

\$50,000 Supports Young & Emerging Artists in SA

The second round of Helpmann Academy grants for 2007 will provide \$50,000 for visual and performing arts projects by young and emerging South Australian artists. 18 new visual and performing arts, national and international projects by young and emerging artists in South Australia will be supported by the grants.

A grant will support Adelaide Centre for the Arts student Anna Austin to travel to Japan in January to visit Mezzotint artist and develop her printmaking practice. She will work with Mezzotint artist Katsunori Hamanishi, one of the world's masters of the technique.

Flinders Drama graduate with honours in directing, Corey McMahon will receive funding to travel to the UK to take up a secondment as Assistant Director with Paines Plough Theatre. Paines Plough is one of the UK's leading theatre companies focused on developing and presenting new works for the stage. Corey plans to return to Adelaide and share his new theatre skills and knowledge, producing new works locally and nationally.

Working with the Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts, the Helpmann Academy will support a week-long emerging writers workshop as part of Artists' Week. The workshop is aimed at students, recent graduates and emerging writers who have a particular interest in contemporary visual art culture. It will provide an opportunity for the participants to work with and learn from established writers and critics on methods for discussing contemporary art and developing a critical voice.

Natalie Nowak, a student from the Elder Conservatorium of Music, will receive funds to travel to the US in 2008 to receive lessons from flautists in New York, Louisiana and Boston. The lessons will give Natalie an insight into American flute repertoire created in the late 20th and early 21st century.

Helpmann Academy grants are open to staff, students and recent graduates of Adelaide Central School of Art, Elder Conservatorium of Music (Adelaide University), Adelaide Centre for the Arts (TafeSA), Vizarts O'Halloran Hill Campus (TafeSA), Flinders Drama and Screen Production Centres (Flinders University) and the South Australian School of Art (University of South Australia).

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