



GEELONG ARTS CENTRE  
CREATIVE ENGINE 2026

# ASSOCIATE ARTIST

## KEY INFORMATION



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2024 Associate Artist Joel Bray  
in an Artist Intensive workshop  
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## Associate Artist 2026 Program - Overview

Geelong Arts Centre's Creative Engine is inviting Victorian-based live performance artists to apply for our Associate Artist program.

This program is aimed at established professional artists who need the time, space and resources to investigate a new idea and bring it to life.

The opportunity is a self-directed program of research and development for a new work over 12 months supported by and taking place at Geelong Arts Centre. On top of the fee, artists will receive a \$10,000 project budget to develop the project and engage mentors and collaborators and \$4,500 towards travel and accommodation expenses.

The Associate Artist will also be expected to deliver mentorship and workshops for emerging local artists and provide ambassadorship for Geelong Arts Centre within the allocated program time.

We're looking for applicants to identify why this support is critical to their practice and development and to outline why it is crucial for their work to be made at this time. Ideal candidates will have significant professional experience as a live performance artist or creative and demonstrated skills in mentoring artists.

### Eligibility

Only individuals may apply. Groups, duos, and organisations are not eligible. You must be an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident, and a practicing artist currently living in Victoria.

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## The Offer

### Fee

Total annual fee: \$25,000 AUD (excluding GST) plus 12% superannuation (calculated as a time commitment of 2 days per week across the 12 months). Paid in monthly installments.

### Project Budget

- \$10,000 towards mentors and collaborators
- \$4,500 towards travel and accommodation

## Key Dates

<b>Applications open</b>	Monday 30 March 2026, 9am
<b>Applications close</b>	Monday 27 April 2026, 5pm
<b>Program Start Date</b>	Wednesday 1 July 2026

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## Deliverables

### Developing a new work and artistic practice

- Propose and agree on a new work or project with Geelong Arts Centre as a focus for contract period.
- Identify clear plan for process and outcomes of new work in consultation with Programming team.
- Formulate a clear budget for developing the work in consultation with Programming team.
- Develop and create their new work.
- Create a schedule including specified time on-site in Geelong and using the Centre's facilities, as well as travel and accommodation support requirements for the Artist and their collaborators, in consultation with the Programming team.
- Share the new work or project and wider artistic practice with Geelong audiences and beyond, as appropriate to the Artist's/project's stage of development. This will be shaped with the Artist based on their project/idea/practice. It could be a finished public outcome integrated into one of Geelong Arts Centre's upcoming programs, a sharing of work-in-progress, school workshop, a community-engaged part to your process, a digital outcome, or something else entirely.
- Participate in group public outcomes if required, eg. end of program group artist talk and open studio.
- Participate in interviews and photo/video shoots for Geelong Arts Centre's website and social media activities.
- Assist Geelong Arts Centre to tell the story of the Artist, their practice and project by providing an Artist biography, images, etc.
- Complete and acquittal at the end of the contracted term and an annual artist survey for the following four years.

### Ambassadorship for and integration in Geelong Arts Centre

- Be an ambassador for Geelong Arts Centre and the essential role of artists in society.
- Contribute to growing the reputation of Geelong Arts Centre as a place where artists are supported, and great art can be created and experienced.
- Provide advice and insights as a practicing artist on Geelong Arts Centre's programs, plans, strategies and day-to-day operations.
- Actively collaborate with Geelong Arts Centre Programming colleagues to ensure that the Artist and their project are integrated into the fabric of, and have an impact on, Geelong Arts Centre's daily life. This might include some days working on the new work or project by hot desking with marketing, technical or visitor services departments for example.
- Attend and participate in an agreed schedule of Geelong Arts Centre special events. The artist will also be invited to attend all Geelong Arts Centre opening nights.
- Participate in a Geelong Arts Centre staff Q&A session.

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## Mentorship for Geelong Arts Centre's Creative Engine and Local Artists

- Provide mentorship and insight opportunities for local artists including Creative Engine artists i.e. grant recipients, Launchpad artists and Artist Intensive artists.
- Curate and present 2-3 in-person workshops for local artists in consultation with the Programming team.
- Facilitate an agreed number of workshop sessions for emerging artists in the annual Artist Intensive program in liaison with the Programming Team
- Participate in mentorship sessions for Creative Engine cohort artists in consultation with the Programming team and where suitable and relevant in relation to artistic practice and expertise

## Selected Associate Artists will have

- A substantial body of work and professional experience
- Demonstrated experience producing high-quality artwork in the relevant art form/s
- Ability to propose a project or idea that demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of Geelong Arts Centre's programming and curatorial style, audiences and venue resources
- A strong, innovative project idea
- Demonstrated ability to plan and deliver a project within agreed timeframes and budget
- Experience and skill in mentoring emerging artists

## Assessment Criteria

### Quality Of Artist Practice

Demonstrated track record of developing and presenting strong performance work and strength of the proposed idea.

### Connection

To the local Geelong community, regional arts practice or to the wider Victorian landscape or community, and the value and contribution the artist can add to local emerging artists.

### Clarity And Feasibility Of Project

The clarity of the new work to be developed including the planning and budget given the timeframe and support offered from Geelong Arts Centre.

### Value To The Artist At This Time

Why is this opportunity vital to the artist's development and how does the proposed new work exhibit innovation and growth to their practice?

*Applications will be assessed by a panel of Geelong Arts Centre staff and independent arts industry experts.*

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## How to apply

Applications are open now via [this online form](#).

Applicants that require a different application method are invited to contact Geelong Arts Centre to discuss this – we are committed to making application processes as accessible as possible and will work with interested applicants to facilitate this, please get in touch via [\*\*creativeengine@geelongartscentre.org.au\*\*](mailto:creativeengine@geelongartscentre.org.au)

## For more information

If you require more information, don't hesitate to reach out to [\*\*creativeengine@geelongartscentre.org.au\*\*](mailto:creativeengine@geelongartscentre.org.au)



Artist Intensive 2025 participants in a collaborative workshop  
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