

# Media Release

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## VICTORIAN ARTISTS BRINGING CREATIVITY TO CLASSROOMS

The Andrews Labor Government is calling on Victorian creative professionals to bring inspiring learning experiences to classrooms across the state, with applications for the Creative Learning Partnerships program now open.

Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the program provides funding to Victorian schools to engage expert theatre makers, musicians, performers, animators and artists to work with students and teachers in a creative residency.

Open to all Victorian schools including government, independent and Catholic schools, the program brings unique learning experiences to students from Prep to year 10.

Previous projects have seen artists work with students to create an animated movie about the history of their hometown, large scale puppetry bringing to life ancient ecosystems, projection art displayed on buildings in the local area, and a live game exploring the links and differences between the 'real' and online world.

The program benefits students while upskilling teachers and expanding the knowledge of entire school communities, while providing significant professional opportunities for the participating artists and creatives.

Attracting celebrated Australian talent, past participants have included prized author Hazel Edwards, renowned Aboriginal singer and songwriter Kutcha Edwards, media personality Brian Nankervis and actor Daniela Farinacci.

Creative Learning Partnerships is Creative Victoria's longest running grants program with more than 1,500 creatives working at 1,200 schools, bringing creativity to the forefront of learning for 70,000 students since 1982.

For more information, including eligibility and application requirements, visit [creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support](https://creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support). Applications close 3pm, Thursday 4 August 2022.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Danny Pearson

*"For 40 years the Creative Learning Partnerships program has brought some of the most celebrated artistic minds into Victorian classrooms, delivering rich and formative learning experiences to schools across the state."*

*"Bringing creativity into the classroom brings curriculums to life with new skills and experiences for Victoria's young minds, while offering unique and rewarding employment opportunities to more creative professionals."*