Chief Minister, and Minister for Arts and Museums, Clare Martin, today announced that Darwin Theatre Company (DTC) would host the 2002 Multicultural Arts Residency.

The selected resident artist is Ms Elka Kerkhofs - an emerging theatre worker with multimedia, performance and technical production skills.

"Ms Kerkhofs has worked with theatre and dance companies in Belgium, London and Sydney and is skilled in experimental video and film incorporating performance, dance, sound and new media," Ms Martin said.

"Her residency offers young and emerging multicultural artists and communities significant opportunities for arts development and exploration. The initiative will have an emphasis on workshop participation, cultural and skills exchange and performance outcomes.

"I am pleased to award the $30 000 residency to Darwin Theatre Company to further their theatrical interpretation of the Territory and more effectively engage with multicultural artists in the community."

Ms Kerkhofs will play a major role in the DTC produced 'Site and Sound – the Home Show', that will run during the Festival of Darwin. She will work with a pool of young people to develop a component of the production.

The inaugural Multicultural Arts Residency was held last year, developing a relationship between Tracks Inc and dance animater Ms Betchay Mondragon. The residency provided participation and performance opportunities through "Mother Daughter" as well as other Tracks projects. It is a relationship, which has continued beyond the residency into 2002, encouraging ongoing multicultural dance opportunities.