

## OPPORTUNITIES @ THE LOFT YOUTH VENUE .....

**ADD ME:** an exhibition of digitally enhanced self portraits.

or your myspace photos! The Loft is running an exhibition to be held in June of your myspace photos, send us the file, and we will print em, and exhibit them.

Email [rcheetham@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rcheetham@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

[www.myspace.com/loft\\_exhibitionspace](http://www.myspace.com/loft_exhibitionspace)

## INZINE

### Send us in your submissions

Inzine meets every Friday from 4.30 at the loft.

Come in and submit your art work, words, fiction, articles, anything, or email to –  
[rcheetham@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rcheetham@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

[www.myspace.com/inzineisinzane](http://www.myspace.com/inzineisinzane)

## Tune into NINJA RADIO on TiN Radio

[www.tin.org.au](http://www.tin.org.au)

Mondays- Beats and Rhymes

Wednesday- The Garage

Friday –The Pants Hour with Turk.

[www.myspace.com/tinradio](http://www.myspace.com/tinradio)

## ALL AGES GIGS-

EMERGED - Bright Yellow - waterview - shortstack - big city exhile - cotton sidewalk

25<sup>th</sup> May

[www.myspace.com/theloftyouthvenue](http://www.myspace.com/theloftyouthvenue)

## Opportunities: GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**The Foundation for Young Australians' new creative grant opportunity Your Eyes Only is for young people 12 -15 years to celebrate the strengths of their community by submitting a creative application celebrating their community through their eyes.**

Successful applicants will nominate a community group working with young people in their community (for example a school, youth group or sporting group) to receive a donation. This donation would then be used by the community group to further its work by either purchasing much needed equipment or adding funds to an existing program.

Applications are now open, and close Monday 18 June 2007. A second funding round will open in July 2007.

More details and application forms available at [www.youngaustralians.org](http://www.youngaustralians.org)

or call

03 9670 5436/1800 252 316. Posters also available please contact The Foundation.

## Launch Pad

Applications are now open for Launch Pad Grants, providing an opportunity for young people and organisations to work together creatively.

Launch Pad Grants are two-stage grants that support community development initiatives designed and delivered locally by young people based on a partnership model. Young people will work with a local community organisation to identify and prioritise local youth needs and develop an innovative and responsive initiative.

The aim of Launch Pad Grants is for young people and organisations to work together to implement a creative idea that results in meaningful change with young people aged 12-25 years.

Applications close Monday 4 June 2007.

For more information, application forms and guidelines visit [www.youngaustralians.org](http://www.youngaustralians.org) or call 03 9670 5436.

## Artstart 2007 Small Grant

18th May - Funding Applications Closing for Upper Hunter, Lower Hunter and Newcastle areas.

Arts~Upper Hunter has obtained a grant for \$51,000 from the New South Wales Government's Department of Education and Training (DET) for the Artstart 2007 Youth Arts and Skills Program in the Hunter region. Individuals and groups can apply for funding towards arts-based programs involving young people aged 12 to 24 years.

For more details please contact Arts Upper Hunter Inc on ph 6545 9727 or email [artsuh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:artsuh@bigpond.net.au).

The Newcastle and the Lower Hunter Artstart projects are being coordinated by The Loft Youth Venue; please call 4974 2092 or [theloft@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:theloft@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

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### **Youth Off the Street National Scholarship Program**

Closing Date-11th May

Scholarships of \$5000 are being offered to Disadvantaged young people (12 - 21 yrs) with genuine talent, ability and determination in any field, including (but not limited to): education and training; visual or performing arts; sport; trade skills; and music. For more details visit

<http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/>

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### **Opportunities: THEATRE**

#### **Theatre With Guts!**

TANTRUM Theatre invites applications from young people aged 18 - 26 interested in acting, writing, design and technical operation.

TANTRUM is a stepping-stone to a career in the arts. It's a place to come and collaborate with leading artists and with like-minded people. It's a place to experiment, take risks and throw yourself in at the deep end.

This year TANTRUM will be working with three leading Australian playwrights to develop an original production called RIOT for performance at the Playhouse Theatre in Newcastle.

Contact TANTRUM on (02) 4929 7279 or email [ad@tantrumtheatre.org.au](mailto:ad@tantrumtheatre.org.au) for more information.

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### **Opportunities: WRITE STUFF**

#### **Vignette Press Short Story Writing Competition**

Short story competition - \$500 first prize and publication for the lucky winner!

Vignette Press' annual short story competition is on again. Excitingly, this year they have the talented Sean Condon on board as judge and he is looking forward to reading some fabulous short stories.

:: First prize: \$500 and your story will be published as a book in the Mini Shots series.

:: Second prize: \$200 and your story will be published on the website.

Open theme to 3,000 words.

Entries close 30 May 2007.

Competition entry is \$6.60 per story.

For more: [www.vignettepress.com.au](http://www.vignettepress.com.au).

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### **Opportunities: VISUAL ARTS**

#### **Singleton Art Prize**

6th to 11th July -

Painting and drawing. Art works may be entered in the following categories: Traditional, Water Colour, Contemporary, Pencil, Pen & Ink, Flowers, Still Life, Miniature, Local and Youth (3 age groups).

For more details contact Graeme O'Brien on 6577 5539.

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### **Opportunities: DRAMA/WORDS**

#### **World Interplay: call for playwrights & tutors**

The world's largest international festival for playwrights aged 18-26 is calling for applications from tutors and playwrights for its 2007 intensive forum. Every two years, fifty of the world's best young playwrights gather in Townsville for two weeks of dramaturgy, script development, workshops, seminars and artistic and cultural exchange. Playwrights can attach a copy of their 'best' play to the downloadable form online.

An all-inclusive fee of \$550 covering accommodation and meals will be required for successful playwrights. Registration is free for tutors. Tel 07 3854 0261 Email [info@worldinterplay.org](mailto:info@worldinterplay.org)

Website [www.worldinterplay.org](http://www.worldinterplay.org)

Closing June, 2007

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### **Youth Girl Writers Wanted for Magazine**

Teen Voices magazine is looking for youth girl writers to help put together a piece we are doing on teens in Australia. I was hoping you may be able to help us reach some teen girls who are interested in writing about their lives in Australia.

As you may or may not know, our internationally distributed magazine, written for teen girls, by teen girls, is dependent upon written submissions about various topics important to youth. In this edition, our section "Small World," is looking to give girls around the world a look at the lives of teens in Australia, such as their work, school, social lives etc.

Email: [smallworld@teenvoices.com](mailto:smallworld@teenvoices.com)

Web: <http://www.teenvoices.com/>

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### **Opportunities: FILM**

#### **Oz in 30 Seconds**

Entries due: 30th June 2007

<http://www.ozin30seconds.org/>

'Oz in 30 Seconds' is a call to arms (or digital video cameras, actually) to create, rate and air television ads that promote a better, fairer, more progressive Australia.

This is a chance to show us your Australia by making a 30 second political ad, which we will air on national prime time television during the lead up to the federal election.

In 30 seconds, show us a slice of your vision: perhaps it's a call to action on an issue close to your heart; or maybe an idea that brings us closer to the Australia you want to live in; or your take on a major policy or event, rather than the spin you've been fed.

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### **Opportunities: FORUMS**

#### **Young Women's Gathering on Sexual and Reproductive Health 13-14 July 2007. Sydney**

It is a two day gathering entitled 'Let's talk about sex' aimed at the needs of young people.

We want to hear from youth or youth workers about what topics you think should be included in the gathering. And, if you have a paper, presentation, artwork or documentary that you are interested in presenting just give us a bell at [ywg@arha.org.au](mailto:ywg@arha.org.au).

You can find more information about the themes of the gathering and registration details at

[www.arha.org.au/ywg](http://www.arha.org.au/ywg)

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### **Opportunities: WORKSHOPS**

#### **Making Clap Sticks**

with tutor Brian Freeman

20th May

\$20, must book

#### **Making and Playing a Didgeridoo**

free demonstration by Alex Nean

27th May

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

1A First St, Booragul 2284. For details: ph 4965 8260,

email to [artgallery@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@lakemac.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.lakemac.com.au/](http://www.lakemac.com.au/)

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### **Opportunities: CAMPS**

#### **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAMP**

10-13th July 2007.

Collaroy Conference Centre, Collaroy Beach, NSW (approximately 45 minutes north of Sydney)

Rising Generations is now seeking nominations of young people to be invited to attend the 5th Australian National Leadership Camp.

The National Leadership Camp (NLC) is a premier leadership training program for Young Australians. Each year it brings together up to 200 students (14-18 years old) from across the nation.

The focus of NLC is to develop, challenge and encourage Australia's young people to be leaders who actualise their own potential and use their gifts and energies to serve others.

Registrations close Wednesday 13th June.

If you have any questions, would like to register a student online or go to our website at [www.risinggenerations.org.au](http://www.risinggenerations.org.au)

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**Opportunities: NEW MEDIA**

**create / connect / contribute**

**POOL is an innovative public broadcasting web project from the ABC.**

**POOL ushers in a fresh wave of possibilities to create contribute + connect with other artists.**

Pool also explores new creative interactions between broadcasters and the public.

Think of social networking sites like YouTube, Wikipedia and other 'web 2.0' ways of sharing in which contributors edit and remake material on the site. But then think again.

Pool will be curated and moderated as an ABC publishing platform. Users are invited to publish on an ABC platform, which then becomes available to everyone in the community.

This could be **location recordings and music, audio or video art and documentaries, interviews, links, reviews, animations, art for mobile phones**, and more.

**Create**

Get inspired. Build on what other artists have created to blend your own unique remix into a rich tapestry of sound, visuals.

**Contribute**

Publish your work on the POOL to inspire the community. Take a step further to join the Share Alike, and leave your work as a legacy for others to remix and build upon.

**Connect**

Find out what other artists have been doing. Get public exposure for your own creative work. Seek out other artists for collaborative projects.

As the web project is under construction right now, kindly provide our designated curator with your contact details.

**Please contact** Theresa Schubert on **49631543** or email [arts@minskimedia.com](mailto:arts@minskimedia.com)

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**AND IN OTHER NEWS...**

**University Library opens door to high school students**

For the first time, all high school students in the Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast regions will have access to the University of Newcastle Library - the biggest collection in regional NSW.

The University of Newcastle has expanded its Open Door: School to University Program to include students from Year 7 onwards.

**Call For Artists and Performers for Sacred Circle Festival**

Close Date - 30th June

Artists and performers are required for the Sacred Circle Festival –Newcastle, to be held 21st September and planned to coincide with the Spring Equinox. This festival is linked with, and follows the Tibetan Monks creation of a sand mandala at Town Hall, Newcastle in late May 2007 (sponsored by the Newcastle Community Arts Centre and Newcastle City Council). All sacred 'circular' activities will be considered. It is hoped that this festival will become a regular event - to coincide in later years with the Tibetan monks tour in Newcastle, which currently takes place every 2 years. Please call the Project Officer, Newcastle Community Arts Centre 49611696 or email [projects@ncac.org.au](mailto:projects@ncac.org.au) for more information or your ideas.