



\$11.5m in Catalyst Funding for Live Performance

Dear Member,

As you may be aware, additional *Catalyst – Australian Arts and Culture Fund* recipients for 2015-16 were added to the [Ministry for the Arts' website](#) over the weekend.

A total of 125 grants have been awarded. The total amount of grant funding committed in 2015-16 is \$23.3m, of which **live performance projects received \$11.5m**.

LPA RESPONSE TO CATALYST FUND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In a statement to media released yesterday, **LPA has called for clarity from the Coalition on its arts funding strategy following the shambolic announcement of Catalyst grants in the last few days.**

LPA Chief Executive Evelyn Richardson said 'The Government appears to have committed up to half the four-year funding allocation for Catalyst in less than a week.

'Almost \$24 million in funding grants has now been published on the Ministry for the Arts website, but the way in which the Government has handled the funding announcement does nothing to build confidence in its approach to arts funding.

'The Minister has missed an important opportunity to provide some clarity and certainty around his approach to arts funding given the concerns that have previously been raised about the Catalyst program.

'Our industry can deliver the jobs, growth and innovation that is important to Australia's economic prosperity - but for all the talk of plans the Coalition doesn't appear to have one for the live performance industry,' Ms Richardson said.

LPA's full media release is available [here](#).

LPA will be advocating strongly in the upcoming Federal election for the transparency of the Catalyst program to be improved by:

- introducing funding rounds and comparative assessment of funding applications; and
- providing greater detail about the assessment process, role and composition of assessment panels, panel member appointments and duration of membership.

LPA's full list of Federal Election 2016 Policy Priorities is available [here](#).

CATALYST FUNDING: LPA ANALYSIS

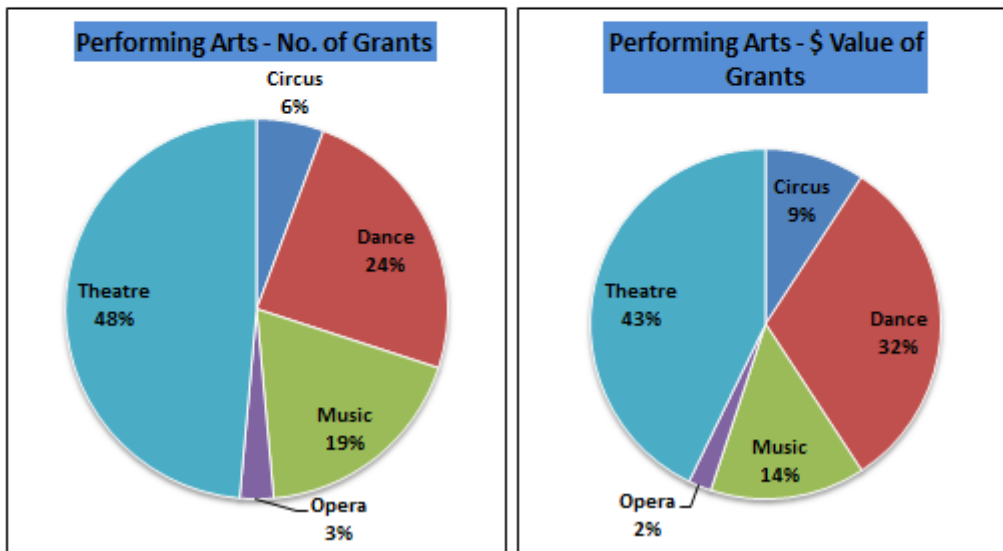
Congratulations to the 37 LPA Members who were successful in receiving grants that totalled \$8,386,984.

A full list of LPA Members that received grant funding is available [here](#).

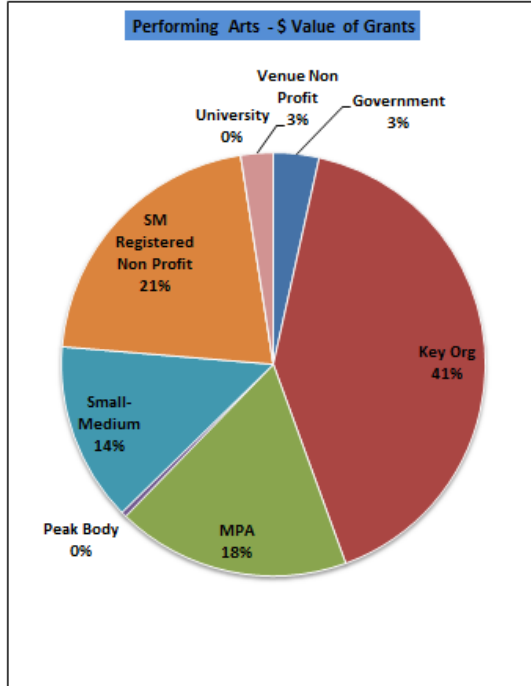
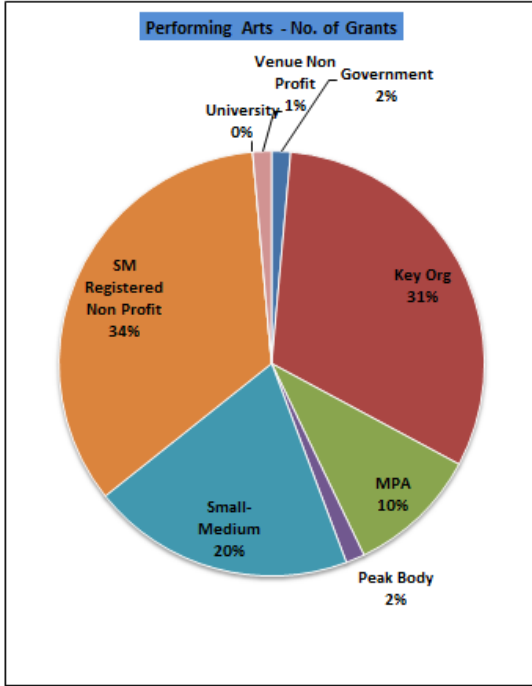
In the absence of any narrative or statement by the Minister, LPA has conducted an analysis of the Catalyst grants and notes that:

- **56%** (70) of Catalyst grants were for **live performance projects**.
- **76%** (\$8,734,893) of live performance project funding was granted to **small to medium companies**, including Key Organisations as well as companies that do not currently receive operational funding from the Australia Council.

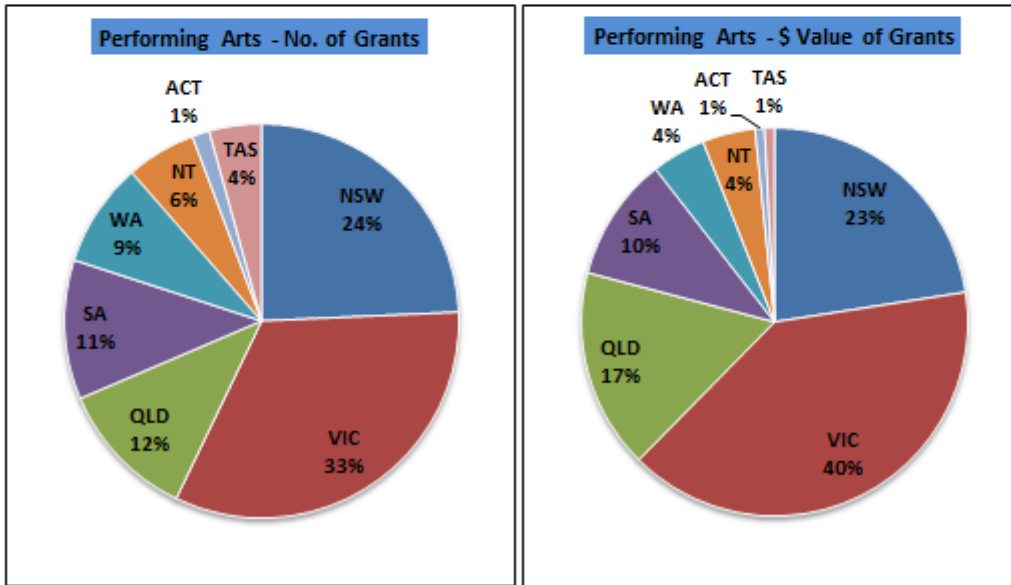
Catalyst - Performing Arts Grants		
GENRE	No. of Grants	\$ Value of Grants
Circus	4	1,059,017
Dance	17	3,636,557
Music	13	1,647,796
Opera	2	245,000
Theatre	34	4,928,904
TOTAL	70	11,517,274



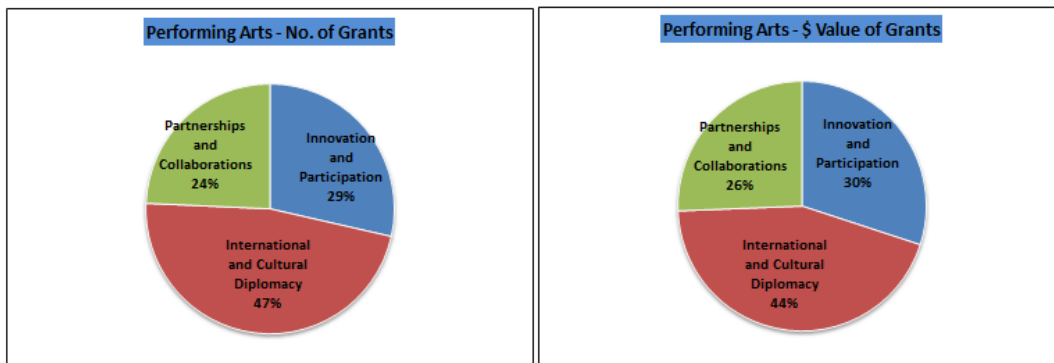
Catalyst - Performing Arts Grants		
Org Type	No. of Grants	\$ Value of Grants
Government	1	400,000
Key Org	22	4,719,757
MPA	7	2,051,456
Peak Body	1	45,925
Small-Medium	14	1,573,889
SM Registered Non Profit	24	2,441,247
University	0	0
Venue Non Profit	1	285,000
TOTAL	70	11,517,274



Catalyst - Performing Arts Grants		
STATE	No. of Grants	\$ Value of Grants
NSW	17	2,595,116
VIC	23	4,589,750
QLD	8	1,926,244
SA	8	1,194,832
WA	6	519,280
NT	4	507,190
ACT	1	90,000
TAS	3	94,862
TOTAL	70	11,517,274



Performing Arts Grants		
FUNDING STREAM	No. of Grants	\$ Value of Grants
Innovation and Participation	20	3,458,351
International and Cultural Diplomacy	33	5,108,123
Partnerships and Collaborations	17	2,950,800
TOTAL	70	11,517,274



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A full list of Catalyst funding recipients can be found [here](#).

We would also like to congratulate all LPA Members that were successful in the Australia Council's February 2016 Grants Round. More information on grant recipients is available [here](#).

Should you have any queries in regards to Catalyst funding or LPA's Federal Election 2016 Policy Priorities, please contact the LPA Office via [email](#) or phone (03) 8614 2000.

Kind regards,

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