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## **EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - ARTSTATE LISMORE 2017**

Early Bird registrations for Artstate Lismore have been extended until **Monday 23 October**. Join the conversation and celebrate the arts in regional NSW at Artstate Lismore, from **30 November – 3 December**.

An exciting line up of speakers will inspire, provoke and stimulate accompanied by a diverse arts program showcasing the best of this creative region.

Addressing the themes of creative practice and creative partnerships, Artstate includes keynote speakers such as internationally renowned musician **Soumik Datta** (UK); Director of the largest indigenous festival in northern Europe, **Riddu Riddu Festivála**, **Karoline Trollvik** (NO); Head of Indigenous Programming, **Sydney Opera House**, **Rhoda Roberts** (AUS); and the Aesthetic Education Program Coordinator for **Kalamazoo Regional Educating Service Agency's** Education for the Arts Program , **Nick Mahmat** (USA).

Other speakers and panel members include **Kirk Page** (Associate Director, NORPA), **Cate McQuillen** (Creative Producer, Director & Writer), **Melissa Lucashenko** (Author of award-winning novel *Mullumbimby*), **Adam Shoemaker** (Vice Chancellor, Southern Cross University), **Sam Sangster** (Chief Executive, NSW Health Infrastructure), **Jessica Ducrou** (Director, Secret Sounds, Splendour in the Grass), **Edwina Johnson** (Byron Bay Writers Festival), as well as presentations and masterclasses from **Create NSW** , **Music NSW**, **Live Music Office**, **Screenworks**, **Big hART**, **Australian National Theatre Live** and more.

Opening at 7.00pm on Thursday 30 November, celebrated Aboriginal creative director, Rhoda Roberts will produce a ceremonial performed welcome to Bundjalung country, *Djanda Mandi Gingerlah* with dance clans **Jannawi**, **Excelsior**, **Muggerah** and Bundjalung groups **Nini Nahri-Gali** and **the Deadly Bunharms**

Continuing over the next three days is a diverse range of performances and exhibitions. This impressive line-up will features the world premiere of local theatre company, **Northern Rivers Performing Arts'** new production *Djurra*; as well as a line-up of great local talent including **Tora**, the **WHARVES**, **Sara Tindley**, **Blakboi**, **Tralala Blip**, **Tullara**, and the Brunswick Picture House's **Cheeky Cabaret**.

The newly opened **Lismore Regional Gallery** will be showing its opening exhibitions *Dreaming Trails*, curated by Gumbaynggirr cultural worker **Alison Williams**, and *Four Women (I Do Belong)*, curated by **Djon Mundine**. The **Old Regional Gallery** premises will also host a specially curated

exhibition of local artists, *We're Close Than You Think*, co-curated by **Natalie Bull** and **Zoe Robinson-Kennedy** from **Arts Northern Rivers**.

**Artstate** welcomes artists, community and cultural leaders and workers, local government and even those from across the border who seek inspiration, ideas and partnerships and possibilities. Given the international, national, and local calibre of the speakers and arts programs this is a great opportunity to visit the beautiful Northern Rivers region of NSW an experience the landscape that inspires this creative community.

**Artstate Lismore** is produced by **Regional Arts NSW** in partnership with **Arts Northern Rivers**, and is supported by **Create NSW** and **Lismore City Council**.

For full details of the **Artstate** program and tickets to the event, visit [www.artstate.com.au](http://www.artstate.com.au)

**WHAT:** Artstate Lismore 2017

**WHERE:** Lismore (various venues)

**ARTSTATE DATES:** 30<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017

**EARLY BIRD DATES:** 11<sup>th</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017

**TICKETS:** On sale now at [www.artstate.com.au](http://www.artstate.com.au)

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