

NSW ARTS AND DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP

The NSW Government has committed \$1.5 million to increase access to arts and cultural activities for people with a disability.

Arts NSW and Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) in the NSW Department of Family and Community Services have formed a *NSW Arts and Disability Partnership* for two years, starting in 2012. The partnership, will deliver programs that:

- increase opportunities for people with a disability to participate in arts and cultural activities
- support creative practice for people with a disability
- support the development of excellence in arts and disability projects and programs

The partnership is part of the NSW Government's commitment to the *National Disability Strategy* and the *National Arts and Disability Strategy* and is funded under ADHC's *Stronger Together Two* disability services plan. See the Arts NSW website for more information on the partnership www.arts.nsw.gov.au

Arts organisations in NSW with arts and disability programs include:

- Accessible Arts the peak body for arts and disability in NSW
- Arts Mid North Coast
- Arts Northern Rivers
- Arts OutWest
- Illawarra Performing Arts Centre
- Riverside Theatres
- Penrith Performing and Visual Arts
- Shopfront Theatre for Young People
- Studio Artes

To find out more on the NSW arts and disability sector, visit the Accessible Arts website www.aarts.net.au

Photo: From the performance Love Heart Cardigan at Riverside Theatres, 5 December 2011

Actors: Chris Bunton, Digby Webster, Audrey O'Connor

Director: Alison Richardson Photographer: Heidrun Lohr

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