



National Mentoring Program for Young and Emerging Artists

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CALLING ARTISTS FOR 2011 JUMP NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

Youth Arts Queensland (YAQ) invites artists from across Australia to apply for the 2011 *JUMP* national mentoring program for young and emerging artists, when applications open on 30 August.

As Australia's largest artist mentoring program, *JUMP* identifies and promotes excellence in artistic practice amongst artists aged 18 – 30, who are in the first five years of their professional practice.

Funded by the Australia Council for the Arts, *JUMP* supports artists in developing a one-on-one relationship with an industry leader of their choice, and working with them on a funded creative project.

The program also provides access to national industry networks, online profiling and professional development opportunities.

Julie Woodward, CEO of Youth Arts Queensland, urges artists from all fields; dance, literature, music, theatre and community, Indigenous, hybrid and visual arts; to find out what *JUMP* has to offer.

"Whether artists are working side by side with their mentors in the studio, or sharing feedback internationally via SKYPE, geography is no boundary. We invite metro and regionally based artists alike to identify their ideal mentor and apply for *JUMP*."

Building on the success of *JUMP*'s inaugural 2010 program, up to 50 mentorships are available nationally in 2011.

"We have seen a significant level of artistic excellence within the 2010 cohort of *JUMP* mentees, and we are expecting even more applications of the same calibre for the 2011 program," said Julie Woodward.

Applications for the 2011 *JUMP* program close 22 October 2010.

JUMP is managed nationally by Youth Arts Queensland in collaboration with state delivery partners to ensure the program's responsiveness to the local needs of young artists. State delivery partners are; Carclew Youth Arts in South Australia www.carclew.com.au, Propel Youth Arts WA www.propel.org.au, CarriageWorks in New South Wales www.carriageworks.com.au, and Melbourne Fringe in Victoria www.melbournefringe.com.au.

Full *JUMP* details, including information session dates, application forms, and FAQs, can be found at www.jumpmentoring.com.au.

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