

What is the political vision for the arts in South Australia?

This question will be asked to our political representatives at a **free Festival Forum** *Visions for a Creative South Australia: Arts policies in the SA state election* on Wednesday 7 March. To be held at The Palais from 12.30pm-2pm and presented by Arts Industry Council of South Australia (AICSA) and the Adelaide Festival of Arts.

Hosted by broadcaster and writer **David Marr**, this forum will ask what are the longer term visions for the arts in South Australia and the policies that will be put in place following the state election.

Speakers:

The Hon Jay Weatherill, MP, Premier of South Australia and Minister for the Arts
The Hon John Gardner, MP, Shadow Minister for the Arts
The Hon Tammy Franks, MLC, Australian Greens
The Hon Kelly Vincent, MLC, Dignity Party
Hazel Wainwright, Candidate for Mawson, Nick Xenophon's SA-Best

The arts and cultural sector in South Australia is a key contributor to our state's identity, employment, wellbeing, democratic participation, tourism and innovation. State investment in the arts, and in artists, reaps many cultural, social and economic benefits. To maintain a mantle of an arts and cultural capital, South Australia must invest in a range of arts initiatives from infrastructure, festivals through to individual artists, arts companies and the small to medium sector.

Gail Kovatseff, Chair of AICSA said today, "At a time when we are enjoying the cultural offerings of mad March and many artists are visiting the state, we ask candidates standing in the election to address how to keep talent and artists in South Australia. Like many young people, our artists are leaving South Australia for opportunities interstate and overseas. AICSA is calling for a new arts strategy that can be the basis for new investment, innovation, and artist-focused initiatives."

The Forum follows the release in December 2017 of the AICSA vision document, which can be downloaded [here](#) (2.2mb)

EVENT DETAILS:

VISIONS FOR A CREATIVE SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Arts policies in the SA state election
12:30pm - 2pm, Wednesday 7 March
The Palais, Adelaide Riverbank, Elder Park

All welcome, free entry (bookings not required)

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