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An extra \$25 million for Australia's creative sector to RISE

Australia's creative and entertainment sector has received a major uplift, with the Morrison Government announcing that \$25 million will be shared by 66 leading organisations across the country, under the third batch of grants from the \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund.

Making the announcement this morning from Brisbane's *Tivoli Theatre*, Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the latest funding would begin to flow immediately to rejuvenate live performance venues and events, creating more than 25,000 employment opportunities across the country.

"We understand the widespread disruption to creative organisations from the pandemic, which is why the Morrison Government is pleased to inject more than \$25 million through Batch Three of the RISE Fund," Minister Fletcher said.

"This funding is an important step in the rejuvenation of Australia's arts sector from COVID-19, and will support our much-loved venues putting on activities such as festivals, concerts, tours, productions and events, particularly in regional and remote areas.

"*Tivoli Theatre* is one of the 66 organisations benefiting from Batch Three, with a \$577,000 grant to bring a dynamic program of accessible and immersive music and arts events to Brisbane over winter this year, creating more than 460 employment opportunities."

The investment into these leading organisations being announced today brings to a cumulative \$100 million the Government has committed through the RISE Fund to date. This funding has created over 89,000 job opportunities and expanded cultural and creative experiences for audiences across Australia.

One of the largest grant recipients is *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*, which will receive \$1.1 million to adapt Baz Luhrmann's 2001 Australian film to a stage show, creating more than 100 jobs for an all-Australian cast and crew.

Australia's premier music festival *Splendour* will receive \$1 million towards its 2021 festival in NSW, creating more than 1,300 employment opportunities.

The *Pangaea Festival* will receive more than \$200,000 to deliver an inter-generational immersive cultural event highlighting local, national, indigenous and international music artists, performances, circus and visual art. The Festival will take place over three days on Tasmania's east coast in the summer of 2022, creating more than 200 job opportunities.

Western Australia's *Barking Gecko Theatre* will also receive \$570,000 to develop professional artists in regional and remote communities, create new ensembles in new locations, and to complete artistic work in repertoire ready for touring from 2023.

Muso - The Rise of The Pub Gig will receive more than \$220,000 to revitalise the live music sector, working with over 100 venues Australia-wide to put on more than 500 local gigs for metro and regional communities. The project will create more than 1,300 job opportunities across Victoria, Tasmania, NSW, Queensland, SA and WA.

In March 2020, the Morrison Government announced the RISE program would receive an extra \$125 million to support around 230 projects, building on an original commitment of \$75 million. In November 2020, the Morrison Government committed more than \$60 million in the first batch of the RISE Fund, and in March 2021, \$15 million under Batch Two of the Fund.

The full list of Batch Three recipients and further information on the RISE Fund is available at: www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update

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Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
Byron Writers Festival	Byron Writers Festival 2021	\$182,000.00	Australia's largest and leading regional celebration of writing, storytelling and big ideas, Byron Writers Festival will continue its commitment to showcasing Australian writers and stories.
Encore Theatre Company Inc	Mamma Mia	\$79,700.00	Mamma Mia will showcase 52 performers and musicians in a presentation reaching 10,000+ people in regional Tasmania.
Arena Theatre Company	JOURNEY - a multi-platform immersive adventure	\$602,700.00	'Journey' is a large-scale, interactive art attraction that uses cutting edge digital technologies to fully immerse participants.
BalletLab Association Inc	Phillip Adams BalletLab	\$598,566.00	BalletLab entails two cross-cultural collaborative projects, with regional and metropolitan outcomes and three festival programs produced at Temperance Hall.
Critical Stages Touring	Regional Arts and Touring Re-Activation	\$222,049.00	Diverse artistic program celebrating regional artists from Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, touring primarily to regional audiences.
Red Ridge Interior Queensland Ltd	CAMP - Connecting and Making Pathways	\$126,500.00	Bringing central west Queensland's First Nations' people together to preserve and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders culture via storytelling, dance, song, visual art and multimedia.
Katherine Regional Arts Incorporated	Big Rivers Storyteller Collective (BRSC)	\$373,402.00	Development of a community digital media collective through themed projects encompassing workshops and a podcast season, delivering digital media literacy skills into regional and remote settings.

Noosa Film Academy Pty Ltd as The Trustee for The Huglin Family Trust	Remote and Rural Youth Community Digital Cross Art-form Workshops and Community Show case Events	\$298,445.00	Promoting digital entrepreneurship, online creativity and inspiring visual story telling skills, the digitally based workshops build skills and develop digital framework capabilities.
Barking Gecko Theatre Company Ltd	Barking Gecko: RISE Project	\$570,000.00	Through a series of regional residencies with local children as creative collaborators, Barking Gecko Theatre will create a new production for touring.
Red Chair Pty Ltd	The COMPASS Project	\$99,115.00	A new micro-touring network that addresses the disruption to regional touring caused by COVID-19 restrictions. Delivering 35 concerts over seven regional tours between May 2021– May 2022.
WESTERN EDGE YOUTH ARTS INC.	Future NOW	\$113,955.00	Celebrating the innovative digital work created in 2020 with an outdoor film festival in Melbourne’s west.
The Trustee for TTI Venues Unit Trust	ZIRK! CIRCUS - The Big Top Spectacular Reimagined	\$292,978.00	This project delivers that critically acclaimed format with an all-Australian cast and delivery team, bringing, high-quality, entertainment to Sydney’s Entertainment Quarter in late 2021 and early 2022.
Wheatbelt Arts & Events Inc	The York Festival & York Community Arts & Culture Centre	\$496,177.00	Expanded multi-arts Festival program that includes the launch of a new York Writer's Festival, a program showcasing the crafts of first-nations and local artisans, the long-awaited revival of the much loved York Jazz Festival.
Indigenous Art Centre Alliance	IACA Indigenous Art Worker Outreach Program	\$419,000.00	Brings together expert arts and cultural educators to provide dedicated mentoring for Indigenous Arts Workers.
Sport For Jove Theatre Company Limited	2021 Sport For Jove Education Season	\$394,928.00	Includes live performances and streamed performances for regional and remote schools, involving professional development mentorship and youth education program.
Back to the Bush Festival Inc.	Under Western Skies - Reloaded	\$90,000.00	Held over four days, the project has been reimagined to enable the delivery of a festival that continues to promote the relaxed country atmosphere and celebrates our cultural history through storytelling, music, and cultural arts.
MUSO - WE HEAR YOU PTY. LTD.	Muso- The Rise of The Pub Gig	\$221,814.00	The project will aim to revitalise this section of the industry by working with over 100 venues Australia-wide to put on over 500 local gigs for local communities.
Global Creatures Pty Ltd as trustee for the Global Creatures Unit Trust	Moulin Rouge! The Musical	\$1,100,000.00	In 2001 Baz Luhrmann's Australian film MOULIN ROUGE! became a worldwide sensation. Twenty years later, the stage adaption of the 'red windmill' will come home to Melbourne, with an all-Australian cast and crew.
Pormpuraaw Art & Culture Centre Incorporated	Etching and Lino Cut Printing	\$15,000.00	Pormpuraaw engages mentors and trainers to visit artists to assist them in developing their ideas, improve their craft and create new works for sale at venues and art fairs.

Castlemaine Art Museum	Castlemaine Art Museum 'Future Beacon'	\$267,750.00	Castlemaine Art Museum will employ a curator and produce 'Future Beacon' a series of seven artist's commissions over two-years for projection on the exterior façade of CAM's heritage building and two bookend exhibitions.
Australian Chamber Orchestra	Australian Chamber Orchestra Studiocasts	\$250,000.00	The Australian Chamber Orchestra will partner with guest film directors, cinematographers and other artistic collaborators to create eight highly engaging 50-minute concert films with associated online content.
CDP Theatre Producers	Guess How Much I Love You	\$183,145.00	A new Australian adaptation of Sam McBratney and Anita Jerram's much loved book "Guess How Much I Love You".
Australasian Dance Collective Limited	Lucie in the Sky : Emotionally Coded Drone Project	\$766,919.00	A drone and dance show choreographed with human movement patterns, challenging our perceptions of AI with a documentary by Hoodlum.
Queensland Music Network Inc – QMusic	BIGSOUND	\$180,000.00	Australia's largest new music showcase and music conference, featuring emerging Australian artists, putting them within arm's reach of decision-makers, new audiences and opening global digital doors for business.
Sean Le Rossignol Pty Ltd	Pangaea Festival	\$202,500.00	An inter-generational immersive cultural event highlighting local, national, indigenous and international music artists, performances, circus and visual arts. Will take place over 3 days on Tasmania's east coast in the summer of 2022.
ZACCARIA CONCERTS AND TOURING PTY LTD	SUMMERSALT 2021	\$726,300.00	A live outdoor concert series, staged in some of the most picturesque and iconic locations around Australia, showcasing some of the best home-grown performers.
Platform Youth Arts Inc	Platform LAB 2021-22	\$269,031.00	Champions the development and commissioning of new works by young artists living in Western Victoria.
Moonshine Larger Pty Ltd - T/A Offbeat Music Festival	Offbeat Music Festival 2021 + 2022	\$425,000.00	Bringing together a vibrant community of Australian musicians, artists and performers across 3 days in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.
M87 Pty Limited	knox.live 2122	\$247,000.00	A new hybrid event that will facilitate the livestreaming of cross artform performances.
The Australian Festival of Chamber Music - North Queensland Limited	Australia Festival of Chamber Music Digital	\$196,500.00	The project will create an online experience of the world-renowned Australian Festival of Chamber Music.
Biennale of Sydney Ltd	Casiquiare Biennale of Sydney new national collaboration model	\$280,000.00	Inspired by the river that flows both ways, 'Casiquiare' involves collaborating with leading cultural institutions across Australia.
Placemakers Gold Coast Ltd	Big City Lights	\$520,000.00	New signature event that celebrates light, installation, live music, architecture, and digital design.

The Oyster Group Pty Ltd	Midnight: The Cinderella Musical	\$866,279.00	A new Australian musical putting a modern spin on Cinderella with music and lyrics by John Foreman.
David Venn Enterprises Pty Ltd	The Wedding Singer - A Musical Comedy	\$300,000.00	A musical packed with 1980's references and big production numbers, the show creates a shared experience and celebrates the return of live entertainment in Australia.
The Tivoli Theatre	The Tivoli's Open Season Program (Winter Edition) + Princess Theatre Launch	\$577,000.00	A dynamic program of accessible, experiential and immersive music and arts events that will take place in Brisbane over winter.
Blake Entertainment P/L	Rolling Thunder Vietnam	\$462,395.00	The show combines personal stories from the battlefield, iconic rock songs of the 60's and 70's around the Vietnam war.
Cross Promotions International II	Beach Fest	\$450,000.00	A unique micro festival that will feature large-scale installations, circus, branded activities, local music and Indigenous line-ups.
4-D Management Trust	Party in the Park	\$397,700.00	New Western Sydney annual spring picnic concert series, staged in The Crescent at Parramatta Park, featuring some of Australia's best rock, jazz and music theatre performers.
JNB Events Pty Ltd operating under Loch Hart Music Festival	Loch Hart Music Festival 2021 – Restarted & reshaped	\$75,000.00	Festival with a line-up consisting of predominately regional artists, and dedicated mentoring opportunities for entertainment students and local young people.
Woodward Productions Pty Ltd	Sherlock Holmes Live	\$198,559.00	To produce and tour an innovative adaption of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous "Sherlock Holmes" novels.
Sydney Dance Company	Digital Dance Portal	\$561,302.00	An online home for contemporary dance performance, training, education and fitness. With the capacity to reach audiences, participants, professional/semi-professional dancers and school students across Australia.
Cartell Live Pty Ltd	So Frenchy So Chic	\$367,000.00	A music festival celebrating Australia's relationship with France through contemporary music collaborations and live performances, with circus, visual art, craft and music workshop activities for children.
The Motley Bauhaus	Season of live performance recorded and made available online to launch the new MotleyGO SVOD service	\$78,060.00	An on demand streaming platform for live performance of a season of new and recommissioned work.
The Trustee for Momentarily Unit Trust	Alpine 2021	\$497,250.00	Multidiscipline and cross-art winter festival which celebrates performers, artists and other stakeholders from Australia's performing- arts and live music industries.
Leading Star Entertainment Pty Ltd	MUZO	\$645,000.00	Innovative digital streaming platform built to showcase Australian artists to a global audience.

Illuminate Adelaide Foundation Ltd	Illuminate Adelaide	\$350,000.00	A program of exciting and innovative illuminations, concerts, immersive exhibitions, and newly commissioned art installations throughout the Adelaide Central Business District.
GFO Attractions Pty Ltd	9 TO 5 The Musical Pre-Production	\$980,000.00	9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL tells the story of Doralee, Violet and Judy - three workmates pushed to boiling point by their boss.
Uplit Association Inc	Brisbane Writers Festival 2021 and 2022	\$198,433.00	The Brisbane Writers Festival will present two festivals (2021-22) and programming throughout the year in a new hybrid model (online and onsite), with new partners, venues, content and programming.
Splendour in the Grass Pty Ltd	Splendour in the Grass Music & Arts Festival 2021	\$1,000,000.00	Splendour is Australia's premier music and arts festival, with a diverse program spanning music, visual arts, craft, comedy, and science.
Museum of Chinese Australian History	Digital Cultural Adventures	\$130,000.00	The museum re-imagines the ways to expand and connect with remote audiences nationally by delivering creative Australian-Chinese performances and immersive cultural experiences promoting intercultural understanding.
The Trustee for AList Entertainment trading as Alist Entertainment Pty Ltd	The Multicultural Comedy Festival	\$660,727.00	A regional tour celebrating diversity with a star studded line up of Australia's best and emerging comedic talent.
ELISION Incorporated	Connected Hemispheres	\$75,000.00	A recording and filming project with live performance which expands Australian presence and international profile in the evolving and future-facing experimental contemporary classical genre.
Madman Events Pty Ltd	Anime Festival	\$545,000.00	Featuring international guests and exhibitors, cosplay, and super exclusive anime events, Anime Festival showcases Japanese culture.
Grapevine Gathering National Pty Ltd	Grapevine Music Festival: Restarting and Expanding a Regional Tour	\$473,267.00	A boutique festival, delivering an eclectic mix of Australian talent combined with world-class production and art installations.
The Trustee for Beyond The Valley Music Festival Unit Trust	Restarting 'Beyond The Valley': A World-class production in Regional Victoria	\$462,558.00	Beyond The Valley is a high-profile music and arts festival with new regional partnerships that showcases Australian artists.
Brand X Productions Incorporated	Brand X 2021 Arts and Culture Program	\$97,000.00	Delivering development and presentation opportunities that enables artists to self-produce quality experiences.
The Sydney Festival Limited	Kween Lear	\$399,409.00	A large-scale, immersive, theatrical experience using the narrative structure of King Lear.
Sand Events Pty Ltd	Beachside Country	\$240,000.00	Country music festival with street art at iconic beachside locations.

Australian String Quartet Inc.	ASQ Re-Strung: A New Model for National Engagement	\$194,986.00	The project is a new model for national engagement and “borderless touring” through online streaming of music content.
The Red Rattler Theatre Incorporated	'Future Communities'	\$271,794.00	Yearly multi-arts program including artists' residencies, mentorship programs, curated nights and forums - 15 events in total will be live and live-streamed.
SA Living Artists Inc	SALA Salon - Integrated Digital Platform	\$352,500.00	A new integrated digital platform promoting the South Australian arts sector, that will build on the hybrid digital/physical festival model developed in 2020.
TEG DAINTY PTY LTD	Bat Out of Hell The Rock Musical	\$453,400.00	Bat Out Of Hell is an award-winning stage production that has been re-imagined and transformed into an Arena Rock Musical that will premiere in Australia in 2021.
Perth International Arts Festival Ltd	Rodeo Moon	\$595,623.00	Large scale musical play by West Australian indigenous playwright and musician David Milroy. This event, presented in collaboration with Indigenous theatre company Yirra Yaakin, utilizes local state-based performers and creatives.
Watch This Inc	Into the Woods, by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine	\$98,667.00	A collection of twisted fairy tales that are relevant for audiences in the wake of a global pandemic.
Abbotsford Convent Foundation	Adaptation	\$515,220.00	Showcases internationally renowned and celebrated Australian curators and artists through a series of performances and events, enhancing community connectedness, resilience and wellbeing.
The Artists Foundation of Western Australia Limited	Creative-Connected	\$620,397.00	Program of exhibitions, workshops and arts events as well as a livestreamed festival that responds to connecting in the new normal and how Artsource and its members will embrace the future.