

ARTISTS GENERATE A NETWORK TO CONNECT

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Chief Minister and Minister for the Arts and Heritage, Jon Stanhope, has congratulated the arts community for establishing the GENERATE Canberra arts access network. "The arts are for the enjoyment of the entire community," said Mr Stanhope. "This means whatever your background or ability, we should all do what we can to ensure that everyone is able to participate in the arts community, either as artists, workshop participants, or audience members."

GENERATE is an initiative of the ACT Community Arts Office, which is funded by the

ACT Government through the ACT Arts Fund and is hosted by the Gorman House Arts Centre.

The GENERATE network will be launched at an event at the Ainslie Arts Centre, Braddon, tonight (Friday November 27, 2009).

The launch is a partnership between the ACT Community Arts Office, Music for Everyone

(funded through the ACT Arts Fund as a Key Arts Organisation), and the Canberra Musicians

Club. The event is being held during the inaugural Social Inclusion Week, which concludes on

Sunday 29 November.

The GENERATE network will support creative and professional opportunities including

projects, seminars, workshops, mentoring and social initiatives, and will connect artists,

including those with disabilities or who experience disadvantage, through a website at

www.generate.net.au

"I congratulate the ACT Community Arts Office, in particular the artsAbility Officer,

Ms Caro Roach, and the broader disability arts community for this exciting initiative that will

build on the opportunities for the entire community to participate in the vibrant art scene we

enjoy in Canberra," Mr Stanhope said.

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