

# New Funding Opportunities

Creative New Zealand have recently announced two new initiatives to support the dance sector.

## Growing Community Dance

Did you know that Creative New Zealand (CNZ) funds community dance projects? These can range from contemporary and heritage dance workshops, water ballets, outreach programmes by our leading dance companies, Bollywood productions, dance classes for the elderly and people with disabilities, site-specific community performances, Cuban, tap, kapa haka, burlesque and hip-hop.

The term 'community dance' includes projects where artists work with communities; maintaining and transmitting (or passing on) cultural dance traditions, and all leisure and recreational dance activity. You can find out more about CNZ's community arts definitions on their website.

Briar Monro, who previously looked after CNZ's dance portfolio, has recently been appointed to the role of Senior Adviser, Community Arts. In her new role Briar:

- manages the Creative Communities Scheme
- provides advice on CNZ funding programmes for community arts projects
- provides advice on community arts to CNZ decision-makers
- oversees a new regional arts pilot

If you are looking for CNZ funding for a dance focused community arts project, Briar suggests applying for a Quick Response Grant or Arts Grant, if your project is regionally or nationally focused or about community cultural development. Before you apply contact [briar.monro@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:briar.monro@creativenz.govt.nz) or Deborah McSmith (Senior Adviser, Dance) [deborah.mcsmith@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:deborah.mcsmith@creativenz.govt.nz) to discuss your project and its suitability for the fund.



Wellington International Dance Day 2014  
Photo: Alexander Garside

## Building stronger artistic and cultural connections with Asia

Creative New Zealand (CNZ)'s \$1.5 million Focus on Asia initiative will provide New Zealand artists with more opportunities to present new work in Asia, exchange artistic and cultural practices, and develop audiences, markets and networks for New Zealand arts in targeted Asian countries.

"Arts activity across Asia is vibrant, collaborative and diverse, and we want to be a part of it. We believe that offering New Zealand artists the opportunity to develop their practice and professional networks in the region will enrich our arts offering and attract new audiences," says Arts Council of New Zealand Chairman Dick Grant.

An initial \$1.5 million has been allocated over the first three years of the five-year initiative to support:

- increased presentation opportunities for new art work in Asia and New Zealand
- artistic and cultural exchange between New Zealand artists and selected Asian partners
- the development of audiences and markets for New Zealand arts in Asia.

The initiative will initially target China, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore.

Under this focus, CNZ has introduced a co-commissioning fund to incentivise collaborative projects between New Zealand and Asian artists and arts organisations. The Asia/New Zealand Co-commissioning Fund will offer a total of \$750,000 over the next three financial years.

Timeline for next round of proposals:

- Proposal deadline: Monday 18 May 2015
- Decision advised: Friday 19 June 2015 ■

For more information on both these initiatives go to [www.creativenz.govt.nz](http://www.creativenz.govt.nz)