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Arts enriching lives in regional Australia – Australia Council announces recipients of contemporary music and performing arts touring grants

The Australia Council has announced the latest recipients of \$2.3 million in regional touring grants delivered through Playing Australia and the Contemporary Music Touring Program.

The programs support the growth of a national arts sector accessible to audiences across Australia.

The grants will support tours spanning music, theatre and dance to more than 350 locations nationally, with 63% of performances taking place in regional and remote communities.

The investment includes \$2,176,449 delivered through Playing Australia grants to nine organisations including:

- Bendigo's Arena Theatre Company to tour *ROBOT SONG*, a new musical for children that celebrates difference and giant singing robots.
- Artback NT's tour of *the perception experiment*, a contemporary dance piece from GUTS Dance // Central Australia.
- Bangarra Dance Theatre to tour *Bennelong* to venues across regional WA and NSW.
- CDP Theatre Producers for a national tour of *The 91 Storey Treehouse*, a new play for children
- Country Arts (WA) for *The Sand Tracks 2019* remote Indigenous Contemporary Music tour
- Monkey Baa Theatre Company for a tour of Sheena Knowles' *Edward the Emu* to venues in every state and territory of Australia.
- Opera Australia for the 2021 regional tour of *Carmen* across QLD, NT, WA and NSW
- Regional Arts Victoria's *A Little Bit of Blue* to tour to remote and outer regional locations in Tasmania.
- Sydney Dance Company's 2020 Regional Tour premiere double bill

A further \$161,788 is being invested through the Contemporary Music Touring Program, supporting:

- Tasmanian acts Cotton Pony and Alfanant to tour the east coast of Australia
- Dead City Ruins regional and metropolitan tour of Australia

- Sharni Honor for *The Porch Sessions Tour* featuring Jack The Fox, Harrison Storm & Alana Wilkinson
- Jessie Lloyd's *Mission Songs Project* tour
- Mama Kin Spender's *The Sound of your Town* regional tour of community hosted evenings in small halls with local choirs
- Melbourne Ska Orchestra's national tour
- Graham Roger's tour of country music to remote outback Queensland
- Nicolas Rossiter, taking The Southeast Desert Metal band from the remote community of Santa Teresa NT on national tour
- The Vampires' tour to capital cities and regional locations

More information is available on the [Australia Council website](#).

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