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CALLING YOUNG WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS FOR 2012 JUMP NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

Propel Youth Arts WA invites young and emerging artists from across Western Australia to make their artistic match, and apply for the 2012 JUMP national mentoring program from 22 August 2011.

Funded by the Australia Council for the Arts, JUMP identifies and promotes excellence in artistic practice for artists aged 18 – 30, who are in the first five years of their professional career.

Potential applicants should identify a leading arts professional of their choice to help them accelerate their career through a one-on-one mentoring relationship.

Propel Youth Arts WA delivers the JUMP program in Western Australia, providing valuable local support for young artists.

Propel Youth Arts WA is the peak body for youth arts in Western Australia dedicated to creating opportunities for young people to engage in the arts.

Propel Youth Arts WA Executive Director Monique Douglas said the JUMP program is one of its kind in Australia and the benefits of the unique approach is proving to be a stepping stone for young artists to embark on the next stage of their careers.

“It’s been extremely rewarding to see the fruition of young people’s careers. Since their involvement with the program, musician Elliot Hughes has co-formed the 15 piece jazz band Horizon Art Orchestra, comedian Bonnie Davies has performed her comedy show at the Melbourne International Arts Festival and Edinburgh Fringe Festival and dancer Scott Ewen will be performing a solo with the Australian Dance Theatre’s November season of First Draft.”

“JUMP’s one-on-one mentoring approach is a win-win situation for both the mentee and mentor to share ideas and experiences, and to create work. Outcomes from this program can only add to Australia’s rich cultural fabric,” she said.

As Australia’s largest artist mentoring program, in 2012 JUMP offers the highest number of places yet, with up to 80 mentorships available nationally.

Applications for the 2012 JUMP program close 28 October 2011.

Full details including updated FAQs and 2012 application forms can be found on the JUMP website www.jumpmentoring.com.au.

JUMP, the National Mentoring Program for Young and Emerging Artists, is supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, the Australian Government’s arts funding and advisory body, through the Opportunities for Young and Emerging Artists initiative. JUMP is managed nationally by Youth Arts Queensland in collaboration with State and Territory Delivery Partners including Carclew Youth Arts (SA); Propel Youth Arts WA (WA); CarriageWorks (NSW); Melbourne Fringe (VIC); Canberra Contemporary Art Space (ACT); Corrugated Iron (NT) and Contemporary Art Spaces Tasmania (TAS).

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