Minister Higgins said.

“They attended a two-week intensive artist residency program in Phnom Penh.

“This is just one example of the Government making it easier for Territorians to realise their artistic aspirations.”

The grant to D*City Rockers was part of the $300,000 a year Arts Project funding program. Others who have received grants under the program include Tennant Creek artist Dion Beasley and Darwin-based writer Johanna Bell to develop a children’s picture book, Too Many Cheeky Animals.

“Parliament House welcomes performers and it was wonderful to see this crew show us their moves,” Madam Speaker said. “It’s an honour to help celebrate artistic achievement across all genres and support local artists on their journey.”

D*City Rockers is made up of Aaron Lim, Andy Law and John Rigas. On top of honing their artistic skills and performing at events and in competitions, they create and present workshops in partnership with organisations such as Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Anglicare NT, the Red Cross and a number of local schools.

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