



Performing Arts  
Funding Program

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## RMIT Link Arts and Culture Performing Arts Funding

RMIT Link Arts and Culture are proud to introduce a new Performing Arts funding program. Small grants will be awarded to individuals or groups for creative exploration and development projects, and for the facilitation of extracurricular student run productions at RMIT University. By leaving the 'boring stuff' to us, and offering the use of our extensive resources, students can focus on the realisation of their projects.

Our aim is to involve students as active participants and makers in the performing arts.

Applications for up to **\$500** are open until the allotted funds (**\$5000** for 2016) are exhausted.

The purpose of the funding is to encourage students to act on their ideas by eliminating some of the financial limitations that bringing independent theatre to life can bring.

It is a unique opportunity to:

- Expand networks and promotional reach
- Utilise mentors
- Enjoy access to rehearsal and performance spaces and resources including props, costumes and equipment.
- Introduce students to like-minded peers for the sharing of skills and cross-art partnerships
- Develop a project with assistance from the conceptual stage, all the way to performance.

# Performance and Development Funding

Do you have an idea that you'd like to develop? You may wish to bring in a professional to collaborate with or mentor e.g. a director, musician, puppeteer, acrobat, visual or spatial artist etc. You may need equipment or resources to get your project going.

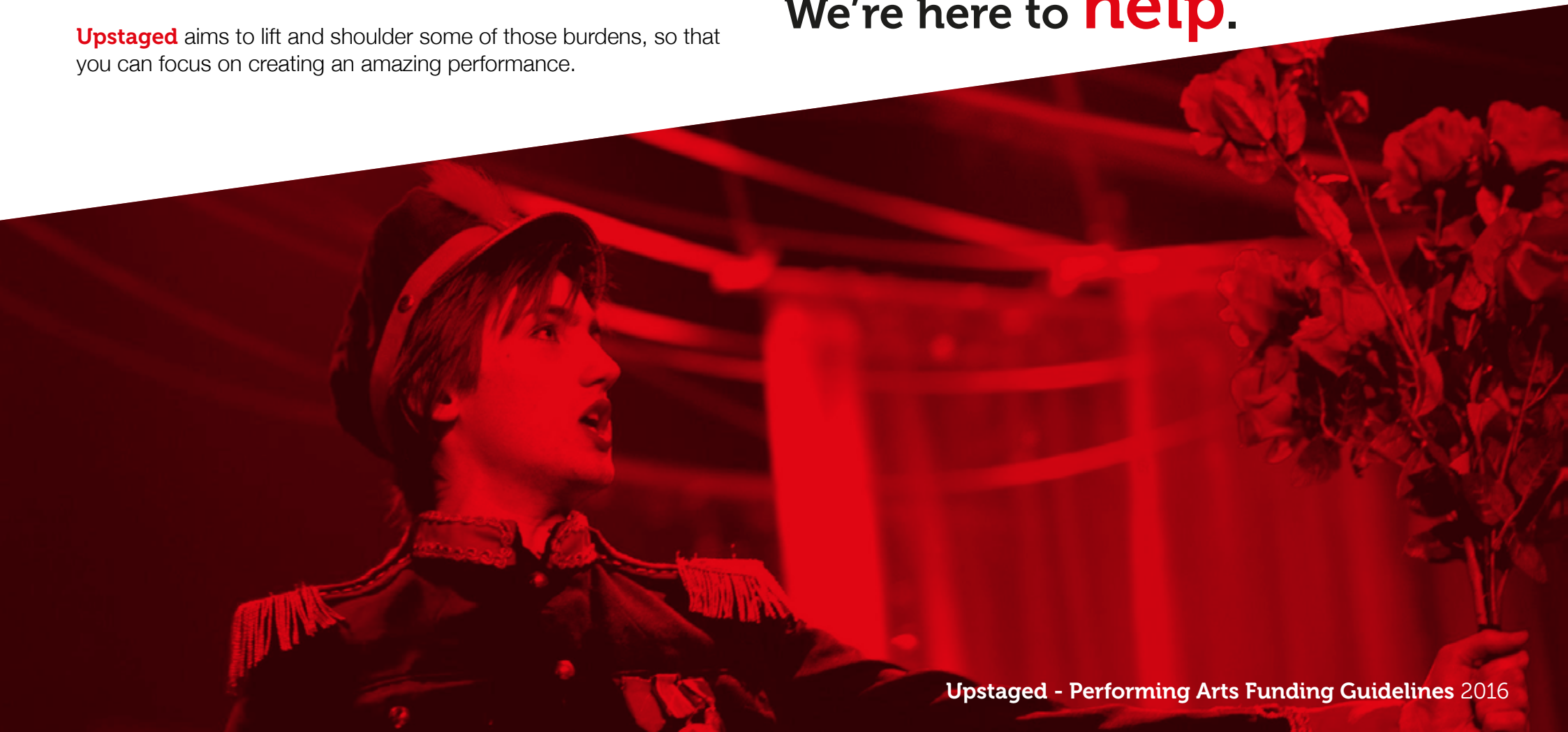
Putting on theatre is an exhaustive process. There are many factors completely separate to the creative processes that need to be taken into consideration.

**Upstaged** aims to lift and shoulder some of those burdens, so that you can focus on creating an amazing performance.

Want to workshop your writing/project with some willing participants? We can help organise a table reading by bringing together actors or an audience to carrying your words out into the airwaves.

Tell us about your performance idea, let us know what you need assistance with, and use our established resources to your benefit.

## We're here to **help**.



# What **else** will you be getting? <sup>3</sup>

**RMIT Link Arts and Culture can assist you in a number of ways to find the best approach in getting your project off the ground.**

- Access to our props and wardrobe facilities
- Rehearsal and theatre spaces that you can book and use (we will cover hire, technician, and security fees when applicable)
- Access to equipment such as amplifiers, microphones and PA systems
- Covering modest ancilliary costs such as photocopying and documentation
- An introduction to our extensive network – audiences and keen as mustard creatives
- Internal RMIT communications and promotion
- RMIT Link Arts and Cultures social media – Facebook/Twitter (over 5000 followers),
- Arts Magnet Email (over 10,000 subscribers)
- Potential inclusion in RMIT's student run magazine Catalyst (access to over 60,000 students)
- Listing on RMIT website

# Eligibility

## To be eligible for funding:

- Your application must demonstrate **Artistic/Cultural Merit** - it is a strong project that challenges, develops or adds value to the artistic/cultural community within RMIT and beyond.
- The project must be an opportunity for **Practice Development** - it provides an opportunity for students to realise career, artistic or cultural advancement in their chosen area of creative endeavour.
- The performance/project must be **viable** - applicants must be able to deliver the proposed activity and achieve the described outcomes.  
*This includes timelines/production schedules, project budget and the provision of quotes.*
- At least 50% of the people involved in the proposed project must be currently enrolled students in any RMIT University course.
- Proposed activities must be extracurricular and not form part of any applicant's academic assessment.
- Individuals or groups are eligible for one grant per year.
- Funding will not be provided for recipients' own time/wages. Only in exceptional circumstances can the funding be used to purchase equipment. Any equipment purchases must be approved by the Senior Arts Coordinator. In such case, the equipment will be owned by RMIT and not the recipients.

# Application Process

## Here's how it all works:

*Please note that funding is highly competitive and while an application may be assessed as meeting all requirements, there is no guarantee of success. Previous funding does not commit RMIT Link Arts and Culture to further funding of that applicant or activity.*

- Application forms can be completed on the **RMIT** website in the **RMIT Link Arts and Culture** Performing Arts Section.
- Whilst there, peruse our other useful resources and download support documents.
- Applications must include detailed answers to questions asked relating to rationale, viability, approach to the work, project timeline, short biographies of all key personnel including applicants and a budget that specifies exactly what the grant money will be spent on.
- If the application involves the participation of professional personnel, written confirmation of their agreement to participate must be provided.
- Support materials should be compiled into a single PDF and submitted via wetransfer.com to [linkarts@rmit.edu.au](mailto:linkarts@rmit.edu.au)
- You will receive notice as to the success of your application within two weeks of submission. We may need to contact you for further information or clarification regarding your application. If you are not successful, you may apply for funding again, however any issues raised in your initial application must have been addressed.
- If successful, you will receive your funding via your nominated bank account.
- The project must be commenced within six months of approval.
- Upon completion of the project, an acquittal must be filled out within one month.

Any questions relating to the application process may be addressed to Ben Andrews – [ben.andrews@rmit.edu.au](mailto:ben.andrews@rmit.edu.au)

# Happy **Making!**

**For further **information** do not hesitate to:**

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