

AMERICAN AUSTRALIAN ARTS FUND

Nurturing creative talent
and cultural exchange



We are committed to fostering artistic achievement in current and future generations by providing grants which support early career and emerging American, Native American, Australian and Indigenous Australian artists to pursue their creative dreams overseas.

Established in the spirit of cross-cultural exchange and mutual admiration, the American-Australian Arts Fund (AAAF) offers early career artists the opportunity to advance in the fields of theatre, film, television, dance, visual arts, design, music, literature, photography and fashion, to develop their talent with leading mentors and educators.

The AAAF provides financial assistance, mentorships and the opportunity to connect to a global network of fellow artists, as well as exposure to a wider audience.

20+ grants awarded annually

500+ grants awarded

Over \$1.2 million invested

OUR GOAL

To significantly grow and expand the AAAF by doubling our program commitment each year for the next four years, to reach a target goal of \$1 million in 2025.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Fund a 'Named' Arts grant with a \$25,000 per annum contribution. Grant contributions are 100% tax deductible donations.



Victoria Manganiello | 2021 Arts Fund Scholar

“I’m grateful to the AAA for supporting the talent of young artists and encouraging artistic exchange between Australia and the US. This has enabled me to train at one of the top acting schools in the world (NYU Tisch Graduate Acting program) and to receive the prestigious Helen Hayes Award, alongside Cate Blanchett and Hugo Weaving.”

- LILY BALATINCZ
American-Australian
Arts Fund Recipient
Performing Arts



Jessie Hughes | 2021 Arts Fund Scholar

“I learnt how to weave watching the old ladies. I put all the stories in my head, and today, when I weave, I remember... Weaving makes me a strong woman. I am excited to be part of the Arts Scholarship program. I will be sharing my stories and skills at the Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection at Virginia University. Thank you all so much.”

- LUCY ASHLEY WANAPUYNGU
American-Australian Indigenous
Arts Fund Recipient
Fibre Art



Tania Khouri | 2021 Arts Fund Scholar

“I am very thankful to the AAA for assisting my studies in the US in film scoring, at one of the best music schools (New York University) in the world for networking and building a career. This opportunity has had an incredible impact on my development as a musician, and I have no doubt it will continue to shape my future success as a composer.”

- BENJAMIN HEIM
American-Australian
Arts Fund Recipient
Composition



Nicholas Smith | 2019 AAA-AFNGA AusArt Scholar

**CELEBRATING
EXCELLENCE**



Lloyd Van't Hoff | 2021 Arts Fund Scholar