

Media Release

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VICTORIAN ARTISTS ON TOUR AT HOME AND AWAY

From Bairnsdale to Bogota, Yarck to New York – more than 20 local artists and companies will take their work to new audiences in dozens of regional Victorian towns and 14 countries.

Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley today announced grants totalling almost \$1 million in the latest rounds of the Andrews Labor Government’s International Engagement and Touring Victoria programs.

Ten Victorian arts companies will head across the globe from next month, with tours taking them to Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Supported international tours include performances by Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Circus Oz as well as smaller independent companies including Rawcus Theatre Company, Polyglot, Chamber Made Opera, Liquid Architecture and Ranters Theatre.

Geelong’s Back to Back Theatre will take their newest show *The Shadow Whose Prey the Hunter Becomes* to the United States, while experimental music group Speak Percussion will tour *Polar Force* in Europe following a sell-out season in Melbourne.

In addition to touring dance work *Split* in Europe and Canada, Lucy Guerin Inc has received support for the development of *Metal*, a new collaboration with Indonesian heavy metal choir Ensemble Tikoro.

The latest round of Touring Victoria funding will take 12 tours and regional programs to almost 50 regional and outer metropolitan locations in 2019 and 2020.

Supported tours include The Australian Ballet’s production of the classic *Coppelia* in Warragul and Shepparton, theatre company Lab Kelpie’s visit to six locations with their new play *Spencer*, and The Wheeler Centre taking leading writers across Victoria to 13 literary events.

For the full list of funding recipients go to creative.vic.gov.au/news.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley

“We’re thrilled to help our artists and companies tour these outstanding works to new audiences here at home and around the world.”

“We’re proud to be backing Victorian talent to shine on the world stage and to be giving all Victorians opportunities to enjoy the best of our creative state on their doorstep.”