

Media Statement

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Artlands 2020 Postponed

Regional Arts Australia is united with our local, national and global community amidst the unfolding conditions of COVID-19. We stand together with the artists, performers, event staff and audiences across the world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by this unprecedented situation.

Artlands 2020, which was planned to be in partnership with Junction Arts Festival's 10th Anniversary program and due to be held 2-6 September 2020 will be postponed until 2021. We have made this decision due to the rapidly changing environment and in consideration of ongoing travel and gathering restrictions.

Regional Arts Australia are devising a repositioned Artlands program for 2021 which will reflect and respond to the new environments shaping the arts community during and beyond this challenging time.

This repositioned Artlands program will lead into the September 2021 gathering in Lutruwita on palawa country in north-east Tasmania celebrating the 10th anniversary of Junction Arts Festival which was first presented as a one-off event annexed to the 2010 Regional Arts Australia Conference.

Executive Director of Regional Arts Australia, Ros Abercrombie, said, 'we understand this is a challenging time for artists and organisations, and we are working with our members and regional partners to design a range of immediate and longer term support and recovery programs'.

Artistic Director of Junction Arts Festival, Greg Clarke, said that the Junction team are looking forward to partnering with Regional Arts Australia for the 2021 event.

Further updates and announcements will be posted to Regional Arts Australia's website and social media channels.

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