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THE RUBY AWARDS

NOMINATION GUIDELINES



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Arts South Australia

Ruby Awards 2021

Celebrate the achievements of South Australia's arts and culture sector by nominating an artist, organisation, performance or event worthy of recognition in the relevant award category by **5pm on Friday 8 October 2021**.

Nominations open	6 September 2021
Nominations close	8 October 2021
Ruby Awards Presentation	2 December 2021

- ✓ Previous applicants are encouraged to apply.
- ✓ If you have previously been short-listed for a Ruby Award you are eligible to nominate this year.
- ✓ If you have previously won an individual category award, you cannot nominate again for the same category.
- ✓ Nominations can be made in more than one category, but separate nominations must be submitted.
- ✓ Nominations for individuals must include written confirmation of their agreement to accept the nomination.

Ruby Awards Categories

Best Community or Regional Event or Project

This award is for the best artistic or cultural event or project that has had a significant positive impact on a community or region in South Australia.

A community may be defined by a uniting factor, such as geographic location, cultural background, religious belief, gender or disability, or it could be an online community.

Nominate now

Best Work, Event or Project for Young People

This award is for the best arts or cultural work, event or project for young people presented or held in South Australia. Nominees must be able to demonstrate a positive impact on and/or outcomes for young people.

The nominated work can be a performance, show, production, film, visual arts exhibition, project or initiative aimed specifically at people aged 30 years and under.

Nominate now

Best Festival

This award is for the best arts or culture festival presented or held in South Australia.

Nominated festivals must have a wholly arts and culture focus OR contain a majority proportion of arts and culture content on their program.

Nominate now

Best Work or Event Within a Festival

This award is for the best work or event presented or held as part of a festival program in South Australia. Works and events can include performances, shows, productions, films, artworks, events and visual arts exhibitions presented as part of a festival.

Nominate now

Best Work or Event Outside a Festival

This award is for the best work or event presented or held in South Australia, not as part of a festival program.

Works and events can include visual arts exhibitions performances, shows, productions, films, artworks and events.

Nominate now

These awards are open to:

- arts and culture sector
- community organisations
- individual artists
- local and state government
- not-for-profit sector
- private enterprise
- professional artists and organisations

Judges will consider:

- a. the artistic merit of the event/activity, its originality and quality.
- b. how the work/event/activity has contributed to the development of its art form/event type/activity.
- c. what recognition and reviews have been received from peers/community/media.
- d. how the nominee has contributed to South Australia through arts and culture.

Best Collaboration

This new award in 2021 recognises activities that encourage strategic and innovative collaboration between independent artists and groups, funded arts and cultural organisations or with organisations outside the arts and cultural sector.

Nominations will be accepted for creative developments, projects, events, exhibitions or performances that have been developed through a collaborative process that includes the sharing of resources and knowledge. Both the partners involved, and the outcomes of the collaboration will be considered for the award.

Nominate now

The award is open to:

- arts and culture sector
- community organisations
- individual artists
- local and state government
- not-for-profit sector
- private enterprise
- professional artists and organisations

Judges will consider:

- a. the artistic merit of the work/project/event/activity, its originality and quality.
- b. how the work/project/event/activity has contributed to the development of its art form.
- c. how the input of the collaborator/partners has enhanced the outcome.
- d. what the input of the partners/collaborators has been.

Outstanding Contribution by an Organisation or Group

This award recognises a small-to-medium organisation or group that has made an outstanding contribution to arts and culture in South Australia.

Nominees must be small-to-medium arts or cultural organisations or groups, receiving no funding OR less than \$1 million in funding from Arts South Australia.

Nominate now

The award is open to:

- amateur companies
- small-to-medium funded and unfunded arts or cultural organisations
- community organisations
- not-for-profit sector
- private enterprise
- volunteer organisations or groups

Judges will consider:

- a. how the nominee has demonstrated artistic merit, originality and quality in their field.
- b. how the nominee has made a contribution to South Australia's reputation as a centre of artistic and cultural leadership and excellence.
- c. what recognition and reviews have been received from peers/community/media.

Geoff Crowhurst Memorial Award

Named in honour of South Australian theatre director Geoff Crowhurst, this award recognises the contribution of an individual or organisation to community arts and cultural development.

Nominees must be able to demonstrate credibility through involvement in arts and cultural projects that build stronger, more cohesive communities. This may be evidenced by creative collaborations between the arts and cultural sector and communities, working to achieve artistic and social outcomes.

A community is determined by a unifying factor, such as geographic location, cultural background, religious belief, gender or disability, or, it could be an online community.

Nominate now

Frank Ford Memorial Young Achiever Award

This award recognises outstanding artistic or cultural achievement or contribution by an individual young South Australian. Nominees must be aged 30 years or under as of 30 July 2021.

Nominate now

Steve Gadlabarti Goldsmith Memorial Award

This award recognises outstanding artistic or cultural achievement or contribution by a South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-focused organisation or group, or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified individual.

Nominate now

Premier's Award for Lifetime Achievement

This award recognises an extraordinary South Australian who, through a lifetime of outstanding service, has made an indelible contribution to arts and culture.

Nominees must be able to demonstrate credibility through a lifetime's body of work, creative originality, professionalism or leadership.

Nominate now

These awards are open to:

- arts and culture sector workers
- community workers
- local and State Government workers
- not-for-profit sector workers
- private enterprise workers
- professional artists
- volunteers

Judges will consider:

- a. how the nominee has demonstrated artistic merit, originality and quality in their field.
- b. how the nominee has made a contribution to South Australia's reputation as a centre of artistic and cultural leadership and excellence.
- c. what recognition and reviews have been received from peers/community/media.

How to nominate

A word limit of 500 words applies to the online nomination form. When completing the form, please ensure you respond to the Ruby Award category description and award criteria.

All nominations are to be submitted via SmartyGrants.

If you have used SmartyGrants before you will be able to log in using your current SmartyGrants account. If you have not used SmartyGrants before you can easily register as a new user.

Images

All nominations must be accompanied by at least one high quality image that best reflects the nomination. Please ensure a high-resolution jpg (300dpi) colour photograph, in landscape orientation, is provided with your submission.

Images for a nominated work, project, event or activity may include, but are not limited to, publicity shots, production or rehearsal images, examples of work from the nominated activity, published or media images.

Images for an individual may include professional headshots or clear images of the nominee.

Supporting documentation

Used to assist the judges in their deliberations, supporting documentation may be included on the promotion and presentation of your nomination should you be shortlisted, and may include:

- additional images related to the nomination beyond the mandated requirements
- video footage (trailers, interviews, production footage, etc.)
- promotional and marketing materials (programs, flyers, postcards, etc.)
- media clippings (reviews, interviews, articles, etc.)
- audience and community feedback
- testimonials and letters of support.

Supporting documentation that cannot be uploaded via SmartyGrants, or that exceeds 25MB should be added as a URL link at the end of your application. Supporting URLs may include:

- websites
- social media profiles
- videos
- online articles, interviews, reviews.

For assistance with your nomination, email DPCARTSRubyAwards@sa.gov.au.

Access

Contact us to discuss your access requirements, including submitting your application in an alternative format. We can organise interpreters for Culturally and linguistically diverse applicants, for meetings as well as for the translation of applications.

- Deaf and hearing-impaired applicants: When contacting us, TTY users should phone 133 677 then ask for (08) 8463 5444.
- Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech relay): users should phone 1300 555 727 then ask for (08) 8463 5444.
- Auslan interpreters: can be arranged for meetings and to translate applications, which are submitted in Auslan (in digital format).

Terms and conditions of entry

- Nominated works and events must have been held or presented in South Australia between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.
- Nominees must reside or be based in South Australia OR have been a resident or based in South Australia during a period of major professional achievement or development.
- If you have previously won an individual category award you cannot nominate again for the same category.
- By entering the Ruby Awards, you are giving Arts South Australia the right to use your application material for awards-related promotional purposes including display and publicity.
- All nominees are required to be available for a range of promotional activities including media interviews, photo and filming opportunities and attendance at the presentation event.
- The Ruby Awards judges reserve the right to move a nomination into another category if deemed more appropriate.
- The judges' decisions are final and no further discussion will be entered into.
- Arts South Australia will not provide feedback to unsuccessful nominations.