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NSW GOVERNMENT TURNS THE BEAT UP WITH \$1 MILLION FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE

Sydney's live performance and arts scene will receive a major boost with \$1 million in funding announced today with grants of up to \$50,000 available to present a one-off performance or series of live events to audiences visiting the Sydney CBD.

Round 2 of the NSW Government's successful *Play the City (Sydney) NSW Artists and Musicians Grants* through Create NSW is now open for applications, and available for activities, events or performances that will activate the city centre.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the grants will help bring people back into the Sydney CBD giving businesses a major boost as they continue to recover from the impacts of COVID.

"Bringing more live music and performances back into Sydney is a critical part of revitalising our live performance and hospitality industries, bolstering the economy and creating more jobs as audiences return to the city," Mr Perrottet said.

"The arts and entertainment industry was hit hard by the pandemic and these grants will be music to the ears of artists, musicians and audiences alike."

Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin said the successful first round of *Play the City (Sydney)* supported 53 projects, with Round 2 creating even more opportunities by opening up the grants to a wider range of applicants and more locations in the Sydney CBD and surrounding inner city suburbs.

"This funding has already supported so many independent artists and venues across the Sydney CBD, creating jobs, activating spaces, and bringing music, joy and fun back to the city," Mr Harwin said.

"With this new round, emerging and established artists will be supported to deliver projects – from hip hop jams to flamenco, and courtyard contemporary music sessions to classical concerts."

This latest round of funding is in addition to the \$500,000 provided in Round 1, bringing the total support for the *Play the City (Sydney) NSW Artists and Musicians Grants* to \$1.5 million.

Applications for Round 2 of *Play the City (Sydney)* close **5:00pm AEST Wednesday 10 March 2021** for projects that commence between **26 March 2021 and 30 June 2021 AEST**. For more information, including guidelines, and to apply, please visit www.create.nsw.gov.au.

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