



Blue Mountains City Council City of the Arts Cultural Grants

Funded Projects 2018/2019



Lanterns on the Lake

Grant \$7,500

Artist - Camille Walsh

Auspice Varuna- The National Writers House

This is an ephemeral cultural event which aims to bring the community together in an expression of gratitude and creative celebration at Wentworth Falls Lake. The project involves workshops to create many hundreds of lanterns for the evening performance as well as a range of performing artists, including an opera performance on the lake and a Slam Poetry event.



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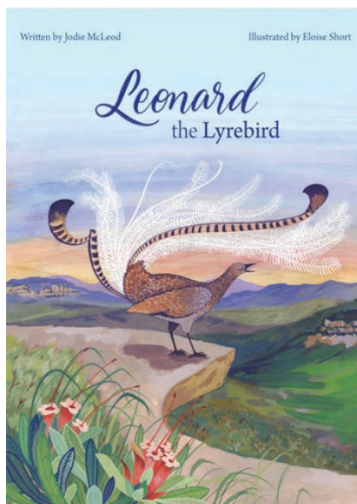
Blume Mentorship

Grant \$10,000

Artist - Faye Wilson

Auspice Blue Mountains Artist Network

In 2018, Faye Wilson will be introducing a formal mentorship program for young artists between the age of 18 and 24. Mentees will be involved in the creation of new work for exhibition and publication. In 2019 Faye will partner with Westwords & focus on facilitating practical experience for the mentees in the creative fields of design, illustration and writing. Westwords are providing work space in their Writers' rooms for mentees to work on set briefs and to access additional advice and support from their professional staff.



Leonard The Lyrebird -World Premiere Performance Grant \$10,000

Artist - Grace Kim

Auspice Blue Mountains Artist Network

In this project creative director Grace Kim will produce quality, family friendly classical music performances featuring an original composition based on a Blue Mountains children's story. Grace addresses the need in this genre to celebrate works with Australian narratives, composed and performed by Australian musicians. The story creatively lends itself to a musical interpretation that connects audiences with the landscape and animals of the Blue Mountains. There will be several performances at Scenic World, the venue partner.



Yindyang

Artist - Jo Clancy

Grant \$8,750

Auspice Mountains Outreach Community Service

Wiradjuri Dance Artist Jo Clancy will create a First Nations Australian and Canadian dance and film installation with Metis, Cree, Mohawk Native Canadian film maker Gregory Coyes in collaboration with Darug singer song writer Jacinta Tobin, Wiradjuri Videographer Jamie Murray; the Wagana Aboriginal Dancers and Cultural Mentor Aunty Carol Cooper, Darug and Gundungurra Elder. The work will be inspired by River flow and Indigenous people's shared connection to water passed down from generations.



Flora/Sensa

Artist - Saskia Everingham

Grant \$9,200

Auspice Blue Mountains Artist Network

Saskia Everingham will curate an extended exhibition at Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mt Tomah with ten established women textile artists from the Greater Blue Mountains. The theme encompasses personal responses to flowers experienced at a peak and ordinary moments in life: weddings, funerals or wild waratahs on a bush walk. Interaction will also be encouraged by visitors writing their own flower experiences on paper and "planting" them in an origami garden at the Visitors Centre. Additional satellite events include workshops, demonstrations and artist talks throughout the event.



Eating Pomegranates!

Artist - Margaret Davis

Grant \$8,732

Auspice Weatherboard Theatre Company

'*Eating Pomegranates*' will be written and performed by a group of professional mountains playwrights and actors. The work is a response to how we adapt to the inevitable changes in our bodies over time: some expected, others sudden and catastrophic. The performers (4 actors, 1 dancer and 1 musician) are aged 23-63, and while their individual experiences are explored in the work, they will not be its only content. The piece will be underpinned by myths from many cultures about the unpredictability of our existence and the one way path over the threshold between life and afterlife (beware the pomegranate seeds!).



City of the Arts Young Writers Program

Organisation - Varuna - The National Writers House

Grant \$5,100

This project aims to inspire and enable talented young people from across the Blue Mountains to express themselves using the written form. It is an extension and adaptation of the successful 'City of the Arts Young Writers Program 2017. Masterclasses will teach young people about the craft of writing, including narrative, voice, plot and characterisation, through writing exercises and discussions. In partnership with the Mountains Youth Services Team, 'Poetry under the Stars' and the poetry circle event at Varuna Open Day.