



MERRIGONGX

ARTISTS' PROGRAM

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Image: Nick Vagne in Fledgling 2020. Photo by Brigid Bohackyi

MERRIGONGX 2020 REBOOT

INDEPENDENT ARTIST PROJECT CALLOUT

MERRIGONGX is our annual artists' program. It focuses on supporting artists to take creative risks. MERRIGONGX places artists and their practice at the centre of our community. From in-house creative developments to full-blown public presentations of new work, and everything in between, MERRIGONGX provides independent artists with financial, technical, marketing and artistic resources.

Our region's artists, like those across Australia, have suffered massive disruption due to the COVID-19 crisis. With this in mind, Merrigong has undertaken a reboot of its MERRIGONGX program to allow for repurposed funds to be made available for a callout for new projects from independent artists and companies.

\$24,000 is being made available for new projects from artists residing in Wollongong, or with strong links to the Illawarra region. Up to 12 new performance project grants of \$2,000 - \$4,000 are available.

There is no specific criteria for these projects; they might be a small-scale project that can be delivered online during the lockdown, the development of something that can be performed to an outdoor or small, socially-distanced audience when restrictions on venues begin to lift, or the first development stage of a work for further development and performance in the future.

Complete the attached application form and email it to artistic@merrigong.com.au with the subject line: **MERRIGONGX 2020 Reboot Independent Artist Project Application from <Your Name>**

We are committed to providing an inclusive culture where all our artists are valued and recognised for their unique qualities, ideas and perspectives. We encourage applications from First Nations artists, people with disability, people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, mature age artists and LGBTQI people.

Applications close midnight, Tuesday 9 June 2020 and projects will be informed of outcome by Friday 19 June, 2020. All projects need to be completed by Friday 30 October, 2020

Please note: all projects submitted remain the property of the independent artist/group, whether or not they are selected. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact:

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INDEPENDENT ARTIST PROJECT APPLICATION

ABOUT YOU

Name:

Address:

ABN:

Phone:

Email:

Company or Artist bio (300 word limit):

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Project name:

Choose the categories that best describe your project (*select all that apply*):

Theatre/Performance Music/Gig Dance Visual Art/Exhibitions Spoken Word

Other (*please specify*)

Please provide a brief description of the project (100 word limit):

What are the main outcomes of the project, including its delivery (100 word limit)?

e.g. digital / work in development / community engagement / outdoor, site specific

When addressing the below questions please keep in mind Merrigong’s mission and artistic rationale

Merrigong’s artistic team, in selecting works for development and presentation favours works where:

- The artist/group is local or has a local connection;
- The work is new;
- The work addresses Merrigong’s Artistic Rationale

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Please provide a brief project plan and timeline on how you will structure your project (300 word limit):

Please note that all projects need to be delivered by Oct 30, 2020

Please list any previous or future seasons, developments, funding or support for this project (300 word limit):

Please list the key artists involved and their role/s in the project: