



VICTORIAN YOUTH ARTS PRECINCT

HELP US CREATE A WORLD-CLASS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



THE MISSING PIECE

Melbourne's arts precinct, with its galleries, recital centre and theatres, is world renowned.

We just need one more piece to complete it – a centre for young artists.

A place where they can learn, practice and perform. A place dedicated to developing the creative abilities of performers and the creative industry professionals of the future.

A place Victoria can nurture the talent of tomorrow.

The Victorian Youth Arts Precinct is the missing piece – a place young artists can call their own.



A COLLABORATION BY LEADING SCHOOLS

The Victorian Youth Arts Precinct (VYAP) will be managed jointly by two leading schools with a passion for the arts: Albert Park College (APC) and the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS).

The precinct will be located in Gasworks Arts Park, close to APC and linked to VCASS and the Melbourne Arts precinct by a 10-minute ride on the No. 1 tram.

As well as training and educating the talent of the future, the precinct will work in conjunction with Victoria's broader arts community to host youth theatre, musicals, exhibitions, dance, movie productions and musical performances.



A WORLD-CLASS DESIGN



Graham Burrows of award-winning architecture firm Jackson Clements Burrows Architects has personally designed the space to make this a world-class facility.

His design cleverly orientates the precinct towards the wonderful Gasworks Arts Park.

The site's 19th century industrial landscape has been sensitively incorporated into the design.



“ We’re very excited about the chance to give young people their very own, next-generation, performing arts facility. We’ve been searching the world for great and inspiring examples, and think we’ve hit on a design that will inspire others to follow our lead. ”

Graham Burrows

JACKSON CLEMENTS BURROWS ARCHITECTS

THE STAGE IS SET



COMPLETE

STAGE 1

Secure \$20 million in funding from the Victorian Government

COMPLETE

STAGE 2

Secure a premier location in Gasworks Arts Park

COMPLETE

STAGE 3

Appoint award-winning firm Jackson Clement Burrows Architects to design new precinct

COMPLETE

STAGE 4

Finalise the architectural design

COMPLETE

STAGE 5

Go to tender and appoint builder

MID 2026

STAGE 6

Begin construction on Stage 1

LATE 2027

STAGE 7

Open Stage 1

A HOME FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

This will be a home like no other for Victoria's creative young people, but it will also welcome anyone who enjoys the wonder, creativity, diversity and personal growth made possible by the arts.

In the mornings, the precinct will fill with students, teachers, artists, musicians and mentors. As the day unfolds, it will transform into a mecca for community youth arts groups, independent theatres and production companies, featuring emerging artists from across Victoria and attracting young talent from across the nation.

Its location and the diversity of its productions will provide a wonderful training ground for young artists, giving them the opportunity to exhibit work and perform in front of large audiences.

Professional artists, visiting entertainers, philanthropists and our business community supporters will be welcome to use the precinct and help inspire the young.



TWO THEATRES

The inclusion of two theatres will allow multiple productions at any one time and give the precinct the capacity to host 50 or more major productions each year.

A main theatre with seating for 364 will have a generous stage area suitable for big youth productions. A studio theatre will host rehearsals, training and more intimate events.



STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY

Each theatre will incorporate the very latest in lighting, audio, digital projection, 3D and stage technologies – a perfect training ground for the entertainment industry jobs of the future.



GREAT SPACE TO SHOWCASE

The design orientates the precinct to the wonderful Gasworks Arts Park and includes indoor and outdoor areas to exhibit visual artwork.



WE NEED YOUR **SUPPORT**



The Victorian Government has shown its strong support for this project. However, to make the Youth Arts Precinct a true centre of excellence, we are seeking your help to raise \$2.5 million.

DONATE

The cost to fit-out such a world-class precinct will be significant.

It is why all donations will be gratefully received.

All donations are fully tax deductible.

[TO DONATE GO TO VYAP.COM.AU](http://VYAP.COM.AU)

SPONSOR A THEATRE SEAT

The new theatre will have seating for an audience of 364 people, which will cost almost \$800,000.

Donate \$2000 (or more) to help us pay for seating, and we will acknowledge your wonderful generosity with a commemorative seating plaque.

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IN-KIND SUPPORT

To create a truly professional theatre, we need to fit out the complex with the latest sound, lighting and projection technologies, as well as curtains, back of house staging equipment and musical instruments.

Can you offer in-kind support for specialist stage equipment and technologies?

Please contact APC or VCASS to discuss.

THANK YOU

Your generosity will help nurture and develop the next generation of performers, dancers and musicians.
You will leave a lasting community legacy while building a home for the performing arts leaders of tomorrow.

If you would like to learn more, please contact:



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