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What: Propel Youth Arts WA ArtsCAMP 2009
When: July 6 – 10 2009. Applications close May 22 2009

Connecting Young Creatives with Perth's Arts Scene

Propel Youth Arts WA is calling for creative young West Australians to apply for **ArtsCAMP 2009**, a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore and contribute to Perth's arts community.

It is widely reported that young creatives are leaving Perth due to a lack of opportunities. As **Western Australia's peak body for youth arts**, Propel Youth Arts WA is dedicated to creating opportunities for young people to engage in the arts. Propel encourages young people to connect and contribute to the arts and cultural scene in WA, through a range of dynamic, youth-driven programs across all art-forms.

ArtsCAMP, proudly supported by the **Foundation for Young Australians**, is one such program, designed to connect young West Australians with their urban arts community. General Manager Sonja Basic says

"We are thrilled to present ArtsCAMP – an incredibly unique arts experience and rewarding opportunity for young people from all across WA."

The camp will be jam packed with **hands-on workshops** with practising artists, tours of arts spaces in and around Perth, events including gigs, theatre shows, exhibitions and art industry talks. Campers will be exposed to **contemporary dance, theatre, circus, film, opera, contemporary music** and everything in between.

Camp activities include a massive urban and street art project in the inner city. This will give campers the opportunity to play around with stencils, free-hand aerosol and ultimately leave their mark on their city! This workshop will be taken by prolific Perth street arts collective – **Abnormal Design**.

Arts Campers will also get the unique opportunity to learn how to use a professional camera with established and emerging photographers from the celebrated **Home Is Where My Heart Is Project**. For those wanting to run away and join the circus, **WA Circus School** will be running workshops in the Old Customs House. Campers will learn the art of juggling, hula hooping, tumbling and much more!

ArtsCAMP 2009 will be held from **July 6 – July 10**, the first week of the July school holidays. **Applications** are open to **ALL young West Australians aged 15 – 17 years**. With generous support from **Healthway**, transport and accommodation costs and camp fees will be paid in full for ALL regional campers. **Financial bursaries** will also be made available to metro-based arts campers.

ArtsCAMP Registration Packs can be downloaded from the Propel Youth Arts WA website at www.propel.org.au or by contacting Susannah Day on (08) 9328 5855. For all media enquiries contact Communications and Marketing Officer Lisa Wallace on (08) 9328 5855 or lisa@propel.org.au.

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