Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

2016-17 NT Arts Grants Program announced with increased funding available
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Today the Minister for Arts and Museums Gary Higgins announced the latest Quick Response Grant recipients.

In 2015-16, 23 Quick Response Grants were awarded for arts activities and professional development opportunities that arise at short notice.

Twenty-three artists, arts workers, arts organisations and community groups across the Territory received matched support of $26 345 through Quick Response Grants in 2015-16 to access professional development opportunities such as participation in workshops, masterclasses and training activities for emerging and established NT artists, as well as opportunities for creatives to develop their own artistic practice and skills:

Skills development projects included:

- Jessica Ong: $1050 to develop audiocraft skills for the SPUN project
- Aaron Lim: $800 to participate in a dance mentorship program in Korea
- Aly De Groot: $1000 to further develop her skills in indigo and mud dyeing through masterclasses

Attendance at national and NT showcasing events and performance opportunities such as:

- Dion Beasley: $1500 for his Book Launch at Garrmalang Festival 2016
- Palmerston Association For Dancing Inc: $1500 World Premier of The Brolga and the Star at the Darwin Entertainment Centre
- Stephan Kelly: $1000 to perform circus and fire acts at the Adelaide Fringe Festival

In 2016-17 Arts NT has established an additional professional development fund which is the first time this category has been offered.

The professional development fund will focus support for professional and career development, training and profiling for NT professional artists and arts workers as well as access to national and international arts industry development and leadership training opportunities.
Community Arts Festivals

In 2015-16 Major and Community arts festivals were supported across the NT including 20 regional and remote festivals ranging from Walking with Spirits in Beswick, Desert Harmony Festival in Tennant Creek, multicultural arts celebrations such as the Thai Songkran festival and emerging and established arts festivals such as the Darwin Fringe festival, Salvage recycled in Katherine and Wide Open Space in Alice Springs.

Funding supports expenses such as artist travel and performance fees, arts programming, production costs, marketing and promotions of festivals.

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