



# Creative Sparks Program 2025 grant recipients

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The following [Creative Sparks](#) grants projects were approved in April 2025.

Successful grant recipients receive funding to implement creative projects, develop a professional practice or foster creative entrepreneurial partnerships with Brisbane artists and cultural workers.

Recipient	Project name	Description	Amount Approved
Ambrose Kelso	Minutiae - Creative Development	This project will support the creative development of a new circus work titled 'Minutiae'. This work explores the everyday joys that can be found in nature.	\$13,324
Blue Roo Theatre Company Inc	Acting Up!	This project will support the production of an eight episode web series taking viewers behind the scenes of rehearsals at Blue Roo Theatre Company.	\$3,000
Counterpilot Arts Ltd	Nervous Sleepers - Creative Development	Counterpilot will undertake rigorous creative development on a new transmedia performance work, 'Nervous Sleepers'. Working with our acclaimed team of Brisbane artists and leveraging support from multiple stakeholders, this will result in a work-in-progress and proposal for festival presenters.	\$13,789
Debase Productions Association Incorporated	Toxicity - Creative Development	The project will develop 'Toxicity', uniting Brisbane's leading artists in crafting a ground-breaking new mainstage theatre work. This creative development culminates with a public showing where audience feedback will refine its direction and deepen its impact.	\$14,975
Ehud Joseph	Fashioning Queer Identities: Designing Representation	The project will create a multimedia exhibition that explores how dress, fashion, and costume express, define, and sometimes camouflage LGBTQIA+ identities. Through co-design workshops, the project will reflect the fashioned identities of the participants, their communities, and localised cultural capital.	\$16,212.90



Emrys Goldsworthy	Aquila	The project showcases Brisbane artists in an original modern-dance/music work that features themes of social injustice and isolation in a celestial love story. The development includes a youth masterclass, live music performance and a showing.	\$7,676.00
Holly Eddington	A Narrow Strip Along a Steep Edge	The project is a public contemporary art exhibition at Fort Lytton, where emerging and mid-career artists will respond to the site's history via the theme of 'boundaries, fortifications and borderlands', reactivating a historically significant space to engage the public.	\$8,255.50
Hong Chi	Elegance Dance of East	This project is a grand cultural showcase highlighting the artistry and beauty of Chinese dance. It will feature classical Chinese dance and vibrant folk traditions, blending elegance, energy, and cultural storytelling, promoting Chinese heritage while fostering cross-cultural appreciation.	\$13,200.00
Jade Brider	Chroma Second Stage - Creative Development	Chroma combines dance, recycled wearables, AI visuals, and original sound. This second development phase advances the work to the next stage while offering two workshops: VOiiiD Explorers: Youth Mission for teens and All Abilities Quest for adults experiencing disabilities	\$15,325.20
Joanne Tindale	Buttercup and Venus: Cowkeepers Extraordinaire	The development and production of a short play called 'Buttercup and Venus: Cowkeepers Extraordinaire', about ageing dairy cows. It will explore issues around ageing, loss of utility, social disconnection, and homelessness and be part of Brisbane 2025 Anywhere Festival.	\$16,370.20



Julian Curtis	The Radicalization of Bronwyn Marks - Creative Development	This project will include research, writing and a creative development with actors that will culminate in a showing for invited freelance producers, benefactors and theatre companies.	\$16,068
Karen Lee Roberts	Dating Disasters	A inclusive Speed Dating event will be held to gather stories to include in a show 'Dating Disasters'.	\$16,500
Melina Celik	Leonard's Beautiful Pictures: A Live Music Experience	This project revives the Corrick Collection through original scores by Brisbane-based experimental musicians, reimagining early Australian cinema. A selection of these films will be presented at a live music screening event, opening dialogue between Australian cinema heritage and contemporary music.	\$3,300
Tsoof Baras	Chameleon - Creative Development	The project will support the creative development of a new live music and dance work 'Chameleon', that explores a story of belonging and acceptance.	\$15,908
Winter Chapman	Signal - Creative Development	This project will undertake further development on the interdisciplinary contemporary circus show 'Signal', to improve touring potential, and the accessibility of the work.	\$10,769.00
Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Limited	Blushing: Performance Season and Workshop Series	The project will present a season of the new physical theatre work 'Blushing', and accompanying Workshop Series. The live performance is about society's complex and evolving relationship to touch in a post-pandemic world.	\$15,000.00