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New Create NSW and Griffin Theatre Company *Incubator Fellowship* to support emerging talent

Emerging theatre practitioners looking for a break in the industry have the opportunity to be mentored by staff at one of Australia's most dynamic theatre companies, thanks to a new partnership between Create NSW and Griffin Theatre Company which will support the career development of four practitioners.

Through the *Incubator Fellowship*, valued at \$50,000 (including in-kind support), emerging playwrights, directors, dramaturgs, designers and composers are encouraged to apply to spend a three-month residency working with Griffin Theatre Company artistic staff on the creative development of new works as well as being supported through professional mentorship from the company.

Following the residencies, Create NSW's Theatre Board and representatives from Griffin will select a final Fellow from the group, who will be supported with \$30,000 from Create NSW to pursue a self-directed program of professional development in Australia or overseas.

Create NSW Partnerships and Policy Director Alex Bowen said, "With this Fellowship we wanted to deliver an unmissable opportunity for emerging practitioners to get deep into the heart of theatreland, and who better to partner with than Griffin Theatre Company.

"Not only has the company been the starting point of an incredible range of productions, but it has continued to take chances on the stories and artists that others can't, and in doing so has grown a solid reputation for the support and career pathways it provides to newcomers into the industry. We're excited about our future four."

Phil Spencer, Artistic Associate at Griffin Theatre Company said, "Here at Griffin we are hungry to find the next crop of local theatre makers who are not afraid to ask big questions and offer ambitious ideas about what new Australian theatre can and should be.

"The selected artists on this program will be expected to bring their strong creative vision, a curiosity about the industry and a robust work ethic. Griffin is committed to establishing long term relationships and bringing artists into the national industry as a whole. The successful applicants will be welcomed with professional mentoring and cups of tea into the intimate and collaborative company structure here in Sydney."

Applications for the *Incubator Fellowship* are now open and close 5pm Monday 16 December 2019. Full guidelines and information can be found [here](#).

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