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Support for Northern Territory's creative sector to RISE

Two of the Northern Territory's leading arts organisations will share \$336,000 under the second batch of grants from the Morrison Government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund, which is designed to reactivate live performance venues and events.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the latest RISE funding will begin to flow immediately to creative sector organisations, which are seeking to restart, re-imagine or create new cultural and creative activities.

"The Northern Territory's arts and entertainment sector provides significant employment and economic benefits for the Territory, while supporting cultural expression, community and social wellbeing benefits for its residents," Minister Fletcher said.

In this batch of funding, \$221,000 will go towards the Darwin Festival to present the *Amphitheatre Re-Imagined* concert series. The three major concerts will celebrate the richness of Indigenous culture in the Northern Territory, the accomplishment of Indigenous musicians, and give the NT and interstate audiences a rare chance to see world-class artists in a COVID safe environment.

The NT Travelling Film Festival will also receive \$115,000 in funding to reach an audiences of over 7,000 people.

The two projects will create almost 500 jobs.

On 25 March the Government announced the RISE Fund will be boosted with an extra \$125 million to support around 230 projects and up to 90,000 jobs, building on an original commitment of \$75 million.

In November 2020 more than \$60 million in funding was announced under Batch One of the Fund.

The successful Northern Territory projects are part of 61 projects funded under Batch Two of RISE. The full list of Batch Two recipients will be announced in the coming weeks at:

www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update

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Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
Creative Accomplice Pty Ltd	NT Travelling Film Festival	\$115,000	Celebrates and showcases outstanding screen productions of the NT, capturing the stories, culture and landscape of this iconic region and the peoples that call it home.
The Darwin Festival Limited	Darwin Festival Major Concert Series: the Amphitheatre Re-imagined	\$221,000	A program of concerts celebrating the richness of Indigenous culture in the Northern Territory and the breadth of Indigenous talent across Australia.