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NSW ARTS AND CULTURE TO HIT THE ROAD IN 2022

Audiences across regional NSW will enjoy more performances and creative experiences as arts and cultural organisations and groups take their shows on the road in 2022, supported by the NSW Government.

More than \$660,000 will be delivered through the first round of the NSW Government's Regional Arts Touring fund supporting 11 arts and cultural organisations and groups to tour their works to 60 regional towns and villages across the state.

Minister for the Arts Ben Franklin said the targeted funding would deliver more arts and cultural experiences for regional audiences, create more opportunities for NSW artists, and strengthen local economies.

"The NSW Government is serious about creating stability and confidence in regional touring, improving access to exceptional arts and cultural offerings and investing in our talented artists and organisations," Mr Franklin said.

"Our investment of over \$660,000 for this round of regional touring will ensure the best seats in the house are reserved for regional audiences, and will deliver significant economic and social benefits to local communities.

"Audiences from Coffs Harbour to Cootamundra and countless towns in between will delight in the 11 touring works, including the immersive dance theatre production, *The Rivoli*, from Dance Makers Collective, Pat Trotter touring as Kobie Dee playing live shows as part of *Gomeroi Nations Tour*, and a selection of silent films accompanied by an original music and foley score performed live in South East Arts' presentation of *Leonard's Beautiful Pictures*."

Funded tours in Round 1 of Regional Arts Touring cover visual arts, theatre, dance, classical music, dance and physical theatre, and multi-arts. The full list of recipients is available [here](#).

Applications for Round 2 of Regional Arts Touring, and a new funding round for multi-year support open on Monday 14 March 2022. For further information on arts, screen and cultural funding, including targeted support opportunities, visit the Create NSW website at www.create.nsw.gov.au.

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