



National Mentoring Program for
Young and Emerging Artists

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PROPEL YOUTH ARTS WA HELPS YOUNG ARTISTS TO *JUMP* START THEIR CAREERS

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S PEAK BODY FOR YOUTH ARTS ANNOUNCED AS STATE
DELIVERY PARTNER FOR NEW MENTORING PROGRAM**

Are you pursuing a career in the arts? Propel Youth Arts WA now offers young people from Western Australia the opportunity to participate in JUMP, a new national mentoring program for young and emerging artists.

JUMP is the first program funded by the Australia Council for the Arts that supports young arts practitioners who demonstrate excellence, commitment and drive to work with an established professional of their choice.

Successful applicants receive funding of up to \$5,000 for a creative project to be achieved through a one-on-one relationship with their chosen mentor. The program also provides access to professional skills development, online profiling, showcasing of project outcomes and opportunities to engage with national artistic networks.

In 2010, eight mentorship places of up to 10-months are available for Western Australian artists aged 18 to 30 and in the first five years of their career. More mentorships will be available in 2011 and 2012.

Libby Christie, Executive Director of Arts Funding for the Australia Council for the Arts, acknowledges that getting established as a professional artist is challenging.

"There is no one better to help a young artist establish themselves than a successful arts professional. We are excited about the JUMP program as it will create real career prospects for young artists and help nurture the future of our next generation of arts leaders."

JUMP is managed nationally by Youth Arts Queensland (YAQ) and will be delivered in 2010 in collaboration with inaugural state delivery partners Carclew Youth Arts and Propel Youth Arts WA.

Sonja Basic, General Manager of Propel Youth Arts WA, said that the company is thrilled to be one of the first JUMP program partners.

"It's exciting news for WA to be one of the first states to participate in a national program of this nature."

"JUMP is a fantastic opportunity for young and emerging artists across Western Australia to access resources and one-on-one skills development through the mentorship process."

"We are looking forward to working with our local community to get behind this initiative and create sustainable long-term opportunities in the WA arts industry."

Young people interested to apply for JUMP are invited to attend an information session held at the King Street Arts Centre on Tuesday 2 February.

For more details, application forms and FAQs, visit www.jumpmentoring.com.au. Artists from a range of backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applications close Friday, 26 February 2010.

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What: Information sessions for JUMP National Mentoring Program for Young and Emerging Artists
When: Tuesday 2 February, 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Where: Kings Street Art Centre, between Murray Street and King Street, Perth
To book: Email Sally Braidwood, Program Manager on sally@propel.org.au or contact the Propel Youth Arts WA Office on (08) 9328 5855
For more information: www.jumpmentoring.com.au