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Shine with our Rising Stars

Four female emerging artists from Helpmann Academy partner schools will be awarded *women@minterellison* Rising Star Awards in recognition of their achievements in performing arts in South Australia.

Over 70 people are expected to attend the award ceremony and end of year celebration in the Minter Ellison boardrooms at 25 Grenfell Street, from 5.30pm Wednesday 28 November.

The winners of this year's Rising Star Awards will each receive a \$1,000 cash award from Minter Ellison to help kick start their career. The award winners are:

Maria Dafneros Actor - Adelaide Centre for the Arts, TafeSA

Emma Stokes Dancer - Adelaide Centre for the Arts, TafeSA

Kerri Foulstone Director - Flinders Drama Centre, Flinders University

Louise McKay Cellist - Elder Conservatorium of Music, University of Adelaide

women@minterellison has always been passionate about supporting local emerging female artists and have generously contributed over \$24,000 in prize money to tertiary graduates since the awards were launched in 2004.

"The Rising Star Awards provide a unique opportunity for the *women@minterellison* group to support emerging female artists in this state. The awards presentation is always a 'feel good' event, where corporate Adelaide has the opportunity to connect with these inspirational artists," said Sophie Hooper, Business Development Manager, Minter Ellison.

The *women@minterellison* group formed six years ago to provide networking and mentoring opportunities for South Australian business women and Minter Ellison staff. Funds raised at networking events held throughout the year go towards funding these awards.

Formed in 1994, the Helpmann Academy is a support organisation for the major tertiary arts training establishments in South Australia.

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