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## **Live performance industry dominates Australia Council Awards**

Live Performance Australia (LPA) congratulates the exceptional talent honoured at last night's inaugural Australia Council Awards and is pleased the live performance industry was well represented amongst award recipients.

Of the 10 awards honoured on the night, 7 recognised the remarkable contributions made by recipients from within the live performance industry.

As the peak body for Australia's live performance industry, LPA is committed to celebrating the outstanding achievements of Australia's live performance industry.

LPA Chief Executive, Evelyn Richardson said the live performance industry contributes significantly to the vibrancy of the arts and cultural landscape within Australia.

"The live performance industry contributes \$1.5 billion of revenue to the local economy and attracts over 18 million people to shows nationwide," said Ms Richardson.

"It is important to celebrate the hard work, talent and dedication of the many people working within the live performance industry and I congratulate all those that were honoured through the Australia Council Awards."

LPA celebrates the outstanding achievements of the Australian live performance industry through its annual [Helpmann Awards](#) held this year at Sydney's Capitol Theatre on Monday 27 July. The Helpmann Awards include 41 award categories, plus the prestigious J C Williamson and Sue Nattrass Awards.

LPA congratulates the following Australia Council Award recipients from the live performance industry:

### ***Australia Council Don Banks Music Award***

#### **Archie Roach, Victoria**

Celebrated Aboriginal singer/songwriter with a career spanning three decades and 10 albums.

### ***Australia Council Award for Outstanding Achievement in Merging and Experimental Arts***

#### **Stelarc, Western Australia**

Internationally recognised performance artist.

### ***Australia Council Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance***

#### **Garry Stewart, South Australia**

Artistic Director of Australian Dance Theatre in Adelaide since 1999.



***Australia Council Award for Outstanding Achievement in Theatre***

**Bruce Gladwin, Victoria**

Artistic Director of Back To Back Theatre since 1999.

***Ros Bower Award (Community Arts and Cultural Development)***

**Tony Doyle, South Australia**

Award-winning director and musician skilled at producing community programs, disability arts projects and events and festivals.

***Kirk Robson Award (Community Arts and Cultural Development)***

**Alysha Herrmann, South Australia**

Writer, theatre maker, cultural producer and advocate who uses performance and civic action to inspire individuals and communities to reclaim and reinterpret their personal stories as art.

**Alyson Evans, New South Wales**

Performer, theatre-maker and community artist, with a particular focus on cultural development and social change.

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Live Performance Australia (LPA) is the peak body for the live performance industry in Australia. Established to ensure the growth and long term sustainability of the Australian live performance industry, LPA has a proud history of leadership and advocacy spanning almost 100 years.