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RISE Fund

RISE Fund grant recipients—Batch five summary of projects

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State / territory	Recipient	Project title	Project description	Amount funded (\$) (excl GST)
ACT	Australian Library and Information Association	Online Story time creating value for families and creators	Families will beam Australian library story times direct to their lounge rooms with Australian authors, illustrators and publishers who will gain from greater engagement and new revenue sources.	\$327,000
NSW	Vanfest Pty Ltd	Vanfest 2022	A regional-based music and arts festival, designed to support and strengthen youth culture and regional tourism, held in Forbes NSW.	\$668,700
NSW	Twyford Hall Inc	The Twyford Premiere Season	Support for artists to perform in the Theatre Twyford to promote it as a key destination for artists and audiences in South East NSW.	\$91,910
NSW	Yours and Owls Events Pty Ltd	Yours and Owls Festival 2022	A major Australian music festival that occurs annually in Wollongong, NSW.	\$700,000
NSW	RGM Productions Australia	Round the Twist - The Musical	The development, Brisbane world premiere, and national tour of the live musical adaptation of the iconic Australian television show, Round the Twist.	\$948,479
NSW	Ordinary Group Pty Ltd	Smoke & Steel	A series of monthly live music events, featuring touring musicians, visual arts and in-house development workshops for emerging artists.	\$84,000
NSW	West Darling Arts Inc	Gawler Laneway Arts and Music Festival (GLAMFest)	The activation of an historically significant laneway in Broken Hill's CBD through a curated program of visual arts, digital art projections, community arts and live music.	\$300,583

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NSW	Nathan Michael Cavaleri	Nathan Cavaleri - Northern Territory and Western Australia Tour 2022	World renowned musician Nathan Cavaleri brings his moving stories and live show to rural communities to connect with and inspire those struggling with mental health.	\$101,983
NSW	Neil Gooding Productions Pty Ltd	LEAP	LEAP is an innovative, new theatrical experience which fuses remarkable choreography, classical and rock music, and spectacular lighting, created by leading young Australian creatives.	\$486,750
NSW	Pink Salt Productions Pty Ltd	Big Country Festival	In May 2022, Big Country Festival will host Australia's biggest country music stars in a family friendly, experience filled event in the scenic surrounds of Berry, NSW.	\$250,000
NSW	Australian Publishers Association	Australia Reads Project	New initiatives by Australia Reads, a book industry-wide collaboration connecting writers and readers nationwide.	\$300,000
NSW	Australian Theatre Live	Sydney Festival Digital - National Tour	A national cinema and streamed online tour of filmed live performances digitally captured at the 2022 Sydney Festival.	\$392,000
NSW	Sculpture by the Sea Inc	Sculpture by the Sea Exhibitions and Public Programs	Sculpture by the Sea Exhibitions for Bondi and Cottesloe and year-round school outreach education programs.	\$2,000,000
NSW	Regal Cinema Building Ltd	Newcastle International Film Festival: Bringing Audiences Back	Newcastle International Film Festival (NIFF) is the first of what has been designed to become an annual event to entice regional audiences back to the cinema.	\$180,491
NSW	Critical Stages Touring	Alphabetical Sydney: All Aboard	Creation of a new musical for young audiences, adapted from the popular and acclaimed children's book by Hilary Bell and Antonia Pesenti, that has been designed to tour.	\$198,822
NSW	FORM Dance Projects Inc	FORM Dance Projects - Championing Australian independent dance artists	Commissioning 2022, a new Australian dance production by director, Meryl Tankard, and composer, Elena Kats-Chernin, for the Sydney Festival and, development of FORM Dance Projects' digital platform.	\$278,000
NSW	The Red Room Company Ltd	Poetry Month Reimagined 2022-2023	Reactivating the literary sector through the expansion of Poetry Month, an initiative engaging over 120 poets and other artists across forms and public audiences nationally.	\$198,000

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NSW	Potts Entertainment	Potts Entertainment Presents Imogen Clark's Holiday Hootenanny	Imogen Clark's Holiday Hootenanny brings together a diverse collection of renowned musicians for a unique collaborative performance celebrating Australian music.	\$12,900
NSW	Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative	Billboard Street Art	Installation of three billboard size panels mounted on engineered frames with surfaces for invited street artists to paint murals at the next festival.	\$32,000
NSW	Dancing Giant Productions	Dog Man: The Musical	A humorous new Australian production for ages six and up, based on the international bestselling series by Dav Pilkey, with song, dance, puppetry and hijinks.	\$80,000
QLD	Granite Belt Art & Craft Trail Inc	Granite Belt Art & Craft Trail	A three day art event showcasing the talents of artists and artisans in the scenic Stanthorpe region.	\$80,000
QLD	Paroo Shire Council	Outback River Lights Festival	A new illuminated arts festival for Paroo, articulating Cunnamulla's connection to water, cultural heritage and the essence of the Outback.	\$225,000
QLD	Belloo Creative	Boy, Lost - a stage production of Kristina Olsson's award-winning memoir.	The world premiere of Boy, Lost, alongside a foyer installation for community engagement.	\$87,554
QLD	Cluster Arts Pty Ltd	CIRCFest22 Brisbane	A bold and ambitious project to firmly establish Brisbane's reputation as a global leader in circus and physical theatre.	\$352,000
QLD	8x8 to educate	8x8	Art exhibition creating a platform for local artists to present their works in a Gallery setting that is available to all in the community.	\$7,850
QLD	More Than Mime Theatre	Living Statue Laneway: Training and Performance Project	A professional development program in mime and living statue, culminating in performances at Brisbane Festival. Project director, Frans Vogels, is a world champion in the field.	\$33,000
QLD	Big Things Arts & Entertainment	Gurindji Freedom Day Festival	An iconic annual Indigenous festival held in the remote heart of the NT. Three days of music, culture, arts and more.	\$461,000
QLD	The Condensery Somerset Regional Art Gallery	'Things I want to say' exhibition and engagement program	Examining contemporary identity through the work of emerging artists, the exhibition and engagement program provides young people with vital access to creative endeavour and opportunity.	\$32,185
QLD	Kin Music Pty Ltd	Australian Vocal Ensemble (AVÉ) - National tour 2022	AVÉ is a vocal quartet and will undertake a concert tour of regional Australia in early 2022 working with regional conservatoriums and community choirs.	\$107,000

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QLD	Brunswick Street Venue Pty Ltd	Stream On	Featuring a program of Australia's best-loved artists, Stream On will enable the creation of a world-class platform for Australian performers to reach new audiences.	\$370,845
QLD	shake & stir theatre co Pty Ltd	shake & stir 2022 (Brisbane) main stage season	In 2022, shake & stir will present their targeted youth and education season of new and existing works at QPAC, Brisbane.	\$400,000
QLD	A.W Butt & J.K Rasmussen	Country Circus Roadshow	Country Circus Roadshow takes Queensland's home-grown world-class circus performers to regional Queensland. A smorgasbord of talent for the whole family.	\$220,000
SA	Generations in Jazz Inc	Generations in Jazz	An internationally recognised music event fostering future generations of Australian jazz performers in regional SA.	\$350,000
SA	Sweet Reason Pty Ltd	Mountain	The development and creation of a new theatrical work by award winning writer, Kit Brookman, created in collaboration with leading performer, Andre Jewson.	\$60,000
SA	Chamber Music Adelaide Inc	On The Terrace	Presenting On The Terrace 2021-2022, a free public event of intimate performances by chamber musicians in SA's unique cultural heritage buildings.	\$80,000
SA	Slingsby Theatre Company Ltd	Slingsby goes national: 2022 touring activity	Slingsby will tour three productions across Australia; 'Emil and the Detectives', 'The Boy Who Talked to Dogs' and 'Songs for Those Who've Come Across the Seas.'	\$317,000
SA	Glenn Skuthorpe	Glenn Skuthorpe - Moon Rising Tour 2022	A regional and metropolitan tour to support the release of Glenn Skuthorpe's seventh studio album. Glenn will be offering singer/songwriter workshops along the tour route.	\$35,440
SA	Flying Penguin Productions	Oleanna	Flying Penguin Productions will present a season of the acclaimed play Oleanna by David Mamet in 2022 at the Space Theatre, Adelaide.	\$78,122
SA	GWB Entertainment Pty Ltd	An American In Paris	A unique partnering between GWB Entertainment and The Australian Ballet to produce and tour an Australian production of the fabled An American in Paris.	\$948,865
TAS	Beaker Street Ltd	Beaker Street: A reimagined festival and expanded year-long program of engagement and events	A state wide, year round festival of art and science in lutruwita/Tasmania, diversified and expanded to reach more audiences, more often.	\$282,800

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TAS	The Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery	Twist	A major exhibition and associated programming that explores Dickensian themes that resonate with Tasmania's colonial past, with a contemporary and quirky twist.	\$153,000
TAS	DRILL Performance Company Inc	2022 Major Performance Season – Dissolving Labels	A youth dance performance, collaboratively developed between young people and artists working in dance, visual art, experimental sound and theatre.	\$40,000
TAS	Holy Holy	Holy Holy National Tour	A full list of shows across regional Australia following a lengthy hiatus imposed by COVID-19.	\$65,194
VIC	Westbound Productions Pty Ltd	Riverboats Music Festival	Riverboats Restarted - a large scale regional celebration of Australian music and culture on the paddlesteamers and inland waterways of the iconic Echuca-Moama region.	\$152,000
VIC	Melbourne Art Foundation	Melbourne Art Fair Indigenous Art Centre Program	Melbourne Art Fair prioritises representation of First Australian artists, supporting Indigenous owned art centres to ethically exhibit and sell art in a fair of regional significance.	\$199,950
VIC	Foreman Productions Pty Ltd as trustees for Australian Pops Orchestra Trust	2021-2023 Aussie Pops Orchestra Concert Series	180 musicians across three states: This two year series features leading artists with a symphony orchestra, celebrating diversity of Australian talent, from popular classics to classic pop.	\$787,250
VIC	Festival of Jewish Arts and Music	Festival of Jewish Arts and Music - Two year program of major events	The presentation of a two year series of commissioned events centred on cultural celebration, inter-cultural connection and commemoration.	\$124,500
VIC	TEG Van Egmond Pty Ltd	Teeny Tiny Stevies - Australian Tour	Teeny Tiny Stevies is a world-class, ARIA award winning family entertainment live music act that performs songs to keep kids and parents alike entertained.	\$697,899
VIC	Melbourne Fringe	Melbourne Fringe: Artistic Futures	An artist commissioning, presentation and support program, enabling communities to create work and connect with audiences, while developing their skills and creating employment opportunities.	\$996,650
VIC	Strawberry Music Group Pty Ltd	Strawberry Fields Festival 2021	Regional festival showcasing emerging Australian talent and sustainable design initiatives in a scenic riverfront location.	\$398,183

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VIC	The Brickman Exhibitions (Aust) Pty Ltd	Brickman Exhibitions	The Brickman Exhibitions – to deliver a national tour to some of Australia’s most prominent exhibition spaces and regional locations. The exhibition includes unique LEGO® Brick artistic sculptures combined with a program of hands-on create-and-learn activities that will captivate a diverse audience.	\$733,000
VIC	David Venn Enterprises Pty Ltd	Cruel Intentions - '90s Pop Musical	Based on the Hollywood film comes a new off-Broadway jukebox musical featuring some of the best music hits from the 1990s. The ultimate nostalgia fix.	\$380,000
VIC	Aeroplane Agency Pty Ltd	Restarting STBS Tour – Bringing live music back to regional Australia	The STBS Tour Bus is going on the road. A weekend series of gigs and educational music workshops, touring across regional Australia in SA, VIC, and QLD.	\$300,000
VIC	Helen Bodycomb and Martin Paten in association with Eastern Beach Art House	Soirée on a Sunday	Soirée on a Sunday will be a series of music, physical theatre and literary events delivered at Eastern Beach Art House, Geelong.	\$25,415
VIC	Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery	Front Beach, Back Beach	A public art event, commissioning Australian artists/collectives to respond to key sites and stories that have shaped the Mornington Peninsula.	\$300,000
VIC	Finucane & Smith Unlimited	Finucane & Smith's Desert to the Sea Tour 2022	Finucane & Smith’s Travelling Dance Hall 2022 tour.	\$400,000
VIC	Chunky Move Ltd	Chunky Move 2022 key projects	New presentations and partnerships by esteemed Victorian dance company Chunky Move celebrating diversity and providing exemplary experiences for First Nations youth participants and Australian audiences.	\$249,050
VIC	Melbourne Digital Concert Hall Pty Ltd	Melbourne Digital Concert Hall – supporting the future of Australian music	Funding will keep Melbourne Digital Concert Hall going in 2022-23, enabling them to connect Australian artists with the world, empower regional performers and safeguard the sector.	\$400,000
WA	Gregory Hamlyn and Joy Hamlyn	Gatsby Skyline Showcase of Entertainment and Arts	A showcase of original artists in regional WA, providing their venue, Gatsby Skyline, with weekly shows throughout a two year period.	\$621,600
WA	Macro Music Pty Ltd	Out of the Woods - Music and Arts Festival	A new three day boutique camping festival delivering all-Australian multi-genre music, production, culture and art to regional South West WA.	\$787,424

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WA	Bunbury Fringe Inc	Bunbury Fringe 2022	Bunbury Fringe is a curated eight day festival presenting diversity through performance, activities and experiences, creating opportunity for regional audiences and artists.	\$80,000
WA	Theatre Kimberley Incorporated	The Shorebird Quest 2022	The redevelopment of the beautiful and highly successful Shorebird Quest production, featuring giant illuminated puppets performed on the mudflats of Roebuck Bay.	\$126,725
WA	Country Music Club of Boyup Brook WA Inc	Boyup Brook Country Music Festival	The Boyup Brook Festival is a re-imagined COVID-safe festival showcasing WA's best musicians across the breadth and diversity of Australian Country Music.	\$161,200