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YOUNG PEOPLE CREATING QUEENSLAND ARTIST CALL OUT

Youth Arts Queensland seeking 150 young artist profiles from across Queensland

As part of the Q150 celebrations, Youth Arts Queensland is developing a unique publication called **Young People Creating Queensland**. The project will celebrate the creativity of young Queenslanders and the contribution they make to their local communities by profiling 150 emerging young artists from across the state.

This is a unique opportunity for anybody involved in the arts and creative industries to build their profile, gain exposure, and get recognised for their work in their local community. *Young People Creating Queensland* will showcase the diversity of young people and their creative practices no matter where they live.

"Through our work over the past few years, we identified the need to increase awareness of young artists and their work in the wider community," says Cate Farrar, Chief Executive Officer of Youth Arts Queensland.

"There are so many inspiring young people out there who organise artistic gigs and events that contribute to Queensland's cultural life. Too often their talent and achievements go unnoticed."

Young People Creating Queensland will be a hard-copy publication produced by YAQ, providing a snap shot of current youth arts practice. The publication will be accompanied by an online directory of young Queensland artists, their projects and supporters which will provide an overview of past and present youth arts and cultural development practice in Queensland fostering ongoing exchange and dialogue and future collaborative practice.

Youth Arts Queensland is seeking profiles of professional and aspiring artists and creative types alike, as well as profiles of creative entrepreneurs and change makers for inclusion in the publication. So if you live in Queensland, are 30 years of age and under, create your own art and use creativity to improve life in your local community we want to hear from you. Artists from all cultural backgrounds, regional and remote areas are encouraged to apply.

To enter, go to the Youth Arts Queensland website www.yaq.org.au and download an expression of interest form. Alternatively, if you know a young person who should be featured in the publication, you can nominate them. A nomination form is also available from our website. Submissions are being accepted until Friday, 14 August 2009.

Youth Arts Queensland is a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation. YAQ represents and promotes a diverse and thriving youth arts sector in Queensland. From festivals to multi-arts workshops, performances and exhibitions, young people from a diversity of places, cultures, and communities are participating in and creating their own arts and cultural experiences.

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What: **Young People Creating Queensland – Artist Call Out**

When: Submissions are due by Friday 14 August 2009

How: To download an expression of interest or nomination form, go to www.yaq.org.au
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