



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **CROWN RESORTS FOUNDATION AND THE PACKER FAMILY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE FIRST GRANT RECIPIENTS OF THE \$30 MILLION WESTERN SYDNEY ARTS INITIATIVE**

**Sydney, Australia. Tuesday 14 October 2014.** The Crown Resorts Foundation and the Packer Family Foundation have today announced the first successful grant recipients of the \$30 million Western Sydney Arts Initiative.

The projects selected will enhance Western Sydney's arts capacity – making art, in its many forms, more accessible and available to the youth of Western Sydney. From programs that support the pursuit of artistic excellence, to programs that use art as a vehicle to engage with marginalised youth – all will build on Western Sydney's dynamic creative culture.

Ms Gretel Packer, Chair of the Packer Family Foundation Board and Chair of the Crown Resorts Foundation Advisory Board, said:

*"We are delighted to have the opportunity to partner with these wonderful arts organisations. Their programs in Western Sydney will allow more people, particularly children, to experience the power, beauty and fun of art."*

*We believe that the programs selected will build on Western Sydney's diverse and vibrant culture, and help create more opportunities for young Australians to engage with the arts.*

*The selection process was very challenging given the exceptionally high standard of all applications received. We would like to thank all the organisations that submitted projects for consideration."*

The \$30 million Western Sydney Arts Initiative will be allocated over 10 years and is part of the \$200 million National Philanthropic Fund, a joint commitment of the Crown Resorts Foundation and the Packer Family Foundation.

A list of the successful recipients is attached.

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### **Congratulations to the successful grant recipients:**

- Ars Musica Australis
- Art Gallery of NSW
- Australian Chamber Orchestra in partnership with Penrith Symphony Orchestra and Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre (including the Penrith Conservatorium of Music)
- Bell Shakespeare
- Belvoir
- Blacktown Youth Services Association
- Campbelltown Arts Centre
- Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
- CAPTIVATE
- Community Migrant Resource Centre
- FORM Dance Projects
- Gondwana Choirs
- Information and Cultural Exchange (ICE)
- KidsXpress
- Marie Bashir Public School
- Monkey Baa Theatre Company
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Opera Australia
- Powerhouse Youth Theatre
- Riverside Theatres
- SHINE for Kids
- Shopfront Theatre for Young People Co-operative
- Sydney Symphony Orchestra
- Ted Noffs Foundation's Street University (Mt Druitt)
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead
- The Scouts and Guides Associations Greater Western Sydney Area
- The Song Room
- Urban Theatre Projects
- WestWords
- Youth Off the Streets