

AMERICAN-AUSTRALIAN ARTS FUND

Nurturing creative talent and cultural exchange



Jess Johnson, American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient - Visual Arts; Benjamin Heim, American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient - Classical Composition and Composition for Screen; Lucy Ashley Wanapuyngu, American-Australian Indigenous Arts Fund Recipient - Fibre Art; Amanda Nichols, AAA - Australian Fashion Foundation Scholarship Recipient - Fashion Design.

The American Australian Association (AAA) is committed to fostering artistic achievement in current and future generations by providing grants which support early career and emerging American, Native American, Australian and Indigenous Australian artists to pursue their creative dreams overseas.

Established in the spirit of cross-cultural exchange and mutual admiration, the **American-Australian Arts Fund (AAAF)** offers early career artists the opportunity to advance in the fields of theatre, film, television, dance, visual arts, design, music, literature, photography and fashion, to develop their talent with leading mentors and educators.

The AAAF provides financial assistance, mentorships and the opportunity to connect to a global network of fellow artists, as well as exposure to a wider audience.

- ★ 15+ grants awarded annually
- ★ 500+ grants awarded
- ★ \$1 million invested

Our Goal:

To significantly grow and expand the AAAF by doubling our program commitment each year for the next four years, to reach a target goal of \$1 million in 2021.

How You Can Help:

Fund a 'Named' Arts grant with a \$25,000 per annum contribution. Grant contributions are 100% tax deductible donations.



Kate Shaw, American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient - Painter

"I'm grateful to the AAA for supporting the talent of young artists and encouraging artistic exchange between Australia and the US. This has enabled me to train at one of the top acting schools in the world (NYU Tisch Graduate Acting program) and to receive the prestigious Helen Hayes Award, alongside Cate Blanchett and Hugo Weaving."

★ **LILY BALATINCZ**
American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient
Performing Arts

"I learnt how to weave watching the old ladies. I put all the stories in my head, and today, when I weave, I remember... Weaving makes me a strong woman. I am excited to be part of the Arts Scholarship program. I will be sharing my stories and skills at the Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection at Virginia University. Thank you all so much."

★ **LUCY ASHLEY WANAPUYNGU**
American-Australian Indigenous Arts
Fund Recipient
Fibre Art



Courtenay Cleary, American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient - Violin Performance



Daniel Tang Le, American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient - Pianist

"I am very thankful to the AAA for assisting my studies in the US in film scoring, at one of the best music schools (New York University) in the world for networking and building a career. This opportunity has had an incredible impact on my development as a musician, and I have no doubt it will continue to shape my future success as a composer."

★ **BENJAMIN HEIM**
American-Australian Arts Fund Recipient
Composer

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