

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## New residency open for Australian musicians and composers through partnership with UKARIA Cultural Centre

The Australia Council is calling for applications for an exciting residency offered for the first time as part of a partnership between the Australia Council and UKARIA Cultural Centre.

The successful applicants will have the opportunity to spend up to 10 days in residence at the prestigious UKARIA Centre, with exclusive access to facilities including a state-of-the-art recital centre, and adjacent accommodation in the picturesque Adelaide Hills.

The residency is open to artistic teams led by Australian musicians and composers seeking to develop new creative projects. Teams may be multi-disciplinary groups of up to 10 artists, but must be led by musicians and/or composers. Successful applicants will also be provided with cash support of up to \$10,000 to assist with travel and per diems

UKARIA is ideally located in Mt Barker, and provides a unique regional setting, only 30 minutes from Adelaide, a designated UNESCO City of Music.

Australia Council CEO Tony Grybowski said; "UKARIA provides an ideal setting for groups of multidisciplinary artists to collaborate and develop new work. We're delighted to partner with UKARIA to offer this residency, which is a fantastic example of how such partnerships can open up new possibilities and opportunities for Australian artists."

Alison Beare, CEO of UKARIA said; "UKARIA aspires to play a role in shaping Australia's national identity by being known as a place where new work is born and where artistic collaborations result in new ideas, new experiences and unexpected outcomes. We're very pleased to be working with the Australia Council to support Australian artists realise their artistic ambitions."

Applications are open now until 20 April 2018.

More information is available on the Australia Council website.

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