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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NSW ARTS AND CULTURAL FUNDING

The NSW Government is today calling for applications from NSW individual artists, arts and cultural workers, practitioners and organisations for Round 1 of Create NSW's *2020/2021 Arts and Cultural Funding Program*.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said the NSW Government is committed to further assisting the heavily impacted arts and cultural sector to boost their COVID-19 recovery and encourages creatives to apply.

"I am committed to supporting the diversity of talent across our communities and deliver positive outcomes for the people of NSW, which is more important now than ever." said Mr Harwin.

"Last year we delivered a simplified process that removed barriers to applying for arts and cultural funding, and this year in response to additional feedback from the sector we have further revised the guidelines."

"It's extremely important to highlight the incredible contribution arts and culture makes to the State, and we are working to deliver a funding program that attracts a wide breadth of individual artists, arts and cultural workers and organisations to apply for funding." Mr Harwin said.

The *2020/2021 Arts and Cultural Funding Program* applications will be assessed by 10 restructured Artform Advisory Boards. Members will make funding recommendations to the Minister for the Arts and provide strategic advice on issues facing their artform.

Due to the overwhelming response from applicants last year and in appreciation of the important role that festivals play in our creative environment, the Festivals and Multi-arts Board will be divided into standalone boards. Classical Music, Opera and Choral will be assessed by a dedicated board to better serve practitioners and audiences, and all aspects of theatre have been brought together with a Theatre and Musical Theatre Board due to their similarities in artform approach.

The Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Board will expand its role this year. In addition to assessing its own applications, it will provide advice to other Boards on Aboriginal-focused content where applicants have chosen to be assessed by that specific Artform Board.

Round 1 of Create NSW's *2020/2021 Arts and Cultural Funding Program* is now

open for Annual Organisation, Project and Creative Koori Project categories. Applications close Wednesday, 23 September 2020. Visit the Create NSW website for more information, guidelines and to [apply](#).

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