



SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

ENHANCING CULTURAL RELATIONS

Australia and Singapore have committed to an ongoing program of cultural activities to further develop our people to people links and provide international exposure for Australian arts and cultural organisations.

The Australia Singapore Arts Group has been created to provide a focus for activity, and to provide advice and recommendations to support and strengthen arts and cultural engagement between countries.

The Group consists of eight members and is co-chaired by an Australian (Dr Matt Trinca, Director, National Museum of Australia) and a Singaporean (Mrs Rosa Daniel, Deputy Secretary (Culture) Ministry Of Culture, Community and Youth and Chief Executive Officer, National Heritage Board). The other Australian members are: Mr Douglas Gautier AM (CEO Adelaide Festival Centre), Professor Susan Street AO (Executive Director Queensland University of Technology Precincts) and Ms Claire Spencer (CEO Arts Centre Melbourne). The Australian and Singaporean High Commissioners will be ex-officio members of the Group.

Some notable activities include:

Erub Arts will hold an exhibition of its famous ghostnet works in the second half of 2017 at the Asian Civilisation Museum in Singapore, with assistance from ReDot Gallery. Erub, also known as Darnley Island, is one of the most remote communities in Australia, located 160km north east of Queensland's Cape York Peninsula.

Queensland Art Gallery/ Gallery of Modern Art will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Singapore Art Museum in late October 2016. Under the MoU, the organisations will seek to further develop opportunities for staff exchange, facilitate cross gallery loans and partner on a major exhibition. In mid-September 2016, QAGOMA hosted a group of staff members from the Singapore Art Museum to learn about QAGOMA's collection and operations.

There is **strong engagement in contemporary music**, with Brisbane's BIGSOUND recently signing a partnership with Singapore and Sounds Australia supporting Australian attendance at the Music Matters industry conference held annually in Singapore. Contemporary music exchange between the countries also features in Adelaide's OzAsia Festival and the Night and Noise Festival in Singapore.