

# VICTORIAN YOUTH ARTS PRECINCT

A CALL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT



# THE MISSING PIECE

Melbourne's arts precinct, with its galleries, recital centre and theatres, is world renowned.

We just need one more piece to complete it – a centre for young artists.

The Youth Arts Precinct will be a place young artists can call their own. A place where they can learn, practice and perform. A place dedicated to developing the creative abilities of performers and the creative industry professionals of the future.

A place Victoria can nurture the talent of tomorrow.

The project has the strong support of the Victorian Government, in particular Minister for Education James Merlino and local member and Minister for Health Martin Foley.



# A WORLD-CLASS DESIGN

Graham Burrows of award-winning architecture firm Jackson Clements Burrows Architects has personally designed the space to make this a world-class facility.

His design cleverly orientates the precinct towards the wonderful Gasworks Arts Park, and extensive use of glass walls will make performance and rehearsal spaces open and inviting to the whole community.

The site's nineteenth century industrial landscape has been sensitively incorporated into the design, while a transparent floating roof will bring all the elements together.

What is now neglected, semi-industrial land will be given new life and purpose, under the guidance of heritage and history experts John Briggs Architects.



*We're very excited about the chance to give young people their very own, next-generation, performing arts facility. We've been searching the world for great and inspiring examples, and think we've hit on a design that will inspire others to follow our lead.*

**GRAHAM BURROWS**

JACKSON CLEMENTS BURROWS ARCHITECTS



# A COLLABORATION BY **LEADING SCHOOLS**

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The Youth Arts Precinct will be managed jointly by two leading schools with a passion for the arts: the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS) and Albert Park College (APC).

The precinct will be located in Gasworks Arts Park, close to APC and it will be linked to VCASS and the Melbourne Arts precinct by a five-minute ride on the No. 1 tram.

As well as training and educating the talent of the future, the precinct will work in conjunction with Victoria's broader arts community to host youth theatre, musicals, exhibitions, dance, movie productions and musical performances.



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# THE STAGE IS SET

## STAGE 1

Secure funding from the Victorian Government

COMPLETE

## STAGE 2

Identify and secure a location

COMPLETE

## STAGE 3

Appoint architect and develop plans

COMPLETE

## STAGE 4

Finalise the architectural design

COMPLETE

## STAGE 5

Go to tender

EARLY 2022

## STAGE 6

Begin construction

MID 2022

## STAGE 7

Open the precinct

2024

# TWO THEATRES

The inclusion of two theatres will allow multiple productions at any one time and give the precinct the capacity to host 50 or more major productions each year.

A main theatre with seating for more than 350 will have a generous stage, suitable for big youth productions. A studio theatre will host rehearsals, training and more intimate events.





# A HOME FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

This will be a home like no other for Victoria's creative young people, but it will also welcome anyone who enjoys the wonder, creativity, diversity and personal growth made possible by the arts.

In the mornings, the precinct will fill with students, teachers, artists, musicians and mentors. As the day unfolds, it will transform into a mecca for community youth arts groups, independent theatres and production companies, featuring emerging artists from across Victoria and attracting young talent from across the nation.

Its location and the diversity of its productions will provide a wonderful training ground for young artists, giving them the opportunity to exhibit work and perform in front of large audiences.

Professional artists, visiting entertainers, philanthropists and our business community supporters will be welcome to use the precinct and help inspire the young.

# STATE OF THE ART **TECHNOLOGY**

Each theatre will incorporate the very latest in lighting, audio, digital projection, 3D and stage technologies – a perfect training ground for the entertainment industry jobs of the future.



# BACK OF HOUSE CAPABILITY

Generous rehearsal and music practice facilities will make the precinct an unmatched location for the young to develop their craft.

A green room, large backstage spaces, box office, café and rooftop garden complete the picture.



# PERFORMING ARTS TRAINING CENTRE

A two-storey training centre with specialist teaching areas will develop the performing arts talent of the future.

Facilities will include sprung dance floors, high ceilings and rehearsal spaces.



# SPACE TO **SHOW YOUR WORK!**

The design orientates the precinct to the wonderful Gasworks Arts Park and includes indoor and outdoor areas to exhibit visual artwork.



# WE NEED YOUR **SUPPORT**

The Victorian Government has shown its strong support for this project. However, to make the Youth Arts Precinct a true centre of excellence, we are seeking your help to raise \$5 million.

## WAYS YOU CAN **HELP:**

### DONATE

The cost to fit-out such a world-class precinct will be significant. It is why all donations are gratefully appreciated and are fully tax deductible.

### 1000 CLUB

We are hoping to inspire 1000 donations of \$1000 within our local and school community.

Donations of \$1000 will bring membership of the Victorian Youth Arts Precinct 1000 Club.

### A SEAT

You can purchase a named theatre seat for \$2000.

If you would like to purchase a row of seats, contact us for details.

### MORE

Can you give \$5000, \$10,000 or more? Your generosity will help nurture and develop the next generation of performers, dancers and musicians. You will leave a lasting community legacy while building a home for the performing arts leaders of tomorrow.

# HOW TO DONATE



## DONATE ONLINE | [CLICK HERE](#)

### IN PERSON

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If you would like to discuss your donation, or learn more about other partnership opportunities, contact one of the collaborating schools.



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