

ASPIRATIONS

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TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP THE ASPIRATIONS AND TALENTS
MISSION OF EMERGING VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTISTS
WHO HAVE LIVED, WORKED OR STUDIED IN BALLARAT





KATE ALDRED
Performing Arts - flute

Kate has a passion for music. During Year 11 she was actively involved in school ensembles, bands, and the choir, as well as performing with the Ballarat Schools' Symphony Orchestra. Kate will use her grant to attend lessons next year with flautist Peter Sheridan in Melbourne in preparation for her VCE studies and an audition to study music at the University of Melbourne in 2011.



KATHERINE BARRAND
Visual Arts - fine arts

Kat has been completing an Honours degree in Fine Arts at the University of Ballarat, and actively supporting art in the community by running street art workshops for regional schools. In November 2010 she will hold an exhibition of her prints and drawings in Melbourne (venue to be announced). The BAF award will allow her to purchase specialist pens, markers and paper in order to complete her works.



SANJAY DE SILVA
Visual Arts - film

After attending school in Ballarat, Sanjay has been studying Arts [film and television] at Deakin University, developing a project to make a short film drama that tackles the issues of racism and cultural identity in a small Australian town. His intention is to give audiences a greater understanding of the pressures facing young Aboriginals in today's rural society. BAF is pleased to support this important and ambitious project.



MARTELLE HUNT
Performing Arts - vocal

Martelle received the 2009 BAF Encouragement Award in the Senior Classical Vocal section of the Royal South Street Competitions. She said: "it will be a great benefit as I will be taking my sixth grade AMEB vocal exam in November, and continuing my tertiary studies at VCA and Music next year". Martelle recently received acclaim for her costume design seen in BLOC Music Theatre's Junior Production of Peter Pan.

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BRIDGET DAVIES
Performing Arts - vocal

Since leaving school, Bridget has continued to be involved in the local music theatre scene including the productions of Beauty and the Beast and Les Miserables. She is now focusing her studies on classical voice technique and will use the BAF grant to prepare for her audition to enter the VCA / University of Melbourne later this year. Bridget was awarded the 2009 Ballarat Lyric Theatre Award.

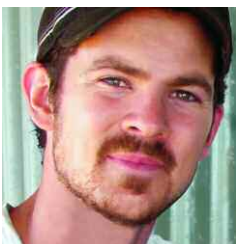


photo courtesy Rohan Porteous

ROHAN PORTEOUS
Visual Arts - film

A graduate of the University of Ballarat, Rohan has been involved in an exciting and vital project with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and Project Survival Media to film events during and after the forthcoming Copenhagen Summit. The intent was to raise awareness and inspire people to join the climate action push. The award helped to defray the high costs of getting to Copenhagen and the hire of film equipment. Rohan received the Rotary Club of Ballarat South Award.

THE INAUGURAL ENTERTAINERS ANONYMOUS AWARD

The inaugural Entertainers Anonymous Award was presented to a young local Company for a production proposed for early 2010. It was unable to proceed and the funds were returned. The Company is eligible to apply for a further grant in the future.



photo courtesy Emily Macdonald

EMILY MACDONALD
Visual Arts - film

Emily Macdonald was awarded an Out-of-Round Grant to make a documentary in South Africa under the auspices of the OakTree Foundation. In her role as Schools 4 Schools Communications Coordinator, she has been gathering and creating media content to be used in the S4S Program across Australia. While 'working with many inspiring young people in local disadvantaged communities', she is further developing her filmmaking and photography skills volunteering on a project she is passionate about.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

Emily Macdonald will be our Guest Speaker at the AGM on Tuesday August 24 at 7.30pm in the Board Room of St. Patrick's College, with a visual presentation of her experiences in South Africa.

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KIM ANDERSON
Visual Arts - drawing

Since completing a Masters degree in fine art at Dundee University in 2008, Kim has been exploring the juxtaposition between anatomical images and found natural objects in her art. The result is a series of drawings that will form an exhibition entitled "A Natural Comparison" in the Manuscript Gallery at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery in June-July this year. The award will help defray the costs of framing the drawings.



photo courtesy Alexandra McMaster

TODD JACOBSSON
Performing Arts - percussion

Todd is an enthusiastic and talented musician. Currently a Year 10 student, he is actively involved in school ensembles and bands, as well as the Seb Big Band. He has also played in orchestras for BLOC and Lyric Theatre productions. Todd will use his grant to purchase a set of cases so that his drums are suitably protected when transporting equipment to different venues.



ALEXANDRA McMASTER
Performing Arts - ballet

Alexandra is a highly talented young ballerina. She has achieved consistently high results in examinations and competitions. Her dream is to become a ballerina with the Australian Ballet and to this end she hopes to join the Australian Ballet School next year. The BAF grant will help cover the transport costs for Alexandra to compete in the McDonalds Sydney Eisteddfod in June.



ABBIE MATTHEWS
Visual Arts - fine art

A third year student at the University of Ballarat, Abbie is currently developing a portfolio that focuses on the human figure. The idea is to capture moments of human behaviour when we are unaware of having any spectators. She is also developing further her interest in a cubist inspired style. The assistance from BAF will allow Abbie to purchase some of the materials she requires for this project.



photo courtesy Ellie Michael

ELLIE MICHAEL
Performing Arts - ballet

Ellie is a very talented young ballerina. She has studied classical ballet for many years and is now also assisting with the teaching of ballet classes. Her aim is to become a professional ballet dancer in the future. The BAF grant will help cover accommodation costs when Ellie competes in the McDonalds Sydney Eisteddfod in June. This is an important and prestigious competition which can only help develop her future in ballet.



SIMONE MICHETTI
Performing Arts - woodwind

Simone is a 2nd Year student at the University of Melbourne studying for a Bachelor of Music (Performance). She is passionate about her music and is heavily involved in various ensembles at university including the Big Band and a saxophone quartet. Woodwind players have to be able to play a wide variety of instruments in order to play in bands these days. The BAF award will help Simone purchase a professional standard Bb clarinet.



JAMES PENROSE
Visual Arts - fashion design

James' passion and interest in fashion design began when his mother taught him to sew at the age of nine! He has an undoubted talent and last year won the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards: Designer of the Year competition. The prize includes tuition with F.Rock Fashions in order to design six garments and launch his own label. A grant from BAF will assist James to purchase the fabrics needed to make the garments.



ELISSA RODGER
Performing Arts - vocal and ukulele

Elissa is a Year 12 student whose main interest is singing. She is heavily involved with choirs, has sung in the chorus for theatre shows and enjoys busking. She hopes to study music at tertiary level. In order to broaden the styles of music she sings, Elissa is developing her repertoire in folk music, in particular using a ukulele to accompany herself. The award from BAF will allow her to purchase a better quality instrument and so improve her performances.



AMY TSILEMANIS
Performing Arts - spoken word (radio)

Since graduating from university Amy's particular interest has been using radio as a medium for drawing together a broad cross section of artists from a wide variety of fields. The aim is to develop a greater interest in local radio and its creative possibilities through presentation of work as well as collaboration between artists. A BAF award will help Amy purchase some of the basic equipment required to give her flexibility in her research, recording and interviewing.



BLOC MUSIC THEATRE AWARD
JOSHUA VUCICEVIC
Performing Arts - music theatre

Having gained experience and discovered a real passion and talent for performing through involvement in local productions including Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables and Barchester, Joshua is now enrolled in a degree course in performing arts at the University of Ballarat. As a self-funded student the gaining of an award from BAF will be particularly useful and allow him to purchase the basic dancewear necessary for his course.



ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT SOUTH AWARD
THE BALLARAT WRITERS' GROUP
(KARL SCHENK)
Ballarat Youth Zine Project

The Ballarat Writers' Group is organizing a series of writing workshops which will give disadvantaged youth the opportunity to express their thoughts, ideas and hopes creatively through the production of zines. The project has the support of the Ballarat City Council and several community centres; the workshops will also be recorded and a short documentary film will be produced. BAF is very pleased to support this innovative project by providing funds to assist with the printing of the completed zines.



photo courtesy Chloe Schaefer

AMY YOUNG AWARD
CHLOE SCHAEFER
Performing arts - vocal and drama

Chloe completed Year 12 last year and is currently taking a GAP year before undertaking a degree course. She has been involved for many years in the performing arts including singing in concerts, school productions and performing in TV shows. During this year she is working to earn money and continuing to audition for TV and film roles. At the same time, she is also continuing to develop her skills through specialist tuition in Melbourne. Gaining the prestigious Amy Young Award will help Chloe defray the costs of tuition and travel to and from Melbourne each week.

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Rotary Club of Ballarat South

AMY YOUNG AWARD

NEWS OF THE BAF FAMILY



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The Ballarat Arts Foundation was launched on November 24th, 2000 in the James Oddie Gallery in the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery at the instigation of the then President of the Rotary Club of Ballarat South, Denis Bateman.

As we celebrate our first decade we take the opportunity to thank our Patron David Hobson and all our friends and supporters who, through the years, have helped to establish a thriving Foundation.

Our mission: *to encourage and develop the aspirations and talents of emerging visual and performing artists who have lived, worked or studied in Ballarat.*

The first grant round was held in April 2001. Since that time, approximately 200 grants have been awarded to outstanding artists whose projects and further study have taken them to countless places around the world. A chosen few have become recognized in their chosen discipline. Many have returned to enrich our local community.

This year, we have special celebrations for each season.

In March, it was a fabulous Dinner 'Shooting for the Stars' hosted by the Rotary Club of Ballarat South. A highlight was the presentation of the Inaugural Denis Bateman Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Ballarat Arts Community, to Peter Dale for his exceptional range of contributions to the artistic and cultural life of our city.



Peter Dale and Denis Bateman at the 10th Anniversary Dinner with the Inaugural Denis Bateman Award

In June, we anticipate another sellout concert in community partnership with the Ballarat Symphony Orchestra featuring the stars of today and tomorrow in 'Made in Ballarat 2010'. (See advertisement this page.)

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tenor **JASON WASLEY**
soprano **ANGELA WASLEY**

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This Concert is in Community Partnership with The Ballarat Symphony Orchestra



In September to October, artwork by BAF Alumni will be showcased in the 'Alera' Exhibition at Arthur Gallery featuring the Eureka Art and People's Choice Awards.



From November 10, 2010 to February 6, 2011 you can catch up on the first decade of BAF during the 'Aspirations' Exhibition at the Gold Museum, complete with documentary!

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