



Blue Mountains City Council City of the Arts Cultural Grants

Funded Projects 2016/2017



Sensory Concert

Artist - Grace Kim

The benefits of classical music in development of the brain are well documented. However, for the parents of children with sensory needs attending a live concert with their children can be a tremendous challenge and so these children are unable to benefit. This project specifically creates an environment for children's concentration and engagement by creating a 'sensory neutral' space and minimising external sensory stimulations, so that they will be able to naturally focus on the performance. In conjunction with relevant professionals this project will address issues such as: volume, lighting, temperature, size of space and number of people.

Grant \$8,500

Auspice Blue Mountains Artist Network



Culturescape Blue Mountains

Artist - Tom Taylor

3-D digitally scanned artistic animations by Blue Mountains visual artists across age groups will be projected onto the historic Carrington Hotel on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th February 2017. This project also includes a live music performance each evening to accompany the visuals. The presentation will be accompanied by the Wollemi Artisan Markets at the Cultural Centre on Friday evening. *Website:* <http://culturescapebluemountains.com/>

Grant \$8,000

Auspice Blue Mountains Artist Network



Blume Illustration Festival

Artist - Faye Wilson

A project that develops an Illustration Festival, including a month long program of exhibitions, workshops and events, culminating with the main festival weekend in May 2017 at venues such as Varuna Writers House, Blues Hotel and GalleryOne88 in Katoomba. The festival will be a showcase for the rich cast of local Blue Mountains talent, drawing in support from esteemed illustrators and related professionals from all over Australia and overseas and will also produce a print edition /e-publication.

Website: www.blumeillustrated.com.au

Grant \$8,000

Auspice Varuna Writers House



Breaking Bread

Artist - Margaret Davis

A communal theatre event in October 2017 based on particular memories of food with a team of Blue Mountains writers and performers, creating small scale productions to share with the community, initially at Wentworth Falls School of Arts. The collective experience spans three generations of professional theatre as actors, directors and writers. The project will emphasise the shared experience between performers, audience and the space in evocative spaces in the Mountains which lend themselves to simpler theatrical events, not involving expensive sets, costumes or technical effects.

Grant \$5,500

Auspice Weatherboard Theatre Company



Shakuhachi Flute & String Quartet Concert

Grant \$5,000

Artist/ Event Organiser - Bronwyn Kirkpatrick **Auspice** Blue Mountains Artist Network

The project involves the performance of three new contemporary classical works for shakuhachi and string quartet at the Performance Space, Kindlehill School, Wentworth Falls. The featured works are by award winning composers and the programme will include solo works for shakuhachi.



Changing the Story

Grant \$5,000

Project Organiser - Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre

The project will engage curators, artists and writers to develop a showcase of positive stories that impact the Blackheath community and surrounding districts (Medlow Bath, Megalong, Bell, Mount Victoria, Shipley, Mt Wilson and Mt Tomah) and grow a grassroots up cross sector solutions media network.

Website: www.banc.org.au



Inclusion

Grant \$5,000

Project Organiser - Greystanes Disability Services

This project will engage artist Clare Delaney to develop an inclusive arts education project. The project will bring together people with disabilities, artists and community members to interact with professional artists. It will result in an exhibition based on the workshop interactions at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre.

Website: www.greystanes.org.au



Blackheath Choir Festival 2016

Grant \$5,000

Project Organiser - Blackheath Rhododendron Festival

The 'Blackheath Choir Festival 2016' was held 26-28 August, 2016. This Festival took place on three stages in Blackheath, together with workshop sessions. Styles of music were varied, including sacred, classical, historic ballads, folk, pop, gospel, modern and world music.

Website: www.blackheathchoirfestival.weebly.com