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NSW GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO ACTIVATE SYDNEY'S NIGHTLIFE

Late-night art exhibits, a guitar festival, street carnival, new laneway spaces and diverse live music events are among 14 innovative projects supported by the NSW Government's Activate Sydney@Night program.

The projects, will offer exciting new opportunities for people to enjoy vibrant nightlife in key centres including Sydney CBD, Parramatta, Liverpool and Newtown.

Liquor & Gaming NSW executive director Natasha Mann said the NSW Government is pleased to support local businesses and community organisations in staging new concepts for Sydney's night-time entertainment.

"There is something for everyone in the line-up of Activate Sydney@Night projects, so Sydneysiders and visitors can look forward to some truly unique and creative experiences in coming months," Ms Mann said.

"These projects will help create inviting and vibrant spaces for music, arts and culture that breathe new life into Sydney's night-time economy.

Activate Sydney@Night is funded through the Community Development Fund, managed by the Office of Responsible Gambling.

The 14 funded projects are:

Art at Night – Parramatta, Darlinghurst, Haymarket, Newtown (\$60,000)

This project will feature late-night gallery exhibits, public installations, performances and walking tours. The bi-weekly Art at Night events will support local artists and share cutting-edge art and culture.

EMCPLAY – Darlinghurst, Newtown, Redfern, Haymarket (\$60,000)

EMCPLAY is five nights of music performances, events, pop-ups, films and showcases. The event will bring vibrancy to Sydney's nightlife through a range of music and cultural events.

Flying Nun by Brand X – Darlinghurst (\$30,000)

This performance program will showcase outcomes from residencies at the East Sydney Community and Arts Centre. Audiences will experience new ideas fresh out of development by emerging artists.

Flow Festival – Darlinghurst (\$29,000)

Featuring six music stages and a vinyl market, Flow will stage eco-friendly events at three venues with a history supporting progressive artists - Captain Cook Hotel, Tap House and Flinders Hotel.

King Street Carnival – Newtown (\$100,000)

The carnival will celebrate Newtown's unique music, culture and community involving a range of local businesses and organisations, showcasing the suburb's diversity.

Liverpool Laneways – Liverpool CBD (\$65,000)

The project will lighting up different laneways each month, giving a platform for local businesses to trial activation ideas and extended trading hours, support local performers, and grow the city's cultural landscape.

Mary's Underground – the Basement, Circular Quay (\$78,000)

These late-night performance series will further revive live music in Sydney's longest running music venue. Presenting a weekly program of local and touring talent, these shows will bring innovative contemporary music to Sydney's CBD.

Musica Viva Sessions – Liverpool, Parramatta, Darlinghurst, Opera House to Walsh Bay and Pyrmont (\$75,000)

This project will provide a unique chamber music experience that invites diverse audiences to discover surprising collaborations between Australia's most exciting classical music artists in unique venues across Sydney.

ParraPickers: Second-time around celebration – Parramatta (\$75,000)

ParraPickers will be a fun, family-friendly event that encourages community interaction for reducing waste and supporting the second hand economy.

Sugar Fest 2019 – Pirrama Park Pyrmont (\$28,860)

The festival will celebrate the culture of Australian South Sea Islanders and create a greater understanding for shared history and culture. It will encourage community participation through stories, traditional dance, music and respect for diversity.

Sydney at Night Tours – Newtown and Haymarket/George St (\$28,560)

Culture Scouts curates walking tours through Sydney's cultural hubs that blend art, history, culture, and food. This project will extend this work with two new "Sydney at Night Tours" in Newtown and Haymarket, highlighting hidden stories of Sydney's dynamic night-time culture.

Sydney Fringe Festival Newtown Precinct Project – Newtown (\$75,000)

Each year the Sydney Fringe Festival activates the city in new and unique ways. This project will see the existing activity boosted with additional venues, festival hubs, extensive target marketing and headline programming.

Sydney Guitar Festival – Marrickville (\$45,000)

This festival celebrates the guitar's rich history and exciting future, providing unique performance opportunities for local and international artists. From flamenco to classical, jazz to rock, the event returns in 2019 to deliver its third and most diverse line-up to date.

Winda festival under the stars – Barangaroo (\$30,000)

The event is a picnic style opening air screening, bringing the festival of four days to a close and giving international and national filmmakers a send-off, with Indigenous music, food, dance and a great film.

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