

welcome

Il con gratulate Accessible Arts for hosting the second Arts and Disability Conference in NSW.

A dsability should not be a barrier to human rights, nor should impede the right to use art to describe the human condition, expore creativity or work in the arts sector. It is vital people with dsability have the same opportunities to participate in the arts and cultural life as the rest of the community.

The Arts Activated Conference is the ideal forum for the arts and disability sector to come together to be inspired and to work on Practical Measures to accelerate the pace of change toward full inclusion in the arts for people with a disability.

This is why lencourage all who work in both sectors to make the National Arts Disability Strategy a source of meaningful expression.

The greatness of artists, the dedication of art workers and the purpose of Cultural institutions will be judged not by the critic or in the auction houses or the tickets sold, but by those we empower to leave their mark for posterity, not as people with a disability, but as contributors in their own right.

The Honourable Paul Lynch

Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Welcome to the second Arts Activated Conference Arts - Access - Excellence!

For those passionate about the arts and disability sectors the Arts Activated Conference provides an opportunity to come together to explore, debate, discuss and connect ideas and practice. The conference will also celebrate the accomplishments of and provide showcase opportunities for artists with disability

The theme Arts, Access, Excellence was chosen as a springboard for critique of the programs, projects and services being presented at the conference by the array of wonderful speakers. However, some of you may be thinking – what Arts, what Access; what Excellence?

I feel sure that the breadth of speakers and presentations will highlight the burgeoning interest in arts and disability and signal future directions providing participants with ideas and tools for their own environment.

Our hope is that the next two days are inspirational and informative, enabling delegates to create networks and all lance that will sustain your initiatives for people with disability to live creative lives.

Sancha Donald

Chief Executive Officer, Accessible Arts

arts activated conference

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Presented by Accessible Arts, the peak arts and disability organisation across NSW

Program and Conference Handbook

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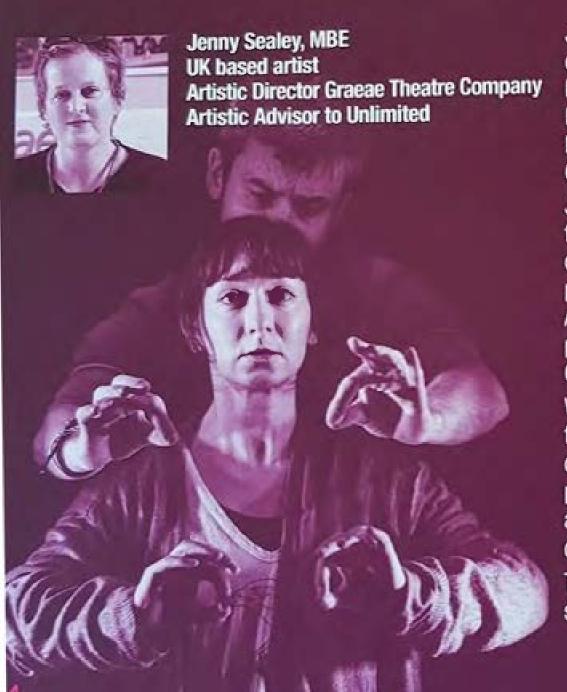
25-26 March 2010

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

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keynote speaker



Jenny went to Middlesex Poly on the BA Performing Arts course, majoring in dance and choreography. In 1986 she became a founding member of the Common Ground Sign Dance Company and the now defunct London Disability Arts Forum, and worked as an actor with Graeae Theatre, Theatre Centre, Half Moon and Red Ladder.

Jenny has been the Artistic Director of Graeae Theatre for over ten years, the UK's leading disability led theatre company. She has directed numerous award winning productions throughout this time. Jenny is also the Artistic Advisor to Unlimited, the UK's largest ever cultural disability program, forming a major component of the Cultural Olympiad for London's 2012 Olympics.

Within these roles, Jenny has become a high profile voice for arts and disability and has attracted significant media coverage. Importantly, her role as Artistic Advisor to Unlimited provides an opportunity to demonstrate the crossover of arts and disability into broader cultural life. This includes the roles of creativity and access in sports and diversity.

The 2009 Queen's Honours awarded Jenny an MBE for her service to Disability Arts in the UK.

MCs



Gerard O'Dwyer

Gerard O'Dwyer is a 25 year old actor from Guildford, NSW. In 2009 he was awarded Best Male Actor at Tropfest — the world's largest short film festival, for his role in the film *Be My Brother*, which went on to win

Best Film. This accolade has seen Gerard become an advocate and role model for people with a disability with him being invited to speak at numerous functions, fundraisers and events across the country from Hobart to Horsham.

Gerard had previously starred in his local high school's musicals, The Lion King and Hair and for the last 6 years has also been a part of the acclaimed dance group The Merry Makers. Gerard is also featured in Up, Up and Away a documentary produced by Down Syndrome NSW following the lives of several people with Down Syndrome. He has also being involved in a College of Fine Arts short films, The Memory of You and The Reflection of Me and two other short films Everybody Loves My Girl and In Voice for Kino Kabaret. His most recent acting credit is on a government advertisement campaigning for more people to become carers for people with a disability.



Alison Richardson

Alison has worked extensively as a theatre director and tutor for community theatre companies; Powerhouse Youth Theatre, Shopfront Theatre, PACT Theatre and Australian Theatre For Young People.

Due to Alison's interest and passion for working with people with a disability in 2007 she established her own company Sliced Bread Attraction which aims to create creative opportunities for people with a disability in all art forms. In 2008 she produced Bakehouse, a week long inclusive arts event held at Carriageworks in Sydney, consisting of workshops, forums, film nights and satellite events.

Alison currently works for NSW's peak arts and disability organisation Accessible Arts, as the Creative Programs Coordinator for Western Sydney. She also works as the Community Producer for Milkcrate Theatre, a theatre company that works with the homeless and disadvantaged. In 2007 Alison was awarded the Australia Council for the Arts Young Leaders Award for her commitment to community arts.

Performance



Prelude – Solo Dance Piece (work in development) Kyra Kimpton, SA

A dance theatre solo that explores the intricacies of personal obsession and compulsion, the desires we feel and how

we control and express them. Exploring new territory for the Australian performing arts the work will create a coherent collage of audio description, Auslan, signed song, dance and physical theatre, culminating in a dynamic and consistent platform where the diverse mediums are experienced as equally valuable and necessary contributions to the overall whole; innovative, challenging and exciting.

Collaborators Kyra Kimpton (performer, SA) and choreographer Jemima Hoadley, Wreckless Arts Dance (UK) recently undertook a one-month creative development during January 2010 in London.

Prelude is an ongoing development, assisted by The Richard
Llewellyn Arts and Disability Trust, the Australian Government through
the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body
and the Government of South Australia through Arts SA.



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Jazz Performance - Solo Jazz Vocalist Janelle Colquhoun, QLD Accompanied by Michael Gubb on piano

Janelle Colquhoun took music, dance and drama lessons before studying opera at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

In her Post-Graduate year she performed full-time at World Expo '88 as a street entertainer. She joined the Australian Oper for 2 years before moving to Europe where she accepted a full-time contract with the Opera Frankfurt. At age 29 she went blind and returned to Brisbane.

Janelle continued to perform in concerts and operas, recorded three solo albums and joined boards and committees including Access Arts QLD; the Arts Queensland – Arts and Disability Working Party; the Brisbane City Council Local Arts, Cultural a Festivals Assessment Committee; and the Arts Queensland Passessment Panel.

In 1999 Janelle established Salubrious Productions, an entertainment and production agency specialising in professional artists with a disability. To date she has produce over 900 mainstream and disability events. She has accepte speaking and workshop facilitation engagements throughout Australia and overseas, and had over 100 articles on disabiliarts and health published.

Panels - devised by Accessible Arts

Integrated Dance

Panelists speak from national and international perspectives to share experience in modes of investment or training in integrated dance. The panel aims to uncover the milestones essential to sustainable integrated dance practice and the challenges facing the development of an inclusive Australian dance future.

PANELISTS

Rafael Bonachela

Artistic Director Sydney Dance Company

Philip Channells

Artistic Director Restless Dance Theatre

Gaelle Mellis

Designer Restless Dance Theatre

Jo Dunbar

International dance Theatre Artist

FACILITATOR

Erin Brannigan

Founder of ReelDance and lecturer in dance at the University of NSW

Avoiding the Stereotype – Representation of people with a disability in film and television

This panel will explore issues surrounding the representation of people with a disability on film and television and how to avoid stereotyping. The Mindframe National Media Initiative will be highlighted as an example of a project that works with scriptwriters to truthfully and fairly represent people experiencing mental health issues.

PANELISTS

Genevieve Clay & Eleanor Winkler

Emerging film director and producer – winner of Best Film Tropfest 2009 for *Be My Brother*

Gerard O'Dwyer & Tracie Sammut

Winner of Best Actor Tropfest 2009 & Silver Logie winner and screen, stage and television actress

Amy Laybutt

Senior Project Officer, Hunter Institute of Mental Health and Mindframe Stage & Screen project

Michael Winter

Scriptwriter for *Pacific Drive* and *Water Rats* and concept development for *Blue Heelers*

FACILITATOR

Alison Richardson

Creative Programs Coordinator for Western Sydney Access the Arts

What makes an accessible festival?

Festivals are often programmed over short periods and in temporary or non performance specific venues. This panel will examine how festivals can deliver best practice access for all artists and audiences from upper management through to the box office.

PANELISTS

John Bayley

Head of Production, Sydney Festival

Rick Randall

Artistic Director, The Other Film Festival

Craig Rogers

Events and Festivals Coordinator, Darebin City Council

FACILITATOR

David Finnigan

Co-Director of Crack Theatre Festival and Production Manager for the Canberra International Music Festival

Dedicated funding for artists with disability, is this the way forward?

Panelists representing a range of funding models will discuss the philosophies behind their programs, illustrate recent outcomes and debate whether dedicated funding is the way forward to achieving excellence for artists with disability.

PANELISTS

Clare Tizard

Richard Llewellyn Arts & Disability Trust

Gaelle Mellis

Disabled artist and grant recipient

Frank Panucci

Director Community Partnerships Australia Council for the Arts

FACILITATOR

Sue Hunt

CEO CarriageWorks

Thursday 25 March 2010

8.30am - 9.00am	Registration
9.00am - 10.40am	Opening plenary (Coles Theatre)
9.00am	Welcome to Country - Vic Simms
9.10am	Welcome Address – Sancha Donald, CEO Accessible Arts
9.30am	Opening Address - The Honourable Paul Lynch, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
9.40am	KEYNOTE Jenny Sealey, MBE, Artistic Advisor to Unlimited the UK's largest ever cultural disability program, forming a major component of the Cultural Olympiad for London's 2012 Olympics
10.20am	Solo Performance Jazz Vocalist - Janelle Colquhoun, accompanied by Michael Gubb on piano
	Morning Tea (Learning Centre Foyer, Level 2)

11.00am - 12.00am Breakout Session 1

Coles Theatre	Target Theatre	PLC room A	PLC room B	PLC room C
1a 'National Arts & Disability Strategy – Where to from here?' GARETH WREFORD Executive Officer Arts Access Australia	1c The Practising Artist perspective 'Too Bissi For Boredom or Loneliness' SCOTT TREVELYAN 'Practising As a Legally Blind Furniture Designer' DUNCAN MEERDING	1d 'Secret Lives of Artists with Disabilities' SAMANTHA CONNOR Access & Equity Manager C.Y O'Connor College of TAFE MELISSA NOONAN CEO & co-founder of Limbs 4 Life Inc.	1b 'Venue & Event Access – good practice community models' RENEE GOOSSENS & LINDA CARDEW Civic Place Project Willoughby CRAIG ROGERS Darebin City Council Vic	1e 'Restless Dance Theatre – working towards excellence' PHILIP CHANNELLS Artistic Director Restless Dance Theatre

Thursday 25th March 2010

12 10pm - 1.10pm Breakout Session 2

Coles Theatre	Target Theatre	PLC room A	PLC room B	PLC room C
2c 'Arts programming for people with disability – 3 models explored' GABRIELLE MORDY & EMMA JOHNSTON Studio Artes NATALIE MCCARTHY & ANNE KWASNER Roomies GAYE FLEMING & ALEKS JOVANOVIC Sunnyfield Facilitator - JOSIE CAVALLARO Arts Development Officer Accessible Arts & AART.BOX acilitator	'Dedicated funding for artists with a disability – is this the way forward?' CLARE TIZARD Richard Llewellyn Arts & Disability Trust GAELLE MELLIS Disabled artist and grant recipient FRANK PANUCCI Australia Council for the Arts Facilitator - SUE HUNT CEO CarriageWorks	2b 'Removing the Obstacles – Access & Heritage' GARETH WREFORD Executive Officer Arts Access Australia	2d 'Access Is Always Access To An Experience' RICK RANDALL Artistic Director and founder of The Other Film Festival SARAH TRACTON Churchill Fellow and Communications Manager at Arts Access Australia Screening of Captioned short films	2e PANEL 'Intimate Encounters (IE) Photographic essay' BELINDA MASON IE photographer DENISE BECKWITH IE participant LISA CAHILL IE Project Manager RACHEL WOTTON Touching Base Inc. JULES BOAG Touring exhibition co-ordinator Facilitator - KATH DUNCAL Journalist & IE participant

Thursday 25th March 2010

1.10pm - 2.00pm Lunch	(Learning Centre Foyer Level	12)			
2.00pm - 2.25pm Perform	mance - Solo Dance piece by	Kyra Kimpton (Coles Theatr	e) 🧳		
2.35pm – 3.35pm Breakout Session 3					
Coles Theatre	Target Theatre	PLC room A	PLC room B	PLC room C	
3a 'Is it normal any different?' TONY McCAFFREY A Different Light Theatre Company New Zealand ISAAC TAIT Performer A Different Light Theatre Company	3d PANEL 'Excellence – What is it anyway?' JANE TRENGOVE Professional Artist and Manager Access & Audience Development Arts Access Victoria DANIEL KOJTA Artist SHARON FLANAGAN Artist	3c 'Art of Difference Festival: A Case Study' LESLEY HALL CEO Australian Federation of Disability Organisations and Chair Art of Difference (AOD) CRUSADER HILLIS Director/CEO Gasworks Arts Park and Executive Producer AOD	3b 'Access technology is mainstream now!' ALEX VARLEY CEO of Media Access Australia	3e 'The Deaf Arts Network – Connecting People' ROSS ONLEY-ZERKEL Coordinator of Deaf Arts Network (DAN), at Arts Access Victoria	

3.35pm - 4.00pm Afternoon Tea (Learning Centre Foyer Level 2)

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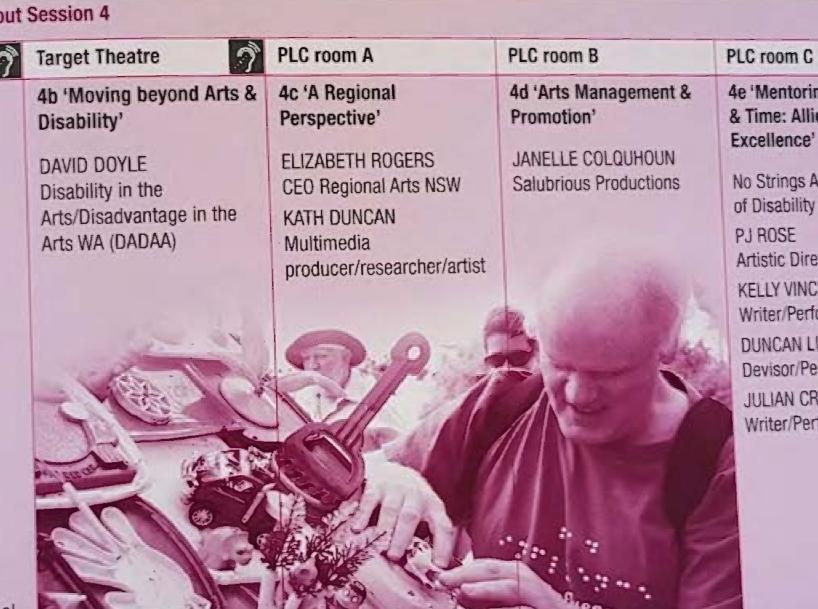
4.00pm - 5.00pm Breakout Session 4

Coles Theatre 4a Panel What makes an Accessible Festival?'

JOHN BAYLEY Head of Production, Sydney Festival RICK RANDALL Artistic Director,

The Other Film Festival CRAIG ROGERS **Events and Festivals** Coordinator, Darebin City Council

Facilitator -DAVID FINNIGAN Co-Director of Crack Theatre Festival and Production Manager for the Canberra International Music Festival



PLC room C 4e 'Mentoring Strategies & Time: Allies for

No Strings Attached Theatre of Disability members P.J ROSE Artistic Director

KELLY VINCENT Writer/Performer

DUNCAN LUKE Devisor/Performer

JULIAN CROTTI Writer/Performer/Director

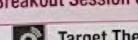
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8.30am - 9.00am	Registration					
9.00am - 10.30am	Plenary (Coles Theatre)	A Eg				
9.00am	Welcome					
9.10am	KEY NOTE - JENNY SEALEY, MBE, Artistic Director Graeae Theatre Company UK					
9.50am	Screening of Necessary Games and br	rief presentation by Restless [Dance Theatre OC AD			
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea (Learning Centre Foyer	r level 2)	The state of the s			
11.00am - 12.00am	Breakout Session 5					
Coles Theatre	7 Target Theatre	PLC room A	PLC room B	PLC room C		
Integrated Dance: Investment and Trail RAFAEL BONACHELA Artistic Director Sydney Dance Compa PHILIP CHANNELLS Artistic Director Restless Dance Theatr GAELLE MELLIS Designer Restless Dance Theatr JO DUNBAR International dance the Artist Facilitator - ERIN BRANN Jecturer in Dance UNSW	CRIENA GEHRKE Office for Disability Department of Planning & Community Development, Vic JUDITH SEARS Arts Victoria EILIS HUGHES Department of Human Services Vic	5b 'Disability Arts - an arts history perspective' MAJELLA FLANAGAN Any Bright Ideas Northern Ireland (Via SKYPE)	programs in disability services' PETER DENATRIS Ageing, Disability and Home Care Department of Human Services NSW KELLY MILNE Co-author 'Arts for Art's Sake: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Facilitation of Creativity Within Disability Services'	5d 'RAD: Access Excellence & Practice' JAMIE CONROY Response Employment and Training DEAN LA SPINA Service User; 'Weasel Sur Designer/Director		

Friday 26th March 2010

Breakout Session 6

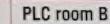
12.10pm - 1.10pm Bre
Coles Theatre
6a 'Disability Arts & Quality'
SUE WILLIAMS Arts Council England



Target Theatre



PLC room A

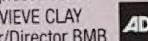


PLC room C

6b PANEL

Representation of people with disability in film & TV

Screening of 'Be My Brother' (BMB) winner OC of Tropfest 2009



GENEVIEVE CLAY AD III Writer/Director BMB **ELFANOR WINKLER**

Producer BMB GERARD O'DWYER Best actor Tropfest 09 TRACIE SAMMUT Silver Logie winner and screen, stage and TV actress AMY LAYBUTT

Mindframe Stage & Screen project MICHAEL WINTER scriptwriter Pacific Drive, Water Rats & Blue Heelers Facilitator -

ALISON RICHARDSON Creative Programs Coordinator Accessible Arts

6c 'RAW LAW -Accessible legal protocols for people with a disability.'

ADAM ROZSA Artistic Project Manager Arts Access Victoria REBECCA LAUBI Senior Solicitor Arts Law Centre of Australia

6d 'Do touch the Art a museum & galleries perspective on access'

MICHAEL DONNELLY Vision Australia School DANIELLE GULLOTTA Access Coordinator

Art Gallery of NSW

6e 'Developing A Mainstream Audience'

SUE ROFF **Executive Director** Arts Project Australia





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1.10pm - 2.00pm Lunch	(Learning Centre Foyer Leve	12)		
2.00pm - 2.25pm Perform and the	mance - NSW Showcase Janet e First Flight Crew, Hip Hop dar	Diane, a monologue performance group featuring Morganics	nce , Ana Nguyen, singe (Coles Theatre)	er/songwriter 69
2.35pm - 3.20pm Break	out Session 7			
Coles Theatre	Target Theatre	PLC room A	PLC room B	thinkspace@phm
7a 'Breaking Barriers: disability and excellence' RACHEL GADSDEN Associate Artist for Parliamentary Outreach Houses of Parliament, UK (Unable to attend, presenting via pre-recorded interview) REBECCA FAWCETT Cultural Programmes Manager, Parliamentary Outreach Houses of Parliament, UK	7b 'Avatar in the Dreamhouse: the National Arts & Disability Strategy in focus' BRUCE MAGUIRE Human Rights Commission	7c 'Your Excellence We Present Hunger' KATE SULAN Founding Artistic Director of Rawcus PAUL MATELY Graduate Ignition NMIT RACHEL EDWARDS Performer, writer, singer, director and devisor JACQUE ROBINSON Company Manager		7e 'Sound House Special Access Kit Program: music making workshops for groups of people with a disability at Powerhouse Museum' PETER MAHONY Manager, Learning Technologies PHN Bookings Esssential Book@conference registration desk

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Coles Theatre	Target Theatre	PLC room A	PLC room B	thinkspace@phm
8e 'Increasing opportunities for arts participation: Best practice for local government and community organisations' KIM DUNPHY Cultural Development Network	8c 'Building a social movement of Aboriginal people with a disability – exploring art as a medium for social change' DAMIAN GRIFFIS EO Aboriginal Disability Network	8b 'Disability led video & Animation Projects' PHILIP GRIFFIN Digitech Program Facilitator TRISHA FERGUSON and JAMES KURTZE Two of the most enthusiastic and versatile participants in Tutti's Digitech program.	8a 'Ways of Seeing Differently' HELEN NICHOLSON Education Officer, Public Programs Powerhouse Museum (PHM) ANNI TURNBULL Curator PHM NICK GLEESON Speaker Network Officer, Vision Australia	8d 'Sound House Special Access Kit Program: music making workshops for groups of people with a disability at Powerhouse Museum' PETER MAHONY Manager, Learning Technologies PHN Bookings Essential Book@conference registration desk

4.15pm – 5.00pm Closing & Drinks (Learning Centre Foyer)
Closing remarks followed by drinks



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