



## **Ben Franklin**

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## **\$68 MILLION ARTS AND CULTURAL FUNDING PROGRAM NOW OPEN**

New South Wales audiences and visitors will have access to more outstanding arts and cultural events thanks to the NSW Government's \$68 million Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP).

The ACFP is part of the NSW Government's commitment to ensuring arts and culture is accessible to everyone, no matter which corner of the State they live.

Minister for the Arts Ben Franklin encouraged professional artists, arts organisations and local councils to apply for funding through the 2022/23 program which will increase the access and availability of arts and cultural experiences in NSW.

"The ACFP will support the State's vibrant arts and cultural sector by growing local economies and creating jobs in one of the largest investments into the sector by any State government in Australia," Mr Franklin said.

"Previous projects and programs funded through the ACFP are diverse and far-reaching, including supporting the development of Aboriginal dance theatre works, classical music tours and crime writers' festivals.

"I encourage all artists, arts organisations and local councils to apply for funding to develop exciting and engaging experiences for audiences and communities right across the State."

Applications for Round One of the Arts and Cultural Funding Program are now open and close on 29 August 2022.

For more information, guidelines and to apply, visit the Create NSW website at [www.create.nsw.gov.au](http://www.create.nsw.gov.au)

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