

## 2026 Magnify: Live Arts

### Application guidelines

**Magnify: Live Arts** supports artists in western Sydney to develop new live art projects.

Blacktown Arts provides:

- mentoring
- one week of residency space in western Sydney
- financial support to help develop a new project idea.

The program gives artists time and support to experiment with new ideas, connect with other artists in the residency program, and work with guest mentors and the Blacktown Arts team.

Individuals and groups are welcome to apply. We welcome applications from creatives who are D/deaf, neurodivergent; with lived experience of disability and/or access requirements.

Applications are open to live art projects across a range of art forms, including (but not limited to):

- performance
- dance
- music composition
- theatre.

Successful applicants can receive **up to \$5,000** to support their project.

Before the residency begins, we will work with successful applicants to:

- confirm residency dates in **November 2026**
- arrange a residency space in western Sydney that suits the project and any access requirements
- develop a production budget of up to \$5,000.

## Key dates

**Applications open:** Wednesday 3 June 2026

**Applications close:** Monday 29 June 2026, by 11.59 pm

**Successful applicants announced:** July 2026

**Residency dates:** One-week in November 2026

Final dates will be confirmed with successful applicants.

## Who can apply

You can apply if you are:

- an individual aged 18 or over who lives in western Sydney
- a group based in western Sydney
- applying for a live arts project.

## Who can not apply

You cannot apply if you are:

- an employee of Blacktown City Council
- an immediate family member of a Blacktown City Council employee
- a Blacktown City Councillor
- an individual or group whose project is delivered outside western Sydney.

Only **one application** can be submitted per individual or group.

## How to apply

Applications must be submitted through the **Blacktown Arts website**.

You will need to provide:

- information about your artistic practice
- detailed information about your project including what it is, who is involved, when it will happen and why it matters
- your project goals or outcomes
- support material that helps explain your practice and project.

Support material could include:

- images
- video
- audio
- links to previous work.

You can complete your application in writing or by submitting a video response.

## How applications are assessed

Applications will be assessed based on:

- originality of ideas and creativity
- a clear project description
- how the project benefits and/or engages the Blacktown City community
- your ability to make the most of the residency opportunity.

## Important information

Please note:

- the assessment panel may select projects from a range of art forms
- meeting all eligibility and assessment criteria does not guarantee success
- only a limited number of projects can be supported
- successful applicants may receive less than \$5,000
- you may be asked to provide additional support material during the assessment process.

## If your application is successful

Successful applicants will be notified in **July 2026**.

You will work with us to:

- confirm your residency dates
- secure a suitable residency space
- develop a production budget of up to \$5,000 before the residency begins.

All artists involved in the residency, including the lead applicant, must be paid in line with the **Live Performance Award**.

## If your application is unsuccessful

Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified in **July 2026**.

## Need help?

Blacktown Arts will hold an online information session on:

**Thursday 11 June 2026, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm**

Please **register your attendance**.

The session will be recorded and shared on the Blacktown Arts website.

If you need help, or this application format is not accessible for you, contact us and we can discuss another way for you to apply. please email us:

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