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### **\$34,000 to foster collaborative creative links in South Australia**

The Helpmann Academy for the Visual & Performing Arts has awarded more than \$34,000 in support of a wide range of collaborative creative projects between South Australia's tertiary arts institutions.

As part of its competitive grants scheme, the Helpmann Academy offers up to \$15,000 for collaborations, visiting artists and new media projects by staff from all of its partner schools. In its latest round of offers, major grants were awarded to the following projects:

#### **Choreographer Zhang Xiao Xiong / Adelaide Centre for the Arts**

World-renowned choreographer Zhang Xiao Xiong is in Adelaide until September on an international exchange at TafeSA's Adelaide Centre for the Arts. Together with two international dancers from Taiwan, Xiao Xiong will be working with 2nd year Bachelor of Dance Performance students at AC Arts, choreographing an upcoming performance. Xiao Xiong will be coaching and mentoring the students in all aspects of dance performance, as well as leading a dance master-class that will be open to the public.

#### **South Australian School of Art / Adelaide Centre for the Arts / Vizarts O'Halloran Hill**

Photography students and staff of UniSA's South Australian School of Art and TafeSA's AC Arts and Vizarts O'Halloran Hill have collaborated to create a collection of pinhole camera images, which are currently on display at Gallery 139 in Stepney during the SALA Festival (August 7 – 23). The photographs were created to commemorate World Pinhole Day.

#### **Flinders Drama Centre / Adelaide Centre for the Arts**

Drama and production design staff from the Flinders Drama Centre and the Adelaide Centre for the Arts will be creating an audio-visual play script in digital form, called *Sunil's Anniversary*. The project is designed to extend the emerging field of 'ePlaywriting' to live performance, with the digital script intended for submission to the Australian National Play Festival, OzAsia Festival and the Jaipur Literature Festival.

#### **Artists Linda Dement & Jane Castle / South Australian School of Art / Feast Festival**

The South Australian School of Art has invited renowned photographer Linda Dement and cinematographer Jane Castle to participate in an artist-in-residence program at the school's Photography and New Media studios. The two-week schedule will include a major exhibition at the SASA Gallery, a workshop and engagements with students from the Adelaide Centre for the Arts and Flinders Drama Centre.

"One of the Helpmann Academy's primary goals is to encourage collaboration between the State's tertiary arts institutions," says Alison Dunn, Helpmann Academy CEO. "Nurturing this collaboration between our partner schools and across artistic disciplines reinforces South Australia's reputation as a leader in creative education."

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