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Arts sector in South Australia set to RISE

In a boost to the recovery of the state’s arts sector, nearly \$6 million in funding will flow to South Australian projects from the first batch of the Morrison Government’s Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) grants.

Grants of between \$50,000 and \$1.5 million will begin to flow immediately to support over 11,000 jobs in the South Australian arts and entertainment sector. Small to medium-sized businesses will receive about two-thirds of the funding.

Music and theatre projects represent half the funded projects; others are comprised of visual arts, dance, circus, literature and cross-artform activities. These projects will be delivered in 63 metropolitan and 65 regional venues across South Australia.

In South Australia the creative industries contribute over \$280 million to the economy. Since 2016, the Australian Government has provided approximately \$55 million to South Australian arts organisations. The Government’s commitment of more than \$6 million in grants through the RISE Fund continues this support and will assist in the rejuvenation of South Australia’s arts sector from COVID-19.

“These grants will support some of Australia’s pre-eminent cultural events such as WOMADelaide and the Adelaide Festival in managing their significant COVID-safe measures,” Minister Fletcher said.

“I am pleased Government can support projects that employ support thousands of South Australians, with benefits to flow on to other sectors such as tourism and and hospitality.”

The \$75 million RISE program was announced as part of the Government’s \$250 million Creative Economy Support Package to help restart activities such as festivals, concerts, tours and events once it is safe to do so.

This year, the Morrison Government has announced almost \$800 million in extra arts and entertainment funding, on top of our record annual investment of around \$750 million in core funding, and on top of the \$558 million provided to date through JobKeeper and the \$110 million provided in cashflow payments to businesses. The Prime Minister secured agreement from all states and territories for a National Roadmap to reopening, which was developed in consultation with the Creative Economy Taskforce.

Examples of some of the successful South Australian projects are listed below. The full list of batch one recipients will be announced in the coming weeks at: www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update

Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
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WOMADelaide Foundation Limited	WOMADelaide and Adelaide Festival 2021	\$938,000	The delivery of COVID safe measures, new pathways for youth music education program and reshaped delivery of festival events.
Adelaide Fringe	Adelaide Fringe 2021 COVID ready	\$1,500,000	A re-shaped COVID-safe festival including outdoor amphitheatres, laneway activations, lower capacity venues, promenade performances and site- specific works.
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra	The Festival of Orchestra	\$700,000	Bringing together some of Australia's best-loved popular contemporary artists and composers representing diverse Australian voices.
UKARIA	Finding Our Voice	\$483,400	A project that re-imagines the music festival, and commissions eight works to be presented in eight locations countrywide.
Restless Dance Theatre	Ecoute Pour Voir, Seeing Through Darkness and Exposed	\$459,000	A suite of three works to tour that will employ artists with disability and celebrate diversity on stage in both live and digital formats.
Gravity and Other Myths Pty	The Forge	\$340,528	An acrobatics and physical theatre covid-safe training space for South Australian practitioners, delivering consistent work for 33 artists.

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