



## Media release

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### Playing Australia to bring arts performances to audiences in regional and remote communities

Creative Australia will invest over \$1.6 million to support 10 projects through the Regional Performing Arts Touring program (Playing Australia).

The investment will bring high quality performing arts to audiences in 79 unique locations, including regional and remote communities across Australia.

The investment supports a broad range of performing arts, from contemporary dance to digital theatre and choir, ensuring communities outside of major cities can access and engage with diverse arts and culture.

Executive Director of Arts Investment Alice Nash said:

“This investment through Playing Australia will bring quality performing arts experiences to audiences, wherever they live. This important investment will help deliver the aims of the Australian Government’s National Cultural Policy *Revive: A Place for every story, a story for every place*, bringing compelling and dynamic contemporary works to more Australians right across the country.”

#### Highlights include:

**Australian Dance Theatre** - a significant national tour of its latest work *Marrow*, under the artistic leadership of Daniel Riley.

**Opera Queensland** – a two-month national tour of *Are You Lonesome Tonight*, building on the success and strong demand from previous touring and engagement from regional choirs.

**The Threshold Centre** – bringing its digital theatre experience ‘Glow’ to parents and carers of newborns in regional Australia, with an innovative approach to environmentally sustainable touring.

**Woodfordia Inc** – bringing its highly successful Festival of Small Halls tour to communities in rural Tasmania.

**Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir** – a series of concert performances across four States and the ACT, presenting the critically acclaimed work *Arrkanala Lyilhitjika*.

**Ensemble Limited** – a national tour of Melanie Tait's work *The Queen's Nanny*, offering a contemporary Australian perspective on a true royal scandal, to 17 venues across Australia.

More information about Playing Australia can be found on Creative Australia's [website](#).

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