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RISE Fund

RISE Fund grant recipients—Batch four summary of projects

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State / territory	Recipient	Project title	Project description	Amount funded (\$) (excl GST)
ACT	National Folk Festival Limited	The National Folk Festival Reimagined	Find your HOME / Find your FAMILY / Find your FOLK. The National Folk Festival reimagined in its 30th year in Canberra.	\$900,000
NSW	Bluesfest 2021 Pty Ltd	Bluesfest 2021 – The October Edition	Bluesfest will be reignited with an all Australian line-up between 1st - 4th October 2021 – following consecutive COVID-19 cancellations in 2020 and 2021.	\$2,400,000
NSW	Chugg Music Pty Ltd	The Squeeze Music Festival (2022)	A live music festival tour showcasing multiple Australian performers hosted throughout the country with a focus on reaching regional locations and audiences.	\$600,000
NSW	TEDxSydney Ltd	TEDxSydney 2021-2023 Event Series	A series of TEDxSydney cultural events (curated mix of talks, performances and films) spanning two years featuring Australia's emerging thinkers, leaders, artists and innovators.	\$700,000
NSW	Squabbalogic Independent Music Theatre Incorporated	Touring and Co- production Development	The development of new Australian works of music and non-music theatre, working collaboratively with regional presenting partners to create productions specifically for regional touring.	\$850,000

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NSW	Art Byron Ltd	Art Byron	Art Byron is a platform for contemporary art - showcasing local and internationally acclaimed artists to celebrate creativity, culture, and diversity to a regional audience.	\$170,000
NSW	Words on the Waves	Words on the Waves Writers' Festival June 2022	Annual destination festival featuring diverse author conversations, workshops, kids' events and literary experiences. The festival will attract visitors and create employment for authors and businesses.	\$75,000
NSW	Sydney Improvised Music Association Inc	NSW Regional Touring Network for Contemporary Music	Establishment of a Regional Touring Network in NSW providing employment for musicians, venues, hospitality and technical staff, supporting sustainable touring circuits in NSW.	\$207,600
NSW	Moshcam Pty Ltd	World Stage	Leveraging its global video streaming platform, Moshcam will showcase to the world the live performances of Australian artists filmed over 2 years.	\$360,000
NSW	CiCADA International Ltd	Australian Women in Music Concert Series	A unique concert series to showcase the extraordinary talent of Australian female artists, musicians and music practitioners in a safe, high profile, public context.	\$150,000
NSW	Handsome Tours Australia Pty Ltd	A More Perfect Union	A More Perfect Union is a music festival curated by Sydney's Gang Of Youths and produced by Handsome Tours.	\$406,195
NSW	Seymour Centre	Seymour Centre's Artistic Program: Sept 2021 - Nov 2022	Seymour's 2021-2022 artistic program will employ artists to deliver performances throughout 16 months of multi-genre productions and events.	\$496,339
NSW	Lost Paradise Glenworth Valley Pty Ltd	Recovering 'Lost Paradise': Re-Starting a sell-out Festival in Regional NSW	Lost Paradise will deliver a world-class, live-music festival to patrons in regional NSW, while providing critical income to performing artists and associated industries.	\$496,473
NSW	Adrian Bohm Presents Pty Ltd	Just for Laughs Comedy Festival	Just For Laughs is Australia's biggest fully-curated comedy festival, held at major venues across Sydney with TV broadcasts nationwide, promoting emerging and established Australian comedians.	\$350,389

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NSW	Museums & Galleries of NSW	Community Outreach for Barbara Cleveland 'Thinking Business' Regional Tour	Museums & Galleries of NSW will support regional galleries to re-engage with audiences through community outreach programs aligned with the nationally touring Barbara Cleveland 'Thinking Business' exhibition.	\$125,490
NSW	Viral Ventures (Australia) Pty Ltd	The Immersive Theatre Experience	The project will launch two new immersive experience/performance hubs in Sydney and Brisbane, providing ongoing employment for performers and artists over 18 months, reactivating city centres.	\$350,000
NSW	Australian World Orchestra	Australian World Orchestra 2022 concert series, education and upskilling program.	Australian World Orchestra's 2022 concert series throughout Australia, featuring Australia's finest classical musicians, incorporating an upskilling, development program for the next generation of artists/arts workers.	\$485,500
NSW	Word Travels	Story Week: Incubate - Create - Celebrate	The project will see Story Week expanded to a national program that will employ writers to deliver live and online literature activities and performances, including workshops and poetry slams.	\$396,504
NSW	Poetry In Action	Poetry in Action: Creating Art and Artists for the Future	Poetry In Action will employ, train and upskill artists; develop a revolutionary mainstage show; perform educational theatre shows; and conduct a community-based Indigenous literacy program.	\$380,000
NSW	Sound West Ltd	2021 Sound West Festival	A pioneering new five-day music and digital/technology festival in Western Sydney employing and upskilling artists, forging career paths, activating venues and platforming diverse talents.	\$375,000
NSW	Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Ltd. trading as Merrigong Theatre Company	Spiegeltent Wollongong, 2022 and 2023	Spiegeltent Wollongong 2022 and 2023 will restart this diverse, popular performing arts festival, bringing to life the Wollongong Arts Precinct.	\$436,732
NSW	Writing NSW	National digital hub for writers	Writing NSW will establish a new digital hub for writers, providing high-quality, research-based information and services for writers of all backgrounds, abilities and geographical locations.	\$222,000

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NSW	The Merchants of Bollywood Pty Ltd	The Celebration of Swing	A concert production, taking audiences on a musical journey through the history of big band swing music of the early 1930s in the USA.	\$497,250
NSW	Love Police Touring Pty Ltd	Out On The Weekend Festival 2021 - A Celebration of Americana Music and Lifestyle	Love Police Touring will present 'Out On The Weekend' 2021 edition, an Americana music festival at Seaworks, Williamstown supporting culture, tourism and the local economy.	\$90,000
NSW	The Trustee for Empire Touring Trust	Empire Touring Festival Series	Empire Touring Festival Series, comprising Wildflower, Spring Loaded & Sunset Sounds, celebrates Australian music for all ages, in over 20 destination locations throughout the nation.	\$1,542,000
NSW	SIX Joint Venture	SIX The Musical	Six Tudor queens take the microphone to reclaim their identities, taking 500 years of historical heartbreak into a pop-queen celebration of 21st century girl power.	\$900,000
NSW	TEG Live Pty Ltd	TEG LIVE Summer Series	TEG Live Summer Series sees two major music icons KISS and Keith Urban bringing their individual world class live concert tours to Australia.	\$900,000
NSW	Pride In The Parkland Pty Ltd	Pride In The Parkland	Pride In The Park is a new annual outdoor music & art festival for LGBTQIA+ audiences & allies making its way across Australia in 2021.	\$397,328
NSW	National Institute of Dramatic Art	NIDA Connect	NIDA Connect partners with organisations in regional Australia to provide new access to world-class creative industry training for diverse local artists and aspiring young people.	\$690,024
NSW	Century Venues Pty td	Sydney Guitar Festival and Metro Weekly Music Program	Live at the Metro and Sydney Guitar Festival is a celebration of music for the young and young at heart.	\$674,800
NT	NT Writers' Centre Inc	Reimagining NT Writers' Centre's Year-Round Activities	To support the strength and recovery of the NT literary sector from the impacts of COVID-19, the NT Writers' Centre will present reimagined year-round programming.	\$98,451

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NT	The Trustee for Manapan Furniture Trust	Manapan Djama Gumumandji, Putting Together Work and Enterprise	An immersive exhibition of the Yolngu people through art, artefacts, and historical photographs at the Museum Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.	\$300,000
QLD	Capricorn Film Festival Inc	film+art=#capfilmfest 2022	Capricorn Film Festival is Central Queensland's premiere film arts destination event situated in the picturesque Yeppoon, providing a heightened cinema experience to locals and tourists alike.	\$83,910
QLD	Sound Australia (Qld) Pty Ltd	Savannah in the Round	Savannah in the Round is a multi-day music, camping & cultural festival held at Kerribee Park Rodeo Grounds, Mareeba (Cairns & Great Barrier Reef region).	\$625,350
QLD	Brisbane Philharmonic Association Inc	A concert series and regional tours featuring acclaimed harpist Emily Granger performing with Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra and Queensland Youth Orchestra.	A concert series by Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra in collaboration with Queensland Youth Orchestra encompassing regional touring formulated around the acquisition of a new Concert Harp.	\$102,000
QLD	Circa Contemporary Circus Ltd	Circa Cairns	Circa Cairns leverages Circa's global reputation to establish the first professional circus ensemble in Cairns accelerating the cultural and economic revitalisation of Far North Queensland.	\$600,000
QLD	Dead Puppet Society Ltd	The Wider Earth	Design and development work to tour the critically acclaimed visual theatre production THE WIDER EARTH through regional Australia from February - April 2022.	\$238,635
QLD	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	QUAMPI Arts and Culture Centre Opening program development	The development of exhibitions, product lines and cultural heritage content in preparation of the QUAMPI opening March 2023.	\$610,000

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QLD	Vast Yonder Pty Ltd	Yonder	Yonder Festival is a three day immersive multi-arts festival experience in the rolling hills of Mary Valley, Queensland, taking place in November 2021 and 2022.	\$150,000
QLD	Jungle Love Festival Pty Ltd	Jungle Love 2022: Queensland Artists in Focus	Jungle Love will continue their regional festival and create work opportunities for emerging artists from diverse backgrounds to deliver new, original works to new audiences.	\$260,200
QLD	Metro Arts Ltd	MAVA Program: A catalyst to transform the careers of contemporary visual artists post-COVID.	MAVA Program invests in visual artists to build their capacity through innovative use of digital and public engagement opportunities to create sustainable career pathways.	\$400,000
QLD	Ash Sounds Pty Ltd	Falls Music and Arts Festival 2021/22	Now in its 28th year, Falls Music and Arts Festival is an outdoor music festival that generates millions in regional economic benefits in three states.	\$1,475,000
QLD	Jet Black Cat Music	Nine Lives Festival	Nine Lives Festival is a celebration of music, community and inclusivity taking place annually in Meanjin (Brisbane) presented by Jet Black Cat Music.	\$74,163
SA	Gravity & Other Myths Pty Ltd	Develop, Diversify, Endure - A collaboration and audience diversification initiative	Through the realisation of strategic projects, Gravity & Other Myths will expand and diversify its audience reach and creative portfolio ensuring economic growth and long-term company sustainability.	\$800,000
SA	WOMADelaide Foundation Ltd	WOMADelaide 2022	WOMADelaide's 30th anniversary will celebrate cultural and creative diversity from some 600 Australian artists. The program will include significant artists from across the festival's illustrious history.	\$1,200,000
SA	Rural City of Murray Bridge + Murray Bridge Regional Gallery	Murray Bridge Silo Art	Commissioning of a large-scale mural of regional significance on a silo as the centrepiece for a broader program of mural works in the town.	\$88,500
SA	State Opera South Australia	Major Opera Production	An exciting new large-scale production. A memorable live experience for the community, opera lovers and opera neophytes.	\$369,000

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SA	Adelaide Fringe	Adelaide Fringe 2022	Australia's largest multi-category arts festival, will support venues and artists to present COVID-safe experiences, including outdoor venues, digital innovations, industry collaborations and site-specific works.	\$1,000,000
TAS	Roar Film Pty Ltd	Unshackled	A musical exploration of Tasmania's convict diaspora performed by a cast of eminent storytellers, digital artists, songwriters and musicians.	\$195,000
TAS	City of Hobart	City Pilots	A public art program supporting creative practitioners from any discipline to explore temporary, creative ideas for Hobart's real life and online public spaces.	\$120,000
TAS	The Theatre Royal	The Rocky Horror Show	The Theatre Royal and John X Presents will present Tasmania's first commercial musical: Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show.	\$180,000
VIC	There Is A Free Lunch Pty Ltd	Good Things Festival	The Good Things Festival in 2021, creating economic activity, jobs and performance opportunities for Australian artists and audiences.	\$889,599
VIC	Gumball Enterprises Unit Trust Trustee Gumball Enterprises Pty Ltd	Cosentino Deception NSW/QLD/TAS 2021 Tour	Cosentino's 'Deception' is a world-class production bringing death-defying escapes, mind-boggling stage illusions and cutting-edge street magic to theatres across regional Australia.	\$523,700
VIC	Lorne Sculpture Exhibition Inc	2021 Lorne Sculpture Biennale	Lorne Sculpture 2021 is a vibrant festival celebrating the best of Australian and international sculpture.	\$131,910
VIC	The Australian Ballet School	Butterfly Tour - The Australian Ballet School	Butterfly is a new production, commissioned to demonstrate the skills of The Australian Ballet School's emerging artists, inspiring audiences with a new Australian work.	\$200,000
VIC	Creative Production Services Group Pty Ltd	Kaleidoscope	Kaleidoscope is a large-scale installation artwork that immerses the audience in a multi-dimensional structure that evokes a sense of awe and wonder.	\$650,714
VIC	The Archie Roach Foundation	The Archie Roach Foundation Stage at Port Fairy Folk Festival	In 2022, the Port Fairy Folk Festival will launch the Inaugural Archie Roach Foundation Stage, curated by Archie Roach and his local Gunditjmarra community.	\$400,000

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VIC	TEG Dainty Pty Ltd	Guns N' Roses	Iconic rock band, Guns N' Roses back on stage and touring across Australia.	\$750,000
VIC	Imagination Workshop Pty Ltd	Rescheduled tour of Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers	A national tour of "Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers" through regional and metropolitan Australia.	\$178,637
VIC	Sensible Antixx	Sensible Antixx Presents; Sensible Soiree's	Sensible Antixx presents "Sensible Soiree's." Hosted at live music venues, the community minded events will showcase diverse line ups of Melbourne's creative sectors.	\$82,700
VIC	Museum Of Play and Art Melbourne Pty Ltd	Museum of Play and Art (MoPA) Melbourne	This project will create exhibitions to bring MoPA, the celebrated museum where children and families learn to play through the creative arts, to a new Melbourne location.	\$277,578
VIC	MMF Pty Ltd	Reactivating the Meredith Music Festival and Golden Plains Festival 2021/22.	Reactivating Meredith Music Festival and Golden Plains Festival in 2021/22 to celebrate the 30th and 15th year anniversary milestones, respectively.	\$651,000
VIC	One World Entertainment Pty Ltd	Under The Southern Stars	Under The Southern Stars - a national, one day live music festival held in stunning locations throughout Australia.	\$1,000,000
VIC	Wangaratta Festival of Jazz Inc	Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues Artistic Program	The project will boost the Wangaratta Festival program to include multiple venues, artists, & community engagement enabling continuation of support for Australian artists and attracting broad audiences.	\$121,421
VIC	Red Hill Entertainment Pty Ltd	UNIFY Gathering 2022	Restarting the UNIFY Gathering festival, a 3-day, camping festival in Tarwin Lower in January 2022 following cancellation in 2021 due to COVID-restrictions.	\$557,500
VIC	PSV Enterprises (Aust) Pty Ltd as trustee for Finders Keeper Entertainment Group Unit Trust	Ultra Music Week – Australia	A week bringing together Australian and Asia/Pacific artists and workshops, culminating in ULTRA Melbourne, where audiences will enjoy the best in Electronic Dance Music.	\$500,000

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VIC	The trustee for Seventh Tipple Trust	The Tote Rocks 40	A multi-pronged accessible program celebrating The Tote's unique ongoing contribution to Australian music whilst directly investing in employment and viability of musicians and related economies.	\$274,576
VIC	Casino Promotions Pty Ltd	Shake Rattle 'n' Roll	Shake Rattle 'n' Roll is a spectacular stage production featuring an all-Australian cast of performers including award-winning Latin Ballroom dancers from 'Dancing With The Stars'.	\$208,600
VIC	Illusive Presents Pty Ltd	Immersive Cinema	The project will reinvent the film and theatre experience, blurring the line between performance and audience. The audience will step into the world of their favourite movie.	\$451,446
VIC	The Hills Are Alive Group Pty Ltd	NYE on the Hill 2021	Restarting the NYE On The Hill in Gippsland in December 2021, following cancellation due to COVID-19 in 2020.	\$178,200
VIC	Australian National Academy Of Music Ltd	The ANAM Set Weekend	The 'ANAM Set Weekend' harnesses the collective impact of new Australian music over a two-day Festival.	\$73,700
VIC	Live Nation Australasia Pty Ltd	A national anniversary tour of an Australian band	A national tour to celebrate the anniversary of an iconic band in 2022.	\$1,092,760
VIC	Memetica	Giant Steps in Far North Queensland	A year-long process of community training and performance in Far North Queensland, growing the reach and impact of giant characters Janggaburru and the Bush Turkey.	\$44,704
VIC	Wildlands Music Festival Pty Ltd	Future-proofing Wildlands: Queensland's largest contemporary youth music festival	Wildlands will expand and adapt to deliver a multi-day, multi-city music and arts festival.	\$459,160
VIC	Festival X Pty Ltd	FestivalX	FestivalX one-day festival tour performing in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.	\$1,037,690
WA	Perth International Jazz Festival Inc	Perth International Jazz Festival	Perth International Jazz Festival looks towards its 2021 & 2022 festivals at a number of venues throughout Perth and commencing its regional expansion in WA.	\$612,813

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WA	Fremantle Biennale Inc	First Lights	"First Lights" is a place-responsive, Aboriginal-led story-telling project and choreographed drone light show, to be delivered across 2021 - 2023.	\$965,055
WA	The Trustee for Sloan Family Trust	Wave Rock Weekender, Edition 16 (2021) and 17 (2022)	Wave Rock Weekender, a remote annual music, film, art and camping festival centred around Wave Rock in Hyden, WA, in 2021 and 2022.	\$350,000
WA	Origin Fields	Origin Fields 2021/2022	Origin Fields will present their annual New Year's Eve Festival as a 3 day festival event.	\$672,556
WA	The Trustee for the Factory Festival Trust	Factory Summer Festival	With innovative and creative experiential activations and live music, a reimaged Factory Summer Festival will showcase and support Australian artists and industry across Australia.	\$800,000
WA	Awesome Arts Australia Ltd	25 Years of Pure Awesome!	A spectacular large-scale family event in the heart of Perth, featuring the West Australian Ballet, celebrating 25 years of the Awesome International Arts Festival.	\$87,000
WA	Gascoyne in May Inc	CREALITY/ CRE8/Gascoyne Travelling Arts Festival	CREALITY is a Travelling Arts Festival which will build substantial & enriching engagement opportunities for all six communities of the Gascoyne.	\$195,000