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YAQ appoints National Programs Manager

Anna Jones to join Queensland's peak body for children and young people in the arts

Julie Woodward, Chief Executive Officer of Youth Arts Queensland (YAQ), today announced the appointment of **Anna Jones as YAQ's new National Programs Manager**.

Anna comes to Queensland's peak body for children and young people in the arts with eight years professional experience in the Queensland arts industry. Anna started her career in the youth arts sector as Administrator for Backbone Youth Arts, before moving on to larger arts organisations including The Queensland Orchestra, Queensland Theatre Company and Queensland Ballet where she has worked in a number of corporate development and project management positions. Anna holds a Bachelor of Business (Management) and a Bachelor of Arts (Media Studies) from the Queensland University of Technology.

"We are delighted to have Anna join YAQ as the new National Programs Manager," says YAQ's CEO **Julie Woodward**.

"Anna has extensive experience in program development and stakeholder management which is crucial for this position. This is a new role which will oversee the development and growth of JUMP - the new national mentoring program for young, emerging artists which is part of the Australia Council's Opportunities for Young and Emerging Artists (OYEA) initiative."

"Over the next four years, YAQ will receive \$2.35 million dollars to deliver JUMP nationally. A significant part of Anna's role will be to build on our existing partnerships with Propel Youth Arts WA and Carclew Youth Arts (SA) and identify new funding and delivery partners in other states and territories."

Anna, who is similarly excited about joining YAQ as National Programs Manager, says: "I'm thoroughly looking forward to joining the team at YAQ in preparation for JUMP's official launch in early 2010."

"YAQ has a strong track-record of delivering arts mentoring programs. I aim to strengthen and significantly expand the organisation's existing mentoring networks and to develop JUMP into a nationally and internationally recognised mentoring model for young, emerging artists."

Anna will be commencing in her new role on Monday, 16 November 2009 and can be contacted via email npm@yaq.org.au or phone (07) 3252 5115.

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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