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YOUNG CREATIVE QUEENSLANDERS RECOGNISED AS PART OF Q150 CELEBRATIONS

*Youth Arts Queensland launches unique publication profiling young artists
from across the state*

One person can make a difference, to individuals, communities and the State. On Wednesday, 18 November 2009 **Youth Arts Queensland** launched a unique publication called *Young People Creating Queensland* at Brisbane's new arts hub, The Fort. The project is funded through the Q150 Community Funding Program and recognises the difference young people make in their local communities every day through their creativity. To get involved and find out more, visit www.youngpeoplecreatingqld.org.au.

The launch attracted over 200 guests, some travelling from as far as Gladstone, Mount Tamborine and Caboolture. **Grace Grace MP**, Labor State Member for Brisbane Central, represented The Premier of Queensland, The Hon Anna Bligh MP and had the honour of revealing the online and print publication. Featured artists on the night included Philip Eames from Redland City, Caboolture based performance artist Kate Therkelsen, solo musician Daniele Constance aka Connie Choo, visual artist Josh Rufford, and video artist Louise Bennet from Brisbane.

Young People Creating Queensland profiles over 150 young creative people from across Queensland and includes photographers, actors, painters, writers, jewellery and fashion designers, graphic artists and media makers as well as dedicated arts workers, cultural producers and social entrepreneurs.

Young people featured in the publication said:

*'It is a **fantastic idea** and I'd love to be a part of it.'*

*'Thank you for this **opportunity** and for giving us and our fellow artists a chance **to get noticed**.'*

*'I think it is a **great initiative** and a **great thing for young creatives in Queensland**.'*

*'Thank you for continuing to provide the youth of Queensland with opportunities to excel in the community and **raise awareness of the many and varied projects that we undertake**.'*

*'I would really like to **be a part** of your project for Q150! I think that it will be a **great publication** and will promote it wherever I can!'*

If you are a young creative of 30 years and under from Queensland and you missed out on being included in the print and online publication, you can still get involved. The *Young People Creating Queensland* website can help you build your profile, get connected, gain exposure and find like-minded people in your area. Visit www.youngpeoplecreatingqld.org.au and submit your profile today.

Young People Creating Queensland is a Youth Arts Queensland project that has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Q150 Community Funding Program and Arts Queensland. For more information, contact Youth Arts Queensland on (07) 3252 5115 or email info@yaq.org.au.

Youth Arts Queensland (YAQ) is Queensland's peak body for children and young people in the arts. YAQ is a membership-based organisation that supports youth arts workers and organisations, freelancers and council staff working in and around youth arts, teachers and tertiary education providers, the wider arts sector, funding bodies and policy makers in youth arts related issues. YAQ offers professional development opportunities to young artists and arts workers through the support program Transit Lounge, the Navigation Arts Business Training program, and the mentoring initiatives YAMP and JUMP.

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