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YOUNG REGIONAL ARTISTS AND ARTSWORKERS GET NEW DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Youth Arts Queensland announce Starburst Regional Mentoring Program

Applications are now open for *Starburst*, a new Regional Mentoring Program for young people living in regional and remote Queensland who are interested in the arts and creative activities.

Young people aged between 15 and 30 have until Friday, 30 April to apply for up to \$2000 each to get a creative project off the ground and receive the support of a local mentor. Eligible artforms and arts practices include but are not limited to music, visual arts, craft, writing, drama, dance, film, new media, putting on events and gigs or organising your own arts event.

Julie Woodward, CEO of Youth Arts Queensland says: "Through *Starburst*, young people from anywhere in Queensland can find out about careers in the arts and creative industries, plan and organise a creative project and be mentored by an experienced artist."

"*Starburst* will allow participants to connect with like-minded people and get in touch with organisations like Youth Arts Queensland that can support them during their mentorship and beyond."

Starburst is managed by Youth Arts Queensland, Queensland's peak body for children and young people in the arts. To provide the best possible support, Youth Arts Queensland is supported by regional partners including Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and La Luna Youth Arts in North Queensland, Crossroad Arts in the Mackay region and Human Ventures in Longreach, Blackall, Tambo, Barcaldine and Isisford areas.

Young people interested in applying are encouraged to visit the Youth Arts Queensland website www.yaq.org.au/starburst or phone the Youth Arts Queensland office on (07) 3252 5115 for more information.

Starburst is an initiative of *arts culture + me*, the Queensland Government's Children and Young People in the Arts Action Plan 2008/11, and *artbeat*, the Queensland Government's Regional Arts and Culture Strategy 2010-2014.

Starburst is funded by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and managed by the state's peak body for young people in the art – Youth Arts Queensland – in collaboration with regional partners Crossroad Arts, Human Ventures, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and La Luna Youth Arts.

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