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The arts and culture: a quick guide to key internet links

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This Quick Guide provides links to:

- [Australian Government organisations responsible for the arts and culture](#)
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It also provides links to a range of organisations by art form:

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Australian Government agencies, councils and resources

- Government responsibility for the arts rests with the Attorney-General. See the department's web-pages for [Ministry for the Arts](#).
- The Australian Government's art funding and advisory body is the [Australia Council for the Arts](#). See also the [Artforms page](#) and [Arts Funding Guide](#).
- The [Australian Heritage Council](#) is the principal adviser to the Government on heritage matters.
- The Department of the Environment is responsible for [heritage](#) issues
- The [Australia International Cultural Council](#) is Australia's key cultural diplomacy body.
- The [Australian Arts Organisations Directory](#) is a comprehensive directory of organisations that provide support for cultural activities.

- The [Collections Council of Australia](#) is the peak body for the Australian collections sector.
- [Cultural Data Online](#) provides free online access to Australian arts and cultural research reports and statistics
- The [Meeting of Cultural Ministers](#) (formerly the Cultural Ministers Council) comprises the Australian, state and territory government arts and culture ministers.
- The [Grants & Assistance Finder](#) includes information on arts and business related government grants.

State and territory government websites

- Australian Capital Territory: Community Services Directorate—[artsACT](#)
- New South Wales: NSW Trade and Investment—[Arts NSW](#)
- Northern Territory: Department of Arts and Museums—[Arts NT](#)
- Queensland: Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts—[Arts Queensland](#)
- South Australia: Department of the Premier and Cabinet—[Arts SA](#)
- Tasmania: Department of State Growth—[Arts Tasmania](#)
- Victoria: Department of Premier and Cabinet—[Arts Victoria](#)
- Western Australia: [Department of Culture and the Arts](#)

See also listings under specific art forms.

Regional arts websites

- [Regional Arts Australia](#)
- [Regional Arts NSW](#)
- [Artslink Queensland](#) (formerly Queensland Arts Council)
- [Country Arts SA](#)
- [Tasmanian Regional Arts](#)
- [Regional Arts Victoria](#)
- [Country Arts WA](#)

Non-government organisations

- [Arts Access Australia](#) is the peak national body for arts and disability.
- [Arts Law Centre of Australia](#) provides free or low cost specialised legal advice, education and resources to Australian artists and arts organisations across all art forms, on a wide range of arts related legal and business matters.
- The [Australian Copyright Council](#) is an independent, non-profit organisation which represents the peak bodies for professional artists and content creators working in Australia's creative industries and Australia's major copyright collecting societies.
- [Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance \(MEAA\)](#)
- [National Trust of Australia](#): is an organisation committed to promoting and conserving Australia's Indigenous, natural and historic heritage.
- [Viscopy](#): Australia and New Zealand's not-for-profit rights management organisation for the visual arts.

International organisations and resources

- [International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies](#): global network of arts councils and ministries of culture.
- [Creative New Zealand](#): Arts Council of New Zealand
- [Creative Europe](#): European Commission for Culture
- [National Endowment for the Arts](#): independent federal agency that funds and promotes arts in the United States.

Websites by art form

Ballet and dance

- Australia Council [dance page](#)
- [Ausdance](#): professional dance advocacy organisation

Film

- [Film industry – reviews](#)
- [Film Victoria](#)
- [National Film and Sound Archive of Australia](#)
- [Screen Australia](#)
- [Screen NSW](#)
- [Screen Queensland](#)
- [Screen Tasmania](#)
- [ScreenWest](#)
- [South Australian Film Corporation](#)

Libraries

- [Libraries Australia](#)
- [National and State Libraries Australasia](#)
- [National Library of Australia](#)

Literature

- Australia Council [literature page](#)
- [Australian Society of Authors](#) is a professional organisation for writers.
- [Children's Book Council of Australia](#)

Museums and galleries

- [Art Guide Australia](#)
- [Australian National Maritime Museum](#)
- [Australian War Memorial](#)
- [Collections Australia Network](#) provides access to the Australian Cultural Heritage collections online.
- [Museums Australia](#) is the national organisation for the museums sector.
- [National Film and Sound Archive of Australia](#)
- [National Gallery of Australia](#)
- [National Museum of Australia](#)
- [National Portrait Gallery](#)
- [Questacon - National Science and Technology Centre](#)

Music and opera

- Australia Council [music page](#)
- The [Music Council of Australia](#) is the national peak music organisation for Australia.
- [Opera Australia](#)

Performing arts education

- [Australian Ballet School](#)

- [Australian National Academy of Music](#)
- [Australian Youth Orchestra](#)
- [Flying Fruit Fly Circus](#)
- [Helpmann Academy](#), South Australia
- [NAISDA Dance College](#)
- [National Institute of Circus Arts](#)
- [National Institute of Dramatic Art \(NIDA\)](#)
- [Victorian College of the Arts \(VCA\)](#)
- [Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts \(WAAPA\)](#)

Theatre

- Australia Council [theatre page](#)

Visual arts

- Australia Council [visual arts page](#)
- [Craft Australia](#) is the national advocacy organisation for craft and design.
- [National Association for the Visual Arts](#) is the peak body for visual arts and crafts sector.

Library publications

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