The arts and culture: a quick guide to key internet links

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This Quick Guide provides links to:

- Australian Government organisations responsible for the arts and culture
- state and territory government websites
- regional arts websites
- non-government organisations websites and
- international organisations.

It also provides links to a range of organisations by art form:

- ballet and dance
- film
- libraries
- literature
- museums and galleries
- music and opera
- performing arts education
- theatre and
- visual arts.

Australian Government agencies, councils and resources

- Government responsibility for the arts rests with the Attorney-General. See the department’s web-pages for Ministry for the Arts.
- The Australian Government’s art funding and advisory body is the Australia Council for the Arts. See also the Artforms page and Arts Funding Guide.
- The Australian Heritage Council is the principal adviser to the Government on heritage matters.
- The Department of the Environment is responsible for heritage issues
- The Australia International Cultural Council is Australia's key cultural diplomacy body.
- The Australian Arts Organisations Directory is a comprehensive directory of organisations that provide support for cultural activities.
• The Collections Council of Australia is the peak body for the Australian collections sector.

• Cultural Data Online provides free online access to Australian arts and cultural research reports and statistics

• The Meeting of Cultural Ministers (formerly the Cultural Ministers Council) comprises the Australian, state and territory government arts and culture ministers.

• The Grants & Assistance Finder includes information on arts and business related government grants.

State and territory government websites

• Australian Capital Territory: Community Services Directorate—artsACT

• New South Wales: NSW Trade and Investment—Arts NSW

• Northern Territory: Department of Arts and Museums—Arts NT

• Queensland: Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts—Arts Queensland

• South Australia: Department of the Premier and Cabinet—Arts SA

• Tasmania: Department of State Growth—Arts Tasmania

• Victoria: Department of Premier and Cabinet—Arts Victoria

• Western Australia: Department of Culture and the Arts

See also listings under specific art forms.

Regional arts websites

• Regional Arts Australia

• Regional Arts NSW

• Artslink Queensland (formerly Queensland Arts Council)

• Country Arts SA

• Tasmanian Regional Arts

• Regional Arts Victoria

• Country Arts WA

Non-government organisations

• Arts Access Australia is the peak national body for arts and disability.

• Arts Law Centre of Australia provides free or low cost specialised legal advice, education and resources to Australian artists and arts organisations across all art forms, on a wide range of arts related legal and business matters.

• The Australian Copyright Council is an independent, non-profit organisation which represents the peak bodies for professional artists and content creators working in Australia's creative industries and Australia’s major copyright collecting societies.

• Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA)

• National Trust of Australia: is an organisation committed to promoting and conserving Australia's Indigenous, natural and historic heritage.

• Viscopy: Australia and New Zealand's not-for-profit rights management organisation for the visual arts.

International organisations and resources

• International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies: global network of arts councils and ministries of culture.

• Creative New Zealand: Arts Council of New Zealand

• Creative Europe: European Commission for Culture

• National Endowment for the Arts: independent federal agency that funds and promotes arts in the United States.
Websites by art form

**Ballet and dance**
- Australia Council [dance page]
- Ausdance: professional dance advocacy organisation

**Film**
- Film industry – reviews
- Film Victoria
- National Film and Sound Archive of Australia
- Screen Australia
- Screen NSW
- Screen Queensland
- Screen Tasmania
- ScreenWest
- South Australian Film Corporation

**Libraries**
- Libraries Australia
- National and State Libraries Australasia
- National Library of Australia

**Literature**
- Australia Council [literature page]
- Australian Society of Authors is a professional organisation for writers.
- Children’s Book Council of Australia

**Museums and galleries**
- Art Guide Australia
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- Australian War Memorial
- Collections Australia Network provides access to the Australian Cultural Heritage collections online.
- Museums Australia is the national organisation for the museums sector.
- National Film and Sound Archive of Australia
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- Questacon - National Science and Technology Centre

**Music and opera**
- Australia Council [music page]
- The [Music Council of Australia] is the national peak music organisation for Australia.
- Opera Australia

**Performing arts education**
- Australian Ballet School
• Australian National Academy of Music
• Australian Youth Orchestra
• Flying Fruit Fly Circus
• Helpmann Academy, South Australia
• NAISDA Dance College
• National Institute of Circus Arts
• National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA)
• Victorian College of the Arts (VCA)
• Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA)

**Theatre**
- Australia Council [theatre page](#)

**Visual arts**
- Australia Council [visual arts page](#)
- [Craft Australia](#) is the national advocacy organisation for craft and design.
- [National Association for the Visual Arts](#) is the peak body for visual arts and crafts sector.

**Library publications**
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