

Performing Arts Development Grant Program Summary – as at 30 Sept 2023



Flinders Fringe Festival Incorporated – Sea Wolves Howl \$29,000.00

The Sea Wolves are an intergenerational group of up to 60 Mornington Peninsula based women and non binary people, who take part in a bay swimming ritual 365 days a year. Inspired by their lived experiences, a stellar creative team will produce an invigorating theatrical work that incorporates songs and music. It will feature both seasoned local and Melbourne based performers.

Sea Wolves Howl will reimagine local stories with humour and poignancy, preserving memories, distilling truths and connecting generations.

Poul Grage – Moments of Impulse: A music improvisation project incorporating performances and workshops. \$22,979.00

Moments of Impulse aims to explore and celebrate the nexus of musical identity, creativity and place through presenting music improvisation events on the Mornington Peninsula. Moments of Impulse will establish its presence in a series of outdoor performances, indoor concerts and workshops, including performances at the 2024 Flinders Fringe Festival, with the intention of launching an ongoing project to promote creativity and music within our community; curated, led and performed by Mornington Peninsula locals Poul Grage and Anne Norman.

Melissa Jackson – OPERA CLOSETS – a bi-module artistic exploration of self-expression \$25,000.00

Join eccentric creative collaborators mezzo soprano Dimity Shepherd and fashionista Melissa Jackson for “Opera Closets” an exploration of an opera singers mind, body, and spirit through a costumière’s lens!

This new bi-module performance concept explores universal human themes through an extensive range of performance skills and personal story telling. It embraces individual style via a series of intimate recollections, cheeky reflections and wardrobe mistress anecdotes. Celebrate the childhood joy of “dress-ups” – feel the freedom of play to transform and transport ones-self through the wonderful world of costume, song, spoken word, set design and personal style.