



# SUPPORTING **WAAPA**

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Edith Cowan University



# A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DEAN

Working here at WAAPA is a privilege. We are all extremely proud of the international reputation WAAPA has for excellence in performing arts training.

Delivered by world-class practitioners and teachers, our programs serve to enable and empower the vision and aspirations of future generations of artists. They will set new standards in performance practice and develop innovative ways of working both now and well into the future.

The generous support of donors is critical for us to deliver our world-leading training and to make it accessible to everyone. Donations of all sizes will collectively make a difference and support the next generation of talent.

There is something extraordinary about the creative and dynamic energy at WAAPA.

We invite you to join us.

**PROFESSOR DAVID SHIRLEY**

Executive Dean WAAPA



# WAAPA AT ECU

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University is recognised internationally as one of the world's leading performing arts training institutions.

WAAPA provides the most comprehensive range of performing arts training in Australia – both on stage and behind-the-scenes. It plays an essential role in enriching the local and international arts scene across acting, musical theatre, contemporary and classical music, dance, costume, production and arts management.

Our world-class staff are dedicated to bringing out the best of our students and providing rigorous and specialised training of the highest order. The employment record of our graduates continues to be outstanding and is well-attuned to the needs of the industry – nationally and globally.

Our graduates are making their mark across the world and many well-known actors, dancers, musicians and music theatre stars including Hugh Jackman, Tim Minchin, Frances O'Connor, Lucy Durack, Rachelle Durkin, Emma Matthews and Eddie Perfect have called WAAPA home.



# WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our vision is to create a conservatoire where our students are inspired by the finest visiting and in-house teachers; where world-class facilities enable students to perform at their best and be 'industry-ready' for the start of their professional careers; and where we are able to recruit the most talented students to study and perform at WAAPA, regardless of their financial circumstances.

**BY MAKING A DONATION TODAY YOU  
ARE INVESTING IN FUTURE GENERATIONS  
OF AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS WORKING  
IN THE PERFORMING ARTS INDUSTRY.**

# WAAPA SHINING LIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Our WAAPA students are the shining stars of tomorrow. By donating to our Shining Light Scholarships you are investing in the future of emerging artists.

Studying at WAAPA is intensive, with long days and demanding teaching and performance schedules. This means students are often unable to reliably supplement their income with part-time work. Students can incur incidental costs (such as ballet shoes or musical instruments) in addition to their student fees, and financial hardship can be a significant obstacle to artistic and academic success.

Through the generosity of people like you, each year WAAPA awards scholarships to students who excel in their chosen artform but are experiencing financial challenges. With your help, your donation can offer life-changing scholarships to ensure talented students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to attend WAAPA and experience specialised training of the highest order and realise their artistic dreams.





# WAAPA PRODUCTION & VISITING ARTIST SUPPORT

Help our students unleash their potential and bring further richness to their education through performance experiences and visiting artist programs.

By making a donation to the WAAPA Production and Visiting Artist Support Fund you are helping to make our world-class performance season possible every year. We know that giving students the chance to create, present and perform is the best way to refine their skills as artists, technicians and performers. WAAPA's annual performance program is at the heart of our training and it takes an entire student team to put on each production.

Everything you see at WAAPA is student produced. From performers to technical specialists in production or design. They dress, build and perform in over 300 performances each year. This offers more productions and more diversity than any other arts training institution in Australia.

Our highly skilled staff are dedicated to helping our students reach their full potential. But this must be complemented by a planned and sustainably funded program of visiting artists of the highest regard. This allows students unparalleled access to professional world-class choreographers, musicians, technicians, artists and directors from across Australia and around the world. We want all of our students to have exposure to world-class artists to give them the cutting-edge experience that will lead them into successful careers – both here in Australia and internationally.

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# WAAPA ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE SUPPORT FUND

Aboriginal Performance at WAAPA is a unique course dedicated to the training and development of students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Audiences are hungry for authentic performance experiences and there is great demand for skilled Aboriginal screen actors, film writers and directors. There are strong professional pathways and job opportunities for students who graduate from this course. There is also clear evidence of the transformational benefits that performance and artistry can bring and the value of education in breaking cycles of poverty and disadvantage.

By making a donation you are helping our students and their communities to achieve their dreams and aspirations through further education. This fund supports the creation of authentic performance experiences by the commissioning of new works and engaging visiting artists to provide cultural and professional guidance and mentorship.

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# HELP WHERE IT'S NEEDED THE MOST

## EXECUTIVE DEAN'S HIGHEST PRIORITY WAAPA GENERAL FUND

A donation to our priority fund will allow your gift to have the biggest impact.

Funds raised are used to support the area at WAAPA which needs it the most. This could include equipment, musical instruments, production support, visiting artists, national or international student tours and assistance for students experiencing hardship.

"This scholarship came at a time of great need for me, and I am truly very grateful. It has been a hard year for me financially, since moving away from my parents in QLD to commence my study at WAAPA. The funds helped me greatly in my studies, and assisted me in achieving my career goals. Thank you for your support and belief in me."

**OLIVIA GEORGE (Bachelor of Music – Jazz)**

Scholarship Recipient



"We've really enjoyed our journey with WAAPA. It has opened a whole new frontier for us as a Foundation, and we're just so delighted to have been included in the students' lives. Watching our scholarship recipients in performances and seeing them grow throughout their WAAPA journey has been most rewarding for us".

**D'ARCY SLATER FOUNDATION**

WAAPA Donor

# BE PART OF THE WAAPA FAMILY

When you make any gift to WAAPA, you become part of our extended family and are welcomed with opportunities to meet other supporters and engage with students, teachers, visiting artists, and world-class performances throughout the year.

A gift to WAAPA is an investment in the future of the performing arts and our next generation of artists and storytellers. We count on your generosity to help further WAAPA's mission of excellence in performing arts education.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT,  
PLEASE CONTACT**

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In recognition of your generosity you will become a member of one of our Giving Circles which gives you access to behind-the-scenes at WAAPA and the chance to experience the opportunities you are creating for WAAPA students.

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## **WAAPA SUPPORTER CIRCLE    UP TO \$1,000**

Be the first to hear about performances and the latest news at WAAPA.

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## **WAAPA DONOR CIRCLE    \$1,000 +**

Receive recognition of your support through initiatives such as early bird ticket access and an invitation to our exclusive WAAPA Donor Circle thank you event.

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## **WAAPA AMBASSADOR CIRCLE    \$10,000 +**

Enjoy unique opportunities to experience behind-the-scenes at WAAPA through tours, rehearsals, events and performances.

Acknowledgement and recognition of your generosity across WAAPA marketing materials and initiatives.

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## **WAAPA PATRON'S CIRCLE    \$100,000 +**

As philanthropic leaders enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes access hosted by the WAAPA Executive and recognition of your generosity across WAAPA marketing materials and initiatives.



## ECU CITY

With our stunning new state-of-the-art campus at the future ECU City, WAAPA is now embarking on a transformational agenda. One that will see the Academy evolve from one of Australia's most respected performing arts training institutions into a world leader, with an international reputation for excellence. It will be an in-demand destination for outstanding local and international students and artists.

ECU City will be a place where technology, industry and creativity collide to deliver the innovative thinkers, adaptive learners and global citizens who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Visit [citycampus.ecu.edu.au](http://citycampus.ecu.edu.au) to learn more.

## BEQUESTS

### DIRCKSEY SOCIETY

Leaving a gift in your Will is a unique way of supporting the future of WAAPA, ensuring our students continue to become the stars of tomorrow. If you are interested in finding out more about how to make a bequest to WAAPA, and how to shape your gift in the way that is most meaningful to you, we would love to hear from you.

If you have already made a gift in your Will to WAAPA, we would encourage you to connect to us so that we can ensure we have the fullest possible understanding of your wishes ahead of time.

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# GIVE NOW

Complete our online donation form at [waapa.ecu.edu.au/donate](http://waapa.ecu.edu.au/donate) and simply select your preferred option

Contact us and we can work with you to find the best fit for your donation.

ECU is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR Items 1 and 4) and registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).  
100% of your donation will go towards supporting WAAPA

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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