

AINSLIE AND GORMAN ARTISTIC PROGRAM

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres is now inviting expressions of interest to be part of our creative program.

OVERVIEW

Our twin arts centres, Ainslie and Gorman, host the national capital's largest collective of professional artists and arts companies a stone's throw from the city centre. Ainslie and Gorman offer opportunities to create, present and enjoy art, to network and collaborate, to teach and learn, and to foster critical discussion and the meeting of creative minds.

We believe that art thrives in a dynamic social environment. To flourish, artists need more than just facilities or funding: they need stimulus, example and informed criticism from their peers, mentors, rivals and audiences. Communities, in turn, want to be involved in a genuine conversation about how and why art is made, and interact directly with the people who make it. Our aim is to cultivate inspiring places for these creative encounters to happen.

Both Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres have recently been revived through the first stage of a comprehensive program of capital works, which has refurbished several of our venues. The works have sensitively restored heritage character while prioritising contemporary use of the spaces, with installation of professional quality sound and lighting, digital capability and modern furnishings. Explore our venue hire page www.agac.com.au/ for an outline of the spaces and their potential.

We are committed to fully realising the potential of these newly renovated spaces and are inviting expressions of interest for creative programming opportunities at both centres.

PRINCIPLES

- Across our creative programming we seek to support emerging and established artists that engage with audiences to create shared cultural experiences.
- We are committed to producing and presenting a truly accessible and diverse program of art for our time, promoting critical discussion and debate about the arts, culture and society.
- While respecting traditional disciplines, we believe that the most exciting art being produced now transcends boundaries between disciplines and values collaboration and innovation – this is the art we want to see at Ainslie and Gorman.
- We know the ACT is full of artists practising at the highest level, and who are committed to excellence. We seek to support and showcase that talent.

- We acknowledge the cultural diversity present in the ACT and wish to promote and present art that arises from and engages with diverse perspectives.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Artists are not limited by boundaries and neither are we.
- We are inviting expressions of interest from a broad range of creative practitioners and communities drawn from the fields of writing and literature, music, visual art, installation, dance, performance, live art, experimental work, community-engaged practice and interdisciplinary work, to name only a few.
- We are open to works in development, one-off events or series, longer-term projects, workshops, discussions, forums and professional development opportunities.
- We see programming as a joint venture and will be looking for artists who want to work collaboratively with our Creative Producers and production team to create high quality events and projects.
- Events and projects that tap into the wealth of artistic diversity and excellence among our resident organisations and individual artists are encouraged.
- For interstate or international artists we are looking for new perspectives and approaches that can be shared with local artists either through collaborative projects or skills sharing, and we also offer residential accommodation through our Visiting Artists Program.
- Last but not least, we are interested in innovative ideas and projects that engage fully with contemporary culture and that offer new opportunities for audience to engage in shared cultural experiences.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- We are offering a unique opportunity to work with our Creative Producers to present work as part of an ongoing program of events at both centres.
- We offer a range of high quality venues for development, rehearsal and performance.
- Our broad networks offer access to a diverse, engaged and curious audience.
- We offer marketing and promotional support and expertise.

- We are open to exploring a wide variety of partnership models, as well as opportunities for independently produced events that receive marketing and production support from our staff.
- We can also provide auspicing services and assistance with grant applications for project partnerships.

HOW TO APPLY

There is no formal application deadline. Instead, we encourage you to contact our Creative Producer, Adelaide Rief (adelaide@agac.com.au), to make an appointment to discuss your ideas no matter what stage of development they're at.

If you already have a fully formed concept to propose, we invite you to submit an expression of interest online [via agac.submittable.com/submit](https://via.agac.submittable.com/submit).