



excellence in arts + disability

Accessible Arts provides leadership in arts + disability through information, advocacy and the facilitation of excellence in arts practice.

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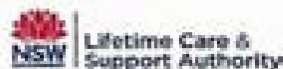
arts + disability expo

hosted by Accessible Arts
18-19 September 2015
Carriageworks



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The Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) provides high quality, individualised and timely treatment and care services to people who have been severely injured in motor vehicle accidents in NSW so they can participate in the community to the extent that they desire. Consistent with this, the LTCSA supports an increased focus on the inclusion of people with severe injuries in artistic and cultural activities in the community.

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Royal Rehab is a nationally recognised organisation that provides specialist rehabilitation and disability services for people who have acquired a disability or impairment as the result of trauma, accident or illness. They are committed to improving individual outcomes for their rehabilitation clients, as well as improving the independence and quality of life for those requiring long term support.

Gold Sponsor



The Department of Family and Community Services is supporting the arts through the NSW Arts and Disability Partnership which is helping build programs to encourage people with disability to be creative across all art forms, as well as participate in arts projects and audiences. This Partnership is helping to showcase work by artists with disability, provide arts industry connections and professional development opportunities for artists with disability.

Silver Sponsor



Sunnyhaven Disability Services has a rich and vibrant 65 year history, providing disability services across accommodation, day programs and therapy services. Over the past two years they have had a focus on the arts as a medium to showcase the work of people with disability.

Gallery Sponsor



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Welcome

“Welcome to the first arts + disability expo

The arts + disability expo aims to provide you with information, advice and access to arts and cultural opportunities. With a variety of arts programs, organisations, venues and practitioners on hand we hope to provide you with all the support that you need to become involved in creative pursuits.

We encourage you to watch some of the performances, listen to the talks about the National Disability Insurance Scheme [NDIS], and view the photographic exhibition. The expo is also a good opportunity to see new and different levels of creative work by artists with disability.”

Sancha Donald, CEO, Accessible Arts

General Information

Opening Times

Friday 18 September 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday 19 September 10:00am – 3:00pm

Registration Desk

The registration desk will operate during expo opening times. A complimentary official expo satchel is available for each registered attendee at the desk. For any enquiries during the expo, please visit the registration desk.

Access

Carriageworks is a ground floor accessible venue. Accessible amenities include wheelchair access to all on-site facilities. Provision of specific access will be available for expo attendees, including Auslan interpreters and audio description. For the two-day **Access Program** please refer to your satchel insert.



Wi-Fi Lounge

Attendees can relax in the expo lounge area and make the most of the complimentary Wi-Fi. Be a part of our social media community and conversation during the expo by live-tweeting, or enter the expo Instagram photo contest 'Take a Selfie with a Stranger'. Please ask an Accessible Arts staff member or expo volunteer for further information on how to participate.

Connect with us

Facebook.com/accessiblearts

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@aartsnsw | #accessiblearts

Photographic Exhibition

The expo features a photographic exhibition with 20 artworks submitted by individuals with disability. The exhibition required that the photographs capture the object “stick” in a literal, conceptual or figurative form.

Food and Beverage Options

The Cornerstone Bar and Food is available to expo attendees and offers a range of share plates and daily specials. On Saturday 19 September, the Carriageworks Farmers Market is in close proximity to the expo, allowing attendees to combine their expo experience with local food produce stalls. Most stalls take cash only. An ATM can be found inside Carriageworks.

Photography

Accessible Arts reserves the right to use any photographs, visual or audio recordings taken during the expo. If you wish to withhold your permission for use of this material, please advise staff at the registration desk.

Cultural Program

Friday 18 September

11:00am Welcome Address

Accessible Arts Chairperson Emeritus Professor Sharman Pretty and Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Robyn Kemmis welcome the audience to the expo's first day.

11:15am Poetry and Literature Reading

Writer Richard Bell reads a selection of his original literary works.

12:00pm National Disability Insurance Scheme [NDIS] updates

John Kroon presents insights on the NDIS rollout.

12:30pm Ability Links - Arts in your Community

Alison Bills from Settlement Services International, and Grace Burns from St Vincent de Paul Society, provide an overview of Ability Links Metro South, along with local stories.

1:00pm Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre Access Program

Roy Marchant talks about the centre's 'Access Program'.

1:30pm Putting Sunnyhaven on the map

Multimedia performance by the Sunnyhaven Disability Services group.

2:15pm Museum of Contemporary Arts' Bella Program

Susannah Thorne, Bella Program Coordinator, presents an overview of the MCA's Bella Program for students with specific needs.

2:45pm Empowerment Through Creativity

Introduced by Carriageworks Director Lisa Havilah, Gabrielle Mordy, Artistic Director of Studio ARTES, and Studio ARTES' artists, discuss the Studio ARTES program. The talk follows with a presentation of performance piece, 'Will I'.

3:15pm Out of Line

Performance excerpt from 'Out of Line'; a dance theatre piece performed by members of Shopfront Bodylines Ensemble.

Saturday 19 September

10:15am Welcome Address

Accessible Arts CEO Sancha Donald welcomes the audience to the expo's second day.

10:20am Lantern Parade and Singing performance

Students with disability from Sydney Community College showcase their lanterns.

11:30am Royal Rehab Choir

The Royal Rehab Choir perform a collection of songs.

12:00pm The Art of Ability Links

Vicki Southgate and Kat Hastenteufel from Uniting Care will give an overview of Ability Links Metro North and present stories from their community.

12:30pm Heart Break and Beauty

Screening of the film 'Heart Break and Beauty', produced by students from Sydney Community College in collaboration with Bus Stop Films. This follows with a short Q&A session.

1:00pm Scene from a distance

Short performance piece by Different Degrees Theatre Ensemble.

1:30pm Café de Paris

Short theatre piece by Imagination Theatre.

1:30pm An artistic experience - Stefan Kater (Wifi Lounge)

Deaf Artist Stefan Kater, Sulman Prize Finalist 2015, talks about his experience as an artist.

2:00pm Didgeridoo Performance

Charlie McMahon performs live on stage with his didgeridoo.



Creative classes for people of all ages with disabilities

Leisure Options



Creative classes for adults with an intellectual disability residing in the inner west area.

Art Mondays 5.45 - 7.15pm

Music Mondays 7.30 - 8.45

Drama Tuesdays 6.30 - 8pm

Ever After Theatre



For over 10 years Ever After Theatre have worked with new and emerging artists to create an accessible space for people with disabilities to develop new work.

Tuesdays 5pm - 6.30pm

Stage 1 Drama



Aged between 6 and 12? Fancy having fun and getting creative?

Drama classes for primary school aged children with disabilities including ASD.

Fridays 5pm - 6pm



Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre

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e: alyson.evans@rozellecentre.org w: www.reddorarts.org

2. The Disability Trust

The Disability Trust is committed to providing professional care and services as well as advocacy for people with disabilities and their families. It is based in regional NSW with their head office in Wollongong. The Trust provides a wide range of services to residents from the Central Coast in the north, to the Victorian border.

3. Clubmates Travel

Clubmates Travel is the global leader in fully supported holidays and for people with disability. National or international, individual or group travel, the experienced and knowledgeable people at Clubmates realise the importance of good quality care and support, to allow their members to take the holiday of their dreams.

NSW Family and Community Services is committed to enhancing cultural and creative opportunities for people with disability in NSW through the NSW Arts and Disability Partnership.



Family & Community Services



4. Ability Options

Ability Options provides wide-ranging services, which are individually focused to include holistic life options that promote choice and control. They offer people a person-centered solution to achieve both short and long-term goals. This enhances people's lives and allows them to be more independent and engaged with the community.

5-6. Sunnyfield Disability Services

Sunnyfield is a leading disability services provider with over 63 years of experience in supporting people with disability. Their arts program provides unparalleled access to the arts and a platform for social and community inclusion. Sunnyfield clients have access to this unique and innovative program, which explores creativity through different art mediums.

A poster for the Sunnyfield Community, Culture & Arts Program. The title is in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below it, a paragraph describes the program's focus on providing access to the arts and a platform for social and community inclusion. At the bottom, contact information is provided. The poster features a collage of images including a person in a red dress, a person in a white dress, and various art materials like paint tubes and brushes.

**COMMUNITY,
CULTURE & ARTS
PROGRAM**

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For more information about Sunnyfield
Visit us at: www.unbanded.org.au
To find out more about Sunnyfield's services
www.sunnyfield.org.au or Call us on 1800 588 688.

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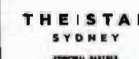
**SYDNEY
FESTIVAL**
7-26 JAN

We welcome all visitors to Sydney Festival events and make every effort to ensure that the program is accessible and inclusive to all, regardless of their accessibility requirements. Every year we aim to offer a range of access initiatives, including live captioning, tactile tours, audio description, Auslan interpretation and relaxed performances.

The 2016 Sydney Festival program of events will be available online at sydneyfestival.org.au from midday 21 October.

sydneyfestival.org.au/access

02 8248 6500



7. Art Gallery of NSW

The Art Gallery of NSW want to share collections, exhibitions and events and engage diverse audiences with different abilities. The range of their access programs includes: Auslan interpreters for groups, guided sensory tours and audio-described tours. Groups of visitors with intellectual disabilities are encouraged to contact the gallery to discuss their needs.

8. Sunshine Art Studios

Sunshine Art Studios supports people with disability to develop their artistic talents in a variety of mediums. In a supportive and fun environment, people with disability can explore the art of papermaking, ceramics and sculpture as well as painting, drawing and photography under the guidance of friendly arts professionals.

9. Macarthur Disability Services

Macarthur Disability Services (MDS) delivers person-centered experiences for people with disability, allowing them to participate in society and empower them to realise their potential. MDS currently delivers a pilot creative arts program aimed at youth and children with disability at their purpose-built creative arts and performance space in Campbelltown.

10. Riverside Theatres

Riverside Theatres, Parramatta is a vibrant cultural hub in Western Sydney. They produce and promote rich, diverse quality arts and culture across theatre, dance, music, film and comedy. 'Beyond ABBA' is Riverside's drama and movement program designed to foster self-confidence, promote well-being and increase skills in performing and self-expression for people with disability



INCLUSION IS EVERYDAY AT RIVERSIDE

Riverside Theatres is Western Sydney's premier performing arts centre. With over 1,000 events per year Riverside offers something for everyone.

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Lili Pang during a relaxed performance of Sella Rabbit

11. Sydney Opera House

Sydney Opera House is one of the busiest performing arts centres in the world, providing over 1,600 performances each year. Their own programming 'Sydney Opera House Presents' offers an eclectic mix of over 700 performances a year, ranging from artistic and cultural activities through to educational and experimental programs for all ages.

12. Sydney Community College

Sydney Community College's ICEP provides the opportunity for adults with an intellectual disability to participate in a range of fun, creative and recreation short courses. It has proven to be a great way to make new friends and be part of the community. Courses include Film Making with Bus Stop Films, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Dance and Fitness.

For more information contact the ICEP team:
Ph: +61 2 8752 7571 email: icep@scc.nsw.edu.au
website: www.sydneycommunitycollege.com.au/icep

13. Sunnyhaven Disability Services

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14-15. Cerebral Palsy Alliance

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance is an innovative, outcome focused community based centre in St Ives. They specialise in performing and visual arts as well as music, film and photography. With fantastic facilitators and a brand new site, they are promoting artist-led projects and a space to get creative.

18. Sylvanvale

Sylvanvale supports people with disability to live life their way. They embrace a person-centered approach, valuing choice and the achievement of goals for individuals, their families and carers. They provide group and independent living, inclusive programs for people of all ages and employment support through social enterprise, work readiness and life skills initiatives.

For more information contact: Julie Everton on +61 2 8536 0154 or email jeverton@sylvanvale.com.au

19. Museum of Contemporary Art

Connecting broad and diverse public with the work of living artists, the Museum of Contemporary Art [MCA] Australia pursues curatorial excellence and innovation in audience engagement. MCA's vision is to take a leadership role in shaping an Australia that values contemporary art and artists.

20. Australian National Academy of Disability Arts

The Australian National Academy of Disability Arts is a creative and performing arts academy for emerging artists with disabilities. They are mentored by leading arts practitioners and educators in a supportive environment with industry-standard facilities - the perfect next step towards professional practice in the exciting world of disability arts.

21. Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club

Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club provides opportunities for participation in social club, sports and arts programs and activities to people with disability, their families as well as fun activities for all. Most occur in St George, Inner West and South West Sydney, but are open to all.

22. Art as Therapy

Art as Therapy imparts participants with powerful visual language for their personal, unique expression. Participants are supported as individuals and assisted to meet their own goals. Rebecca Sciroli BA Visual Arts (Hons) facilitates art, to artists of all abilities, in the community, including people with disabilities.

23. INALA

INALA supports people living with disabilities through residential, supported employment and day services. Creative and therapeutic programs are tailored to each person's special interests, abilities and strengths. Artistic expression and creativity is supported through a variety of interactive sessions, such as drama, music, painting and mixed media, photography, pottery, felting, weaving, soap making, and cooking.



Different Degrees Theatre Ensemble from Lane Cove

- Makes and performs original works of theatre.
- Builds creative capacities and self-confidence.
- Teaches skills to devise performances.
- Is an accepting and inclusive project for all abilities

For more information call 9427 6425 or email general@wecareforyou.com.au

24. Flintwood Disability Services

Flintwood Disability Services is a flexible service that enhances the opportunities of people with disability to have a varied and fulfilling life within the community. They help support people with skill development, training, recreation, cultural and transition-to-work. They provide the opportunity for individuals to explore their creativity through a range of mediums such as art studio work, digital design, cooking, dance and music.

25-26. Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

Casula Powerhouse is a multi-disciplinary arts centre, located within the City of Liverpool. It is an arts centre responsive to its local and global communities. With over 150 languages spoken in the local area, they represent culturally diverse stories that allow their audiences to reflect on the world.



Sunshine Art Studios has three dynamic programs that can help you explore your creativity! Located at Pymble & Frenchs Forest we provide quality tuition in ceramics, papermaking, and wood arts, in a fun and creative environment. **Join us and explore your creative side!**

For more information visit us at www.sunshinelgd.org.au or call us on 9496 8700 today.

BOOTH NO. 27

BLOOMINGARTS

Celebrating 10 years



Blooming Arts celebrates 10 years of exhibiting a diverse range of fine art practice by Sydney based artists. Join us on Saturday November 28 in the Leichhardt Town Hall, at 1pm

To exhibit your work and have a chance to win the Blooming Arts Mentorship Prize register to receive CreateNews - Leichhardt Council's monthly arts and cultural e-letter - www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/createnews

For more information on Blooming Arts 2015 Program please go to www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/BloomingArts



murmuration
Dance Theatre

Murmuration Dance Theatre is Sydney's first professional integrated dance company, working alongside artists with and without disability to create innovative contemporary dance theatre works. As a company, our core aim is to encourage artistic vibrancy and creative expression through the provision of professional and community arts development.

Office: +61 2 9569 4580
Web: www.murmuration.com.au
Location: 142 Addison Road Marrickville NSW Australia 2040

27. Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils with Murmuration Dance Theatre and Blooming Arts

Blooming Arts celebrates 10 years of exhibiting a diverse range of fine art practice by Sydney-based artists, including the 'Blooming Arts Mentorship Prize'. Murmuration Dance Theatre is an innovative, integrated and inclusive art practice, a first for Sydney, and proudly supported by Marrickville Council.

28. Autism Spectrum Australia

'Club Weld' is a melting pot of sounds, beats, music and people created by Autism Spectrum Australia, and delivered in partnership with Information and Cultural Exchange. The project brings emerging musicians with autism and other disabilities together with professional musicians to explore music making.

29. Studio ARTES

Studio ARTES is an independent, not-for-profit organisation offering equitable access to creative programs for adults living with disability in the Sydney region. They use creative methods to provide whole-of-life outcomes through their three departments – Art, Performing Arts, and Life Skills. Professional development is also available through their Studio ARTISTS program.

30. Shopfront

The 'Bodylines Dance Theatre Ensemble' of young people, with and without disability, form part of the award-winning 'Accessibility Program' at Shopfront Arts Co-op, in Carlton, South Sydney.

For more information contact Margot Politis on +61 2 9588 3948 or email accessibility@shopfront.org.au website: www.shopfront.org.au

31. Windgap

'Making Airwaves' is a non-for-profit program that allows adults with an intellectual disability to create and run their own radio program on community radio station Eastside FM 89.7. The show enables participants to express their own ideas, stories, opinions and above all, have a lot of fun.

32. Octapod

Octapod is a unique not-for-profit arts development and advocacy organisation dedicated to enabling a thriving and inclusive arts culture in Newcastle and the Lower Hunter region. They work with the community to develop innovative events, initiatives and resources, which support arts and cultural participation for people with disability.

For more information contact Christina Robberds, Director, on 0415 699 227 or email admin@octapod.org

33. Royal Rehab featuring Imagine Me

Royal Rehab is a nationally recognised disability support network including specialist rehabilitation for brain and spinal injury. Royal Rehab Lifestyle Support is developing inclusive arts projects within the community to promote creative art skills to maximise abilities and encourage development of social interaction and life skills. They engage in extensive education and research to improve the rehabilitation outcomes for their clients who have acquired a disability as the result of trauma, accident or illness. They provide on-site and long-term supported accommodation to improve the independence and quality of life for those with complex healthcare needs. For more information contact Jim Towers, on +61 2 9808 9268 | 0408 443 650 or email jim.towers@royalrehab.com.au



- Imagine Me creative digital photography workshops
- Community Choir
- Personalised inpatient art programs
- Social Craft Nights

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- introductory digital photography.

For more information, or to enrol, contact:

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