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Funding boost for Tasmania's creative sector to RISE

Three of Tasmania's leading arts organisations will share in more than \$610,000 under the second batch of grants from the Morrison Government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund, which is designed to reactivate live performance venues and events.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the latest RISE funding will begin to flow immediately to creative sector organisations throughout Tasmania, which are seeking to restart, re-imagine or create new cultural and creative activities.

"The Arts and entertainment sector is vital to Tasmania's identity, supporting cultural expression, community and social wellbeing, along with significant employment and economic benefits for the state," Minister Fletcher said.

"That is why we're excited to see more than \$610,000 flow immediately to rejuvenate the sector, supporting three innovative projects and creating more than 320 job opportunities across the state."

One of the largest grant recipients in Tasmania is Situate Art in Festivals, who will receive \$280,000 in funding to provide socially relevant arts programs and events created by regionally-based Tasmania artists for their communities.

This program will provide support for six lead artists to undertake mentorship programs, enabling them to create work that speaks to regional identity and the recovery of regional Tasmanian communities.

Tin Camp Studios will receive more than \$148,000 in funding towards its mobile storytelling space styled on 1940-50s Aboriginal camps.

On 25 March the Government announced the RISE Fund will be boosted with an extra \$125 million to support around 230 projects and up to 90,000 jobs, building on an original commitment of \$75 million.

In November 2020 more than \$60 million in funding was announced under Batch One of the Fund.

The successful Tasmanian projects listed below are part of 61 projects funded under Batch Two of RISE. The full list of Batch Two recipients will be announced in the coming weeks at:

www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update

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Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
Contemporary Art Services Tasmania Inc	Tin Camp Studios	\$148,210	A mobile storytelling space styled on 1940s-50s Aboriginal camps to serve as a place for story, music and art - for now and for the next generation.
Van Diemen's Band Inc.	Van Diemen's Band Concert Series 2021-2022 & New recording label	\$184,239	Tasmanian-based Internationally renowned early music ensemble Van Diemen's Band will resume and reinvent its activities with a range of live music shows for Tasmanian audiences over 2021 and 2022.
Situate Art in Festivals	SITUATE NOW: socially relevant arts programs and events created by regionally based Tasmanian artists.	\$280,000	A mentorship program for artists, enabling them to create socially relevant work that speaks to regional identity and the recovery of regional Tasmanian communities.