



ARTS AND CULTURE TRUST

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM 2026

ABOUT THE ARTS AND CULTURE TRUST

The Arts and Culture Trust (ACT) manages a network of premier cultural venues across Western Australia, supporting artists, companies, and communities to create and present new work. ACT venues are dynamic spaces for artistic development, collaboration, and performance across a range of disciplines.

With strong ties to local arts organisations, producers and touring networks, ACT venues have become a key part of the state's creative ecology. In recent years, ACT has hosted artist programs such as Performing Lines' **Kolyang Artist Hub** and CircuitWest's **WA Showcase**, providing valuable opportunities for artists to connect with audiences and industry professionals.

We are proud to partner with the Chamber of Arts and Culture WA on this program, supporting the growth of new work and artist-led practice across Western Australia.

ABOUT THE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Arts and Culture Trust Artist in Residence Program is designed to support Western Australian artists and theatre-makers - from both metro and regional areas - by offering time, space and support to develop new work in ACT venues.

This year's residency runs from 29 June to 7 August 2026, allowing four weeks of creative development prior to **CircuitWest's WA Showcase**, 3 to 7 August 2026, held at Subiaco Arts Centre.

Based on feedback from previous participants, this timeline allows artists to build momentum and present their work in a more considered way.

What are we looking for?

We are seeking bold, thought-provoking projects that encourage audience connection and meaningful conversation.

We welcome EOIs from individual artists, collectives, and independent companies who are working on new and ambitious ideas. We're especially interested in:

- Projects using new or experimental storytelling techniques
- Works that incorporate technology or multimedia in creative ways



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- Ideas that challenge traditional genres or forms

What do we provide?

- Studio and performance space at an ACT venue for rehearsals and development
- Marketing and ticketing assistance, including a one-on-one session with ACT's Marketing team
- Front of house and technical support
- Attendance at CircuitWest's WA Showcase
- Opportunity to present an invited showing to WA Showcase delegates during the week of CircuitWest

Please note: This residency is focused on development and connection. Rather than a public performance season, the program supports an invited showing aligned with industry attendance at WA Showcase.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the 2026 Artist in Residence Program, complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form at:

artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/artist-in-residence-2026

Submission deadline: Sunday 3 May 2026 Send your completed EOI to:

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Next Steps:

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their work in detail to a panel of adjudicators.

The selected artist/s must provide proof of current Public Liability Insurance before the residency begins.

For more info on WA Showcase, visit: [CircuitWest WA Showcase](#)