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2011 ARTISTIC PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS LAUNCHED

METRO Arts, Brisbane's home of independent arts practice, has opened applications for its 2011 Artistic Program, offering artists at all stages of their careers the opportunity to develop, test and showcase new work through a range of curated programs.

The call for proposals welcomes submissions from across the spectrum of performing arts, visual arts and cross-disciplinary practice and provides selected artists the chance to be part of Metro Arts' renowned Artistic Program.

"By showcasing their work in our flagship performing arts program *The Independents* or our annual *Galleries Program*, artists enjoy the benefits of working within a professional framework which includes significant production, venue and marketing support while retaining complete creative control over their project," said Liz Burcham, CEO of Metro Arts.

Lucas Stibbard of *The Escapists*, whose sold-out season of *boy girl wall* is currently being performed to rave reviews as part of *The Independents* 2010 program, encouraged local artists to apply for next year's intake.

"*The Independents* offers the best opportunity in Brisbane for performers and groups to develop and present new work under a well managed and understanding organisation whose support and nurturing of new work has been invaluable to the growth of a new crop of artists in Brisbane and has been the biggest step forward in my own practice", said Mr Stibbard.

"We look forward to working with our 2011 artists as they create vibrant, innovative and most importantly, independent, work which will contribute to their artistic practice well beyond the presentation of their work in our venue," Ms Burcham said.

Application Guides for the 2011 season of *The Independents* and the *Galleries Program* are available from the Metro Arts website, with completed applications accepted until 5pm, Friday 1 October.

Metro Arts delivers professional development for artists to achieve sustainable creative practice. This is facilitated through a unique combination of artistic programs, business skilling and venues and through an open platform approach to programming. For more than 35 years, Metro Arts has prominently supported artists and is widely regarded as Brisbane's leading centre for independent practices.

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**2011 Call for Proposals
Information Session**

Wednesday 1 September
6.00pm – 7.30pm
The Galleries, Metro Arts
Register via info@metroarts.com.au