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## YOUNG ARTISTS, STRUT YOU STUFF!

*Micro-grants for young Queensland artists help create art in local community*

Are you aged between 12 and 26 years with a great idea for an art project? Do you and your friends want to hire a venue for your next gig? Or do you want to print flyers to promote your upcoming exhibition but don't know how to pay for it?

Grants of up to \$1,000 are currently available to young Queenslanders that are producing art in their local community. Young artists and arts collectives have until May this year to apply to Youth Arts Queensland for a **strut your stuff** grant, a quick-response funding initiative, which can be used to pay for arts activities that are happening within the next three months.

Artists from a variety of arts backgrounds are invited to apply: dancers, musicians, visual or new media artists, actors, performers, community artists, curators or arts workers. Even cross-art form projects and events are eligible such as festivals or events that allow young artists to produce their own art. The funding can be used to cover costs for art supplies, printing and promotion, venue or equipment hire. The grant does not cover the purchase of equipment or artist wages, however.

**Youth Arts Queensland Chief Executive Officer Cate Farrar** says '**strut your stuff** has been designed to encourage young people to realise their creative ideas and often it's that little bit of extra money young people need to make these ideas happen. This is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to get funding in an accessible way and get their art event off the ground.'

Two artists who have already received a **strut your stuff** grant are Rachele Jones, 21, from Norman Park and Anna Migdalski 26, from Birkdale. Rachele and Anna are two young curators who organise visual arts exhibitions around Brisbane featuring works of other young artists. They used their **strut your stuff** grant towards their show 'January' which was on display at Joshua Levi Galleries in Woollongabba 8-28 January this year.

'We managed the in's and out's of the show so that the artists could concentrate on their art and get it in the public eye, in a professional and affordable way, early in their career' says Jones. 'Receiving the grant enabled us to pay for printing our exhibition flyers, cover some of the launch costs, buy bluetac to attach the didactic statement to the gallery walls, pay for additional expenses such as phone and internet, all of which we used to put the event together.'

**strut your stuff** is an initiative of arts culture + me, the Queensland Government's action plan for children and young people in the arts. Funding is provided by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and this program is managed by Youth Arts Queensland in the support of regional partners.

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What: **strut your stuff micro-grants for young Queensland artists**  
Where: state-wide  
When: Applications accepted any time until May 2009  
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