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NEW FUNDING SWEET MUSIC TO REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUMS

Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality, Racing and the Arts, George Souris, has announced all 17 regional conservatoriums in NSW will benefit from \$718,276 in funding to enhance musical education across the State.

Mr Souris said Regional Conservatorium Project Funding is part of the 2012 Arts Funding Program (AFP) which will provide \$58.22 million for NSW artistic and cultural ventures.

“From Albury to Armidale, Gosford to Goulburn and Wollongong to Wagga Wagga, these conservatoriums are key arts organisations in regional NSW,” Mr Souris said.

“This funding is all about enhancing regional diversity, excellence and innovation in musical performance through boosting the number of professional music performances and arts development in regional and rural areas.

“Regional Conservatorium Project Funding also aims to increase access to high quality musical experiences for musicians, staff and students at the conservatoriums.

“In 2012 this funding will support a performance by trumpeting supremo James Morrison at the Macquarie Conservatorium in Dubbo and a cultural festival of performing arts, in collaboration with the local Sudanese and Congolese communities, at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium at Lismore.

“Bathurst’s Mitchell Conservatorium Incorporated will use a grant for a joint project between its Chamber Orchestra and concert pianist Simon Tedeschi.

“While the string quartet at the Murray Conservatorium in Albury will use the funding to develop and perform ‘Song of the Forest’, based on the thoughts, concepts and images inspired by a series of poems written by Wodonga resident Bohdan Krowicky.

“In addition to this funding, all 17 regional conservatoriums in NSW receive recurrent funding from the Department of Education and Communities.

“Regional Conservatorium Project Funding provides grants which generally range between \$5,000 and \$60,000.

“I congratulate all our regional conservatoriums on the many interesting and creative project ideas they submitted in applying for funding under the scheme.

“I hope to see some of them come to life on stage in 2012.”

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2012 Regional Conservatorium Project Funding

Conservatorium	Electorate	Project	Amount
Macquarie Conservatorium of Music Incorporated	Dubbo	To mark the conservatorium's 25th anniversary, the 2012 series will comprise five concerts and three open public masterclasses presented in association with Musica Viva CountryWide as well as a Macquarie Conservatorium staff recital.	\$18,560
Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music Inc	Tamworth	In its partnership with the Capitol Theatre in Tamworth, the conservatorium has expanded the 2012 Subscription series to include eight concerts showcasing a diverse range of musical genres such as classical, opera, jazz, and hip hop.	\$49,705
Macquarie Conservatorium of Music Incorporated	Dubbo	Next year the conservatorium and the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) will together present two large scale musical productions. In March, James Morrison and a group of guest musicians will present a concert in the DRTCC. Sharing the stage will be the locally based Western Plains Big Band. In August, Oz Opera will perform Mozart's <i>Don Giovanni</i> and public workshops will be presented by James Morrison and Oz Opera respectively.	\$18,740
New England Conservatorium of Music Ltd	Northern Tablelands	The conservatorium will commission two works by emerging Australian composers Dan Walker and Joe Twist for a mass primary choir and mass secondary/community choir and orchestra. The works will be premiered at the <i>New England Sings!</i> concert series in October 2012.	\$28,900
Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre Inc	Lismore	The Conservatorium Arts Centre will present a choir festival which will build on a very successful partnership between the Conservatorium and Bangalow Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Byron Bay hinterland village of Bangalow.	\$9,000
Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium Inc	Coffs Harbour	The conservatorium will present and promote a series of five concerts called <i>Sunday Soundscapes</i> to be held at the Jetty Memorial Theatre on Sunday afternoons, featuring professional musicians performing works in a range of genres. Another three concerts will feature artists from the Musica Viva Australia CountryWide program.	\$32,842
Clarence Valley Conservatorium Inc	Clarence	The Clarence Valley Conservatorium will present a series of five varied chamber music concerts by visiting artists, four of which will be partnered with Pro Musica Grafton and supported by Musica Viva. Artists include: concert pianist Simon Tedeschi, jazz violinist Ian Cooper, Sydney Brass, the six members of Bandaluzia Flamenco, The Viney Grinberg Piano duo and Ensemble Offspring.	\$20,000
South West Music Inc	Murray-Darling	South West Music, in partnership with South West Arts, will deliver a diverse range of music experiences for the communities of Deniliquin, Hay, Hillston, Barham, Mathoura, Tocumwal, Darlington Point, Balranald and Conargo.	\$36,745
Wollongong Conservatorium of Music Limited	Wollongong	This project will allow the continued operation and development of the annual series of jazz concerts run by the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music.	\$21,000
Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre Inc	Lismore	A whole day workshop in jazz improv techniques for all ages and all stages, followed by a concert from four of Australia's most in demand jazz musicians, Ken Stubbs, Simon Barker, Brett Hirst and Matt McMahon.	\$12,000
Young Regional School of Music Inc	Burrinjuck	Young Regional School of Music will present a series of three concerts designed to attract and engage a broad range of audiences in the rural community with the focus on ensembles as its unifying theme. <i>Ensemble Extravaganza 2012</i> will showcase a variety of music genres, reaching out to those within a 100km radius of Young.	\$35,115

Wollongong Conservatorium of Music Limited	Wollongong	This project will expand the number of concerts in the Chamber Music series and widen the scope of the performances to include larger chamber ensembles, more diverse musical offerings and performance opportunities for local performers.	\$34,500
Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) Inc	Orange	The Conservatorium will present two performances of an orchestral program featuring harpist Alice Giles, ORC resident soloists and the Orange Symphony Orchestra. The concerts will be held as part of the Orange Civic Theatre's subscription series, showcasing repertoire rarely performed in regional NSW.	\$36,853
Riverina Conservatorium of Music Incorporated	Wagga Wagga	The conservatorium will present two concurrent series of classical music concerts in 2012 including the <i>RCM 2012 Subscription Season</i> , a series of professional solo and chamber music recitals that attracts musicians of national and international standing. It will also showcase the <i>Lunch Hour Concert Series</i> – 10 free weekly concerts in central venues, featuring local professional musicians.	\$30,100
Mitchell Conservatorium Incorporated	Bathurst	Professional musicians living and working in the Central West of NSW will perform and tour as soloists and in ensembles to 10 towns across the region.	\$40,890
Orange Regional Conservatorium Inc	Orange	The Sydney based Arrebato ensemble is a five member instrumental group, often accompanied by flamenco dancers and singers. The group is planning to conduct a contemporary flamenco music, dance and drama performance at the conservatorium in 2012.	\$7,585
New England Conservatorium of Music Ltd	Northern Tablelands	A professional chamber music ensemble will visit Armidale for the New England Conservatorium of Music's Chamber Music Festival to work with local professional musicians and chamber music ensembles. The Festival will feature workshops, masterclasses, open rehearsals and public concerts.	\$40,644
Gunnedah Music Centre	Tamworth	The 2012 program is designed to increase attendance at live music events by local residents. It will include two concerts aimed at families with young children. Tickets will be affordable and the concerts of a shorter duration.	\$20,000
Mitchell Conservatorium Incorporated	Bathurst	The Bathurst Chamber Orchestra is a strings only ensemble which comprises professional, amateur and community musicians and senior conservatorium students. The project provides the orchestra with the opportunity to work with concert pianist Simon Tedeschi and the jazz quartet <i>Tallis</i> (Andrew Robson) to present two series of concerts.	\$22,768
Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre Inc	Lismore	World Stages continues the partnership between Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre and Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA) in presenting a two-day cultural festival of performance and food. The program includes works and artists sourced locally and nationally, and builds on the success of music and food events presented in collaboration with the local Sudanese and Congolese communities over the past three years.	\$15,000
Riverina Conservatorium of Music (RCM) Incorporated	Wagga Wagga	The Riverina Chamber Orchestra is an initiative of the RCM to provide professional quality music performance opportunities to performers and audiences alike. In 2012 it will present five concerts across regional NSW centres featuring professional performers from regional conservatoriums.	\$39,884
Central Coast Conservatorium (CCC) Inc	Gosford	The Central Coast Concert and Recital Series is now an established component of the arts calendar for the region, consisting of nine concerts throughout the year. Artists involved are professionals from the Central Coast as well Australian and international artists.	\$28,850
Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music Inc	Upper Hunter	The conservatorium will present a series of concerts by visiting artists, for residents of the Upper Hunter. The Visiting Artists Series appeals to a wide cross section of	\$43,000

		the audience, presenting performances of many different genres of music.	
Murray Conservatorium Board of Management Inc	Albury	The conservatorium will present <i>Song of the Forest</i> – a performance by a string quartet exploring the thoughts, concepts and images portrayed within a series of poems written by Wodonga resident Bohdan Krowicky. The series of poems examine the nature of music. By using the voices of flora and fauna of the Australian forest, it illustrates a connection to life.	\$40,000
Goulburn Regional Conservatorium Inc	Goulburn	The project involves a series of 11 concerts across a range of accessible musical genres showcasing talented professional musicians and ensembles from around Australia. Each artist has been approached because of their ability to provide masterclasses and workshops designed to engage students and residents.	\$35,596